

# **Land Surveyors (Investigation Committees) (Amendment) Rules 2000**

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## **LAND SURVEYORS ACT CHAPTER 156**

### **LAND SURVEYORS (INVESTIGATION COMMITTEES) (AMENDMENT) RULES 2000**

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 40(1) and (2)(j) of the Land Surveyors Act, the Land Surveyors Board, with the approval of the Minister for Law, hereby makes the following Rules:

#### **Citation and commencement**

**1.** These Rules may be cited as the Land Surveyors (Investigation Committees) (Amendment) Rules 2000 and shall come into operation on 15th April 2000.

#### **Amendment of rule 2**

2. Rule 2 of the Land Surveyors (Investigation Committees) Rules (R 6) (referred to in these Rules as the principal Rules) is amended by deleting the full-stop at the end of the definition of “member” and substituting a semi-colon, and by inserting immediately thereafter the following definition:

““registered surveyor” means a registered surveyor and includes a licensed corporation or partnership.”.

### **Deletion and substitution of rule 3**

3. Rule 3 of the principal Rules is deleted and the following rules substituted therefor:

#### **“Complaints against registered surveyors**

3.—(1) A complaint against a registered surveyor shall be made to the Board in writing and shall be supported by a statutory declaration which shall state —

- (a) the address and occupation of the complainant; and
- (b) the source of the complainant’s information and the grounds for his belief in the truth of the declaration if it is not within the personal knowledge of the complainant.

(2) The Board may waive the statutory declaration if the complaint is made in writing by a public officer.

(3) The Board may require any person making a complaint to deposit with the Board a reasonable sum not exceeding \$1,000 to cover any costs and expenses as may be necessarily incurred by the Board in dealing with the complaint.

(4) Where the complaint is found to be frivolous or vexatious or is dismissed, the sum so deposited or any part thereof as the Board may determine shall be applied for the payment of those costs and expenses; otherwise the sum so deposited shall be returned to the person making the complaint.

### **Appointment of Committee**

3A.—(1) Where the Board receives a complaint, the Board may —

- (a) forthwith appoint a Committee to investigate into the matter and to advise the Board whether a hearing by the Board under section 25 or 27 of the Act should be held;
- (b) refer the complaint to the Committee; and
- (c) inform the registered surveyor that the complaint has been referred to a Committee.