

**Professional Engineers Act
(CHAPTER 253)**

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PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS ACT

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An Act to establish the Professional Engineers Board, to provide for the registration of professional engineers, to regulate the qualifications and conduct of professional engineers and to regulate corporations which supply professional engineering services in Singapore.

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PART I

PRELIMINARY

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the Professional Engineers Act.

Interpretation

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires —

“allied professional” means —

- (a) an architect who is registered under the Architects Act [Cap. 12]; or
- (b) a land surveyor who is registered under the Land Surveyors Act [Cap. 156];

- “Board” means the Professional Engineers Board established under section 4;
- “building” has the same meaning as in the Building Control Act [Cap. 29];
- “building authority” means any person empowered under the provisions of the Building Control Act to approve plans of building works;
- “certificate of registration” means the certificate of registration issued under section 17;
- “Investigation Committee” means an Investigation Committee appointed under section 7(2);
- “licence” means a licence to supply professional engineering services granted under section 20;
- “licensed”, in relation to a corporation or partnership, means a corporation or partnership which has in force a licence;
- “manager”, in relation to a corporation or partnership, means the principal executive officer of the corporation or partnership for the time being by whatever name called and whether or not he is a director or partner thereof;
- “nominee”, in relation to any person, means a person who is accustomed or under an obligation (whether formal or informal) to act in accordance with directions, instructions or wishes of the first mentioned person, except that a person shall not be regarded as a nominee of another person by reason only that he acts on the advice given by that other person in a professional capacity;
- “practising certificate” means an annual certificate issued under section 18 authorising the holder thereof to engage in professional engineering work in Singapore;
- “President” means the President of the Board appointed under section 4(2)(a);
- “previous Board” means the Professional Engineers Board established under section 3 of the repealed Act;
- “professional engineering services” means consultancy or advisory services relating to any professional engineering work and includes selling or supplying for gain or reward any plan, sketch, drawing, design, specification or other document relating to any professional engineering work;
- “professional engineering work” includes any professional service, consultation, investigation, evaluation, planning, design, or responsible supervision of construction or operation in connection with any public or privately owned