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An Act to amend the Land Surveyors Act (Chapter 156 of the 1992 Revised Edition).

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

Short title and commencement

1. This Act may be cited as the Land Surveyors (Amendment) Act 1999 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 Land Surveyors Act (referred to in this Act as the principal Act) is amended —

(a) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “allied professional”, the following definitions:

“ “approved assistant surveyor” means a person approved to be employed as an assistant surveyor under Part VA;

“assistant surveyor” means a person who performs or executes any survey or engages in any survey work under the direction or supervision of a registered surveyor;”;

(b) by deleting the definition of “cadastral survey services”;

(c) by deleting the definition of “Chief Surveyor” and substituting the following definition:

“ “Chief Surveyor” means the Chief Surveyor appointed under section 3(1) of the Boundaries and Survey Maps Act 1998 (Act 35 of 1998);”;

(d) by deleting the word “cadastral” in the definition of “licence”; and

(e) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “rules”, the following definitions:

“survey” means the act or process of —

- (a) determining the form, contour, position, area, height, depth or any other particulars of —
 - (i) the earth’s surface, whether of land or water; or
 - (ii) any natural or artificial features on, below or above any part of the earth’s surface; or
- (b) planning the position or the boundary lines of any part of the earth’s surface, or of any natural or artificial features referred to in paragraph (a)(ii),

and includes the act or process of making or obtaining any plan therefrom;

“survey services” means the supply for gain or reward of any services, or any plan, certificate or other document, relating to any survey;

“survey work” means any work which is part of or related to a survey;”.

Amendment of section 12

3. Section 12(1) of the principal Act is amended —

- (a) by deleting the word “or” at the end of paragraph (a); and
- (b) by deleting the full-stop at the end of paragraph (b) and substituting the word “; or” and, by inserting immediately thereafter the following paragraph:

“(c) he is otherwise qualified by having proper training in surveying recognised by the Board and has passed such other examinations as the Board may require.”.

New Part VA

4. The principal Act is amended by inserting, immediately after Part V, the following Part:

“PART VA

APPROVED ASSISTANT SURVEYORS

Registered surveyor to employ approved assistant surveyor

16A.—(1) No registered surveyor shall employ any person as his assistant surveyor unless that person is approved by the Board and the approval has not been revoked or suspended.

(2) A registered surveyor who desires to employ any person as his assistant surveyor shall apply to the Board for approval in such form and manner as the Board may prescribe.

(3) The Board may approve, for such period as may be prescribed, an application under subsection (2) if the Board is satisfied that the person to be employed as an assistant surveyor possesses the necessary qualifications recognised by the Board.

(4) The Board shall not approve an application under subsection (2) if the registered surveyor does not have in force a practising certificate.

(5) Every application under subsection (2) shall be accompanied by a prescribed fee.

(6) For the purposes of this section, “employ” means to engage or use the service of any person, whether under a contract of service or otherwise, with or without salary.

Register to be kept

16B. The Board shall keep and maintain a register in which shall be entered the names and such particulars of the approved assistant surveyors as the Board may determine.

Registered surveyor to notify Board of cessation in employment

16C.—(1) A registered surveyor shall forthwith notify the Board in writing if an approved assistant surveyor ceases to be employed by him.

(2) The approval granted under section 16A(3) in respect of an assistant surveyor shall be deemed to be revoked upon the cessation of his employment.

Approval may be revoked or suspended