

**Building Control (Accredited Checkers and Accredited Checking Organisations)  
(Amendment) Regulations 2008**

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BUILDING CONTROL ACT  
(CHAPTER 29)

BUILDING CONTROL (ACCREDITED CHECKERS AND ACCREDITED  
CHECKING ORGANISATIONS) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2008

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 49 of the Building Control Act, the Minister for National Development hereby makes the following Regulations:

**Citation and commencement**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Building Control (Accredited Checkers and Accredited Checking Organisations) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 and shall come into operation on 15th February 2008.

**Amendment of regulation 2**

2. Regulation 2 of the Building Control (Accredited Checkers and Accredited Checking Organisations) Regulations (Rg 2) (referred to in these Regulations as the principal Regulations) is amended —

- (a) by deleting the words “section 16(4)” in paragraph (1) and substituting the words “section 16(5)”;
- (b) by inserting, immediately after the words “accredited checker” in the 2nd, 3rd and 4th lines of paragraph (2), the words “or a specialist accredited checker”; and
- (c) by inserting, immediately after the words “accredited checker” in the penultimate and last lines of paragraph (2), the words “or a specialist accredited checker, as the case may be”.

**Amendment of regulation 3**

3. Regulation 3(2) of the principal Regulations is amended by inserting, immediately after the words “undertakes work”, the words “which is required by the Act or the building regulations to be undertaken by an accredited checker who is either a director, partner, member or an employee of an accredited checking organisation and”.

**New regulation 3A**

4. The principal Regulations are amended by inserting, immediately after regulation 3, the following regulation:

### **“Qualifications for registration and renewal of registration as specialist accredited checkers**

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

- (a) he is a professional engineer registered under the Professional Engineers Act (Cap. 253) as a specialist professional engineer in the specialised branch of engineering known as geotechnical engineering;
- (b) he has had, after registration as a professional engineer under the Professional Engineers Act, practical experience in civil or structural engineering at a professional level for a period of not less than 10 years, of which at least 5 years shall be in geotechnical engineering in Singapore;
- (c) by virtue of his ability, standing in the profession or special knowledge or practical experience in geotechnical engineering he is deserving of such distinction; and
- (d) he is insured against professional liability for a minimum sum of not less than \$500,000.

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

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

### **Amendment of regulation 4**

5. Regulation 4(1) of the principal Regulations is amended by deleting the words “registered under section 16 of the Act” in sub-paragraph (a)(i) and substituting the words “who is not a specialist accredited checker”.

### **Amendment of regulation 5**

6. Regulation 5 of the principal Regulations is amended by inserting, immediately after the words “accredited checker”, the words “, a specialist accredited checker”.

### **Amendment of regulation 7**