

# **Professional Engineers (Amendment) Bill**

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An Act to amend the Professional Engineers Act (Chapter 253 of the 1992 Revised Edition).

Be it enacted by the President with the advice and consent of the Parliament of Singapore, as follows:

### **Citation and commencement**

1. This Act may be cited as the Professional Engineers (Amendment) Act 2005 and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

### **Amendment of section 2**

2. Section 2 of the Professional Engineers Act (referred to in this Act as the principal Act) is amended —

(a) by deleting the definition of “Investigation Committee” and substituting the following definitions:

“Disciplinary Committee” means a Disciplinary Committee appointed under section 31C;

“Investigation Committee” means an Investigation Committee appointed under section 30;

“Investigation Panel” means the Investigation Panel appointed under section 27;”;

(b) by deleting the words “corporation or partnership” wherever they appear in the definition of “licensed” and substituting in each case the words “corporation, partnership or limited liability partnership”;

(c) by deleting the definition of “manager” and substituting the following definitions:

“limited liability partnership” has the same meaning given to it by section 4(1) of the Limited Liability Partnerships Act 2005 (Act 5 of 2005);

“manager” —

(a) in relation to a corporation or partnership, means the principal executive officer of the corporation or partnership for the time being by whatever name called and whether or not he is a director or partner thereof; and

- (b) in relation to a limited liability partnership, has the same meaning as in section 2(1) of the Limited Liability Partnerships Act 2005;”;
- (d) by deleting the definition of “practising certificate” and substituting the following definition:

“ “practising certificate” —

- (a) in relation to a registered professional engineer, means an annual certificate issued under section 18 authorising him to engage in professional engineering work in Singapore;
  - (b) in relation to an allied professional who is an architect registered under the Architects Act (Cap. 12), means a practising certificate issued under section 18 of that Act; and
  - (c) in relation to an allied professional who is a land surveyor registered under the Land Surveyors Act (Cap. 156), means a practising certificate issued under section 15 of that Act;”;
- (e) by deleting the words “appointed under section 4(2)(a)” in the definition of “President”;
- (f) by deleting the definitions of “previous Board” and “professional engineering services” and substituting the following definition:

“ “professional engineering services” means consultancy or advisory services that require a person to engage in professional engineering work;”;
- (g) by deleting the words “corporations and partnerships” in the definition of “register of licensees” and substituting the words “corporations, partnerships and limited liability partnerships”; and
- (h) by deleting the definition of “repealed Act”.

#### **Amendment of section 4**

**3.** Section 4 of the principal Act is amended by deleting subsections (2) to (13) and substituting the following subsections:

“(2) The Board shall consist of the following members:

- (a) the Commissioner of Building Control;
- (b) the President of the Institution of Engineers, Singapore, or a registered professional engineer of at least 10 years’ standing to be nominated by him;
- (c) not more than 6 registered professional engineers who are resident in Singapore and have in force a practising certificate —
  - (i) to be elected by registered professional engineers who have in force a practising certificate; or
  - (ii) failing such election, to be appointed by the Minister under subsection (4);
- (d) not more than 6 registered professional engineers to be appointed by the Minister; and
- (e) a registered architect from the Board of Architects to be appointed by the Minister.

(3) Not less than 5 members of the Board shall be in private practice.

(4) If elections held for the purposes of subsection (2)(c) result in less than 6 persons being elected as members of the Board thereunder, the Minister may appoint such number, as he thinks fit, of registered professional engineers who have in force a practising certificate to be members of the Board, except that the number of members so appointed and the number of members elected under subsection (2)(c) shall not exceed 6 in the aggregate.

(5) Of the members elected under subsection (2)(c) or appointed under subsection (4), there shall be at least —

- (a) one registered professional engineer in the branch of civil engineering;
- (b) one registered professional engineer in the branch of electrical engineering; and
- (c) one registered professional engineer in the branch of mechanical engineering.

(6) Only registered professional engineers of at least 10 years’ standing may be elected under subsection (2)(c) or appointed under subsection (4) as members of the Board.