

Building Control (Accredited Checkers and Accredited Checking Organisations) Regulations

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1. These Regulations may be cited as the Building Control (Accredited Checkers and Accredited Checking Organisations) Regulations.

Accreditation Selection Panels

2.—(1) The committee of persons appointed by the Commissioner of Building Control to assist him under section 16(4) of the Act shall be known as the Accreditation Selection Panel.

(2) For the purpose of determining whether an applicant has fulfilled the prescribed requirements for registration as an accredited checker, the Accreditation Selection Panel may interview any applicant for registration as an accredited checker to determine whether the applicant has such proper and recognised training and practical experience in the design and construction of buildings as will enable him to effectively perform the duties of an accredited checker.

(3) The Accreditation Selection Panel shall be chaired by the Commissioner of Building Control or by such person as the Commissioner may appoint from amongst the members of the Panel.

Qualifications for registration and renewal of registration as accredited checkers

3.—(1) No person shall be registered under the Act as an accredited checker, or have his registration as an accredited checker renewed, unless he can satisfy the Commissioner of Building Control that —

- (a) he possesses such qualifications as will entitle him to be registered as a professional engineer under the Professional Engineers Act (Cap. 253);

- (b) he is a professional engineer registered under the Professional Engineers Act in the civil or structural engineering discipline;
- (c) he has had, after such registration as a professional engineer, practical experience in the design or construction of buildings in Singapore at a professional level for a period of not less than 10 years;
- (d) by virtue of his ability, standing in the profession or special knowledge or practical experience in civil or structural engineering he is deserving of such distinction; and
- (e) he is insured against professional liability for a minimum sum of not less than \$500,000.

(2) Paragraph (1)(e) shall not apply if the accredited checker undertakes work as an accredited checker on behalf of an accredited checking organisation.

(3) The Commissioner of Building Control may, subject to such conditions as he may specify, waive the requirements of paragraph (1)(e) in respect of any period if the applicant satisfies the Commissioner that he will not undertake work as an accredited checker on his own behalf during that period.

(4) The Commissioner of Building Control may refuse to renew any registration as an accredited checker which has previously been suspended or cancelled.

Requirements for registration and renewal of registration as accredited checking organisations

4.—(1) No firm shall be registered as an accredited checking organisation, or have its registration as an accredited checking organisation renewed, unless —

- (a) it consists of or has in its employ —
 - (i) an accredited checker registered under section 16 of the Act;
 - (ii) 2 persons who are professional engineers registered under the Professional Engineers Act (Cap. 253) in the civil or structural engineering discipline; and
 - (iii) not less than 2 other persons who are professional engineers registered under the Professional Engineers Act in the civil or structural engineering discipline or who possess such qualifications as will entitle them to be registered as professional engineers under that Act in the civil or structural engineering discipline;

- (b) the accredited checker referred to in paragraph (a)(i) does not undertake

work as an accredited checker on his own behalf or for any other accredited checking organisation;

- (c) it has an ISO 9001 certification under the scope of “Structural Design Services”; and
- (d) it is insured against professional liability for a sum of not less than \$2 million.

(2) The Commissioner of Building Control may refuse to renew any registration as an accredited checking organisation which has previously been suspended or cancelled.

Fee for registration and renewal of registration

5. A fee of \$150 shall be payable in respect of each application for registration or renewal of registration as an accredited checker or an accredited checking organisation.

Duplicate certificate of accreditation

6. A fee of \$10 shall be payable in respect of any duplicate certificate of accreditation issued by the Commissioner of Building Control.

Duties of accredited checkers and accredited checking organisations

7.—(1) It shall be the duty of an accredited checker to —

- (a) evaluate, analyse and review the structural design in the plans of any building works and perform such original calculations with a view to determining the adequacy of the key structural elements of the building to be erected or affected by building works carried out in accordance with those plans; and
- (b) verify that the key structural elements designed are consistent with the layout shown in the architectural plans and any amendment thereto.

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (1), an accredited checker shall in relation to any plans of building works carry out the tasks set out in the Second Schedule.

(3) It shall be the duty of the accredited checker and, where an accredited checking organisation is appointed under section 17 of the Act, the accredited checking organisation, to notify the Commissioner of Building Control of any contravention or non-compliance with the provisions of the Act in connection with the structural design of any plans of building works.

(4) Nothing in this regulation shall impose any such duty referred to in paragraph (3) on an accredited checker or an accredited checking organisation in respect of any such contravention or non-compliance which he or it, as the case may be, did not know and