

The Housing and Building Research Institute Ordinance, 1977

(Ordinance NO. XLIX OF 1977)

An Ordinance to provide for the establishment of a Housing and Building Research Institute.

WHEREAS it is expedient to provide for the establishment of a Housing and Building Research Institute and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto;

NOW, THEREFORE, in pursuance of the Proclamations of the 20th August, 1975, and 8th November, 1975, and in exercise of all powers enabling him in that behalf, the President is pleased to make and promulgate the following Ordinance:-

Short title	1. This Ordinance may be called the Housing and Building Research Institute Ordinance, 1977.
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Definitions 2. In this Ordinance, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context,-

(a) "Chairman" means the Chairman of the Council;

(b) "Committee" means the Executive Committee of the Council;

(c) "Council" means the Governing Council of the Institute;

(d) “Director” means the Director of the Institute;

(e) "Institute" means the Housing and Building Research Institute established by this Ordinance;

(f) “Prescribed” means prescribed by rules or regulations made under this Ordinance.

Establishment of the Institute 3. (1) On the commencement of this Ordinance, there shall be established an Institute to be called the Housing and Building Research Institute for carrying out the purposes of this Ordinance.

(2) The Institute shall be a body corporate having perpetual succession and a common seal, with power, subject to the provisions of this Ordinance, to acquire, hold and dispose of property, both movable and immovable, and shall by the said name sue and be sued.

**Head office,
etc.**

4. (1) The head office of the Institute shall be located at Dacca.

(2) The Institute may establish branches at such places as the Council may decide.

Management

5. The general direction and superintendence of the affairs and business of the Institute shall vest in a Governing Council which may exercise all powers and do all acts and things which may be exercised or done by the Institute.

**Constitution
of the
Council**

6. (1) The Council shall consist of the following members, namely:-

(a) the Minister in charge of the Ministry of Public Works and Urban Development, ex-officio, who shall also be its Chairman;

(b) the Secretary, Ministry of Public Works and Urban Development, ex-officio, who shall also be its Vice-Chairman;

(c) one person to represent the Planning Commission to be nominated by that Commission;

(d) one person to represent the Ministry of Finance to be nominated by that Ministry;

(e) the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, ex-officio;

(f) the Chief Engineer, Housing and Settlement Directorate, ex-officio;

(g) the Chief Architect, Directorate of Architecture, ex-officio;

(h) the Director, Urban Development Directorate, ex-officio;

(i) two persons to represent the Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology to be nominated by that University, of whom one shall be from the Civil Engineering Department and the other from the Architecture and Physical Planning Department;

(j) one person to represent the University of Dhaka to be nominated by that University;

(k) one person to represent the Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh (not below the rank of Fellow) to be nominated by that Institution;

(l) one person to represent the manufacturers of building materials to be nominated by the Chamber of Commerce and Industries, Dacca;

(m) two persons to be nominated by the Government from among officers of the Institute;

(n) one person to represent the practising consulting engineers in building design to be nominated by the Government;

(o) one person to represent the building construction firms to be nominated by the Government; and

(p) the Director of the Institute, ex-officio, who shall also be its Secretary.

(2) The nominated members shall hold office for a term of two years.

(3) If any casual vacancy occurs in the office of a nominated member, a new member shall be nominated by the authority concerned to fill such vacancy.

**Functions
of the
Institute**

7. The functions of the Institute shall be-

(a) to promote technical and scientific studies and research on various problems of building construction and building materials industries and of human settlement as a whole;

(b) to study the availability, development and utilisation of indigenous building materials;

(c) to promote new and better uses of commonly used building materials;

(d) to encourage adoption of quality control measures in building construction;

(e) to initiate actions for the improvement of the technology, method of planning and designing of building construction and maintenance works in

- (f) to develop inexpensive and new materials and technology for building construction through pilot projects;
- (g) to initiate research programme and case-studies in the field of housing and building research in co-operation with the National Council for Science and Technology and other research institutes and universities;
- (h) to evaluate its research activities and to initiate actions for adoption of research results;
- (i) to institute fellowships and scholarships for the purpose of encouraging research and technical and scientific studies in the field of housing and building construction;
- (j) to train research personnel and technicians for the purpose of carrying out its research activities;
- (k) to provide for consultation and advisory services in the field of housing and building research;
- (l) to disseminate latest knowledge on the problems of housing and building construction;
- (m) to publish regularly research reports, research bulletins, technical reports and other reports on the work done by it; and
- (n) to do such other acts and things as may be necessary or convenient to be done in connection with, or incidental or conducive to, the performance of the aforesaid functions.

**Meetings of
the Council**

8. (1) Meetings of the Council shall be convened by the Secretary of the Council, in consultation with the Chairman, at least twice in a year.
- (2) At least ten days' notice shall be given for convening a meeting of the Council and such notice shall specify the agenda of the meeting and the date on which, and the time and place at which, the meeting shall be held.
- (3) Emergency meetings of the Council may be convened on twenty-four hours' notice.