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**LAND SURVEYORS ACT  
(CHAPTER 156)**

**LAND SURVEYORS (AMENDMENT) RULES 2005**

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 47(2) 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 (Amendment) Rules 2005 and shall come into operation on 31st March 2005.

**Amendment of rule 7**

2. Rule 7 of the Land Surveyors Rules (R 1) (referred to in these Rules as the principal Rules) is amended by deleting the words “section 26(2)” and substituting the words “section 31(2)”.

**Amendment of rule 8**

3. The principal Rules are amended by re-numbering rule 8 as paragraph (1) of that rule, and by inserting immediately thereafter the following paragraph:

“(2) An application under paragraph (1) by a registered surveyor subject to Part IIA shall be accompanied by a Continuing Professional Development Programme form evidencing that the applicant has complied with the continuing professional development requirements in that Part.”.

**Amendment of rule 9**

4. Rule 9 of the principal Rules is amended by deleting “\$200” and substituting “\$300”.

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**New Part IIA**

5. The principal Rules are amended by inserting, immediately after rule 13, the following Part:

**“PART IIA**

**CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

**Definitions of this Part**

**13A.** In this Part —

“continuing professional development unit” means a continuing professional development unit which a registered surveyor obtains by successfully completing any survey related activity or non-survey related activity;

“non-survey related activity” means any activity, course or programme identified under rule 13E(1) or (2) as a non-survey related activity;

“qualifying period”, in relation to a registered surveyor, means a period of 12 months immediately preceding the date he applies for a practising certificate;

“requisite continuing professional development units”, in relation to a registered surveyor, means the number of continuing professional development units he is required to obtain under rule 13C(1);

“survey related activity” means any activity, course or programme identified under rule 13E(1) or (2) as a survey related activity.

**Application of this Part**

**13B.** This Part shall apply to every registered surveyor who applies on or after 1st January 2006 for a renewal of his practising certificate authorising him to engage in survey work in Singapore after 31st December 2006.

**Requirements as to continuing professional development**

**13C.**—(1) For the purposes of section 15(3)(b)(ii) of the Act, the requisite continuing professional development units that a registered surveyor is required to obtain during the qualifying period is at least 20 continuing professional development units, of which —

- (a) at least 10 continuing professional development units shall be obtained from successfully completing one or more survey-related activities; and
- (b) the remainder shall be obtained from successfully completing one or more survey related activities or non-survey related activities, or both.

(2) The Board may issue a practising certificate to a registered surveyor notwithstanding that he has failed to obtain the requisite continuing professional development units during the qualifying period if the registered surveyor gives an undertaking that he will obtain the shortfall in the requisite continuing professional development units within 12 months immediately following the last day of the qualifying period.

(3) Any continuing professional development units obtained by the registered surveyor in the circumstances referred to in paragraph (2) shall be disregarded for the purpose of any subsequent application by the registered surveyor for a practising certificate.

(4) Notwithstanding paragraphs (1) and (2), the Board may, in such special circumstances as it may determine, issue a practising certificate to a registered surveyor who has obtained such lower number of continuing professional development units during the qualifying period as the Board may allow.

**Board may appoint managing agent**

**13D.**—(1) The Board may appoint a managing agent to administer and implement the continuing professional development programme.

(2) For the avoidance of doubt, the managing agent shall have no powers in relation to the issuing of practising certificates under Part V of the Act or rule 13C.

### **List of activities, etc., with continuing professional development units**

**13E.**—(1) The Board or its duly appointed managing agent shall, for the purposes of this Part, publish on either or both of their Internet websites —

- (a) the list of activities, courses and programmes under the continuing professional development programme;
- (b) the number of continuing professional development units a registered surveyor will obtain if he successfully completes each of the activities, courses and programmes; and
- (c) whether each of the activities, courses and programmes is a survey related activity or a non-survey related activity.

(2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), a registered surveyor may, at any time, apply to the Board for any particular activity, course or programme to be recognised as a survey related activity or non-survey related activity for which a registered surveyor will obtain a specified number of continuing professional development units if he successfully completes it.

### **Issue of guidelines and directives**

**13F.** For the purposes of rules 13C and 13E, the Board may issue such guidelines and directives, not inconsistent with the provisions of these Rules, as the Board considers necessary.

### **Special provision for applicants for practising certificate for 2007**

**13G.** Where —

- (a) a registered surveyor applies on or after 1st January 2006 for a renewal of his practising certificate authorising him