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FIRE SAFETY ACT (CHAPTER 109A)

FIRE SAFETY (FIRE SAFETY ENGINEERS) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2013

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 61 of the Fire Safety Act, the Minister for Home Affairs hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

- 1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Fire Safety (Fire Safety Engineers) (Amendment) Regulations 2013 and shall, with the exception of regulations 4 and 5, come into operation on 1st September 2013.
- (2) Regulations 4 and 5 shall come into operation on 1st November 2013.

Amendment of regulation 3

- **2.** Regulation 3 of the Fire Safety (Fire Safety Engineers) Regulations (Rg 9) (referred to in these Regulations as the principal Regulations) is amended by deleting paragraph (2) and substituting the following paragraphs:
 - "(2) For the purposes of section 22B(2) of the Act, the prescribed practical experience is not less than 5 continuous years of practical experience in the design of fire safety works in buildings acquired after obtaining a degree referred to in paragraph (1)(a) or (b), of which 3 years or more in aggregate shall involve projects based on alternative solutions.
 - (3) If the Commissioner is satisfied that any practical experience submitted in support of the application for registration is not relevant, significant or of an acceptable

standard, that period of practical experience shall be disregarded for the purposes of paragraph (2).

- (4) In this regulation
 - "alternative solution" has the same meaning as in section 2(1) of the Act, except that the references to the Fire Code in that definition shall be construed to refer to the Fire Code or any approved codes or both;
 - "approved codes" means any codes or standards approved by the Commissioner under paragraph (5).
- (5) The Commissioner may approve any codes or standards for the purposes of the definition of "alternative solution" in paragraph (4).".

Deletion and substitution of regulation 4

3. Regulation 4 of the principal Regulations is deleted and the following regulation substituted therefor:

"Continuing professional education programme

- **4.**—(1) A fire safety engineer who is registered under the Act shall attain at least 48 training hours during each training cycle by attending or conducting approved courses during that training cycle.
- (2) For the purposes of paragraph (1), the Commissioner shall specify the number of training hours to be credited to a fire safety engineer for attending each approved course and may specify a greater number of training hours to be credited to a fire safety engineer for conducting any approved course than for attending that approved course.
- (3) Where the Commissioner has determined that any 2 or more approved courses are on the same topic, a fire safety engineer who has attended or conducted more than one of those courses within the same training cycle may be credited with the training hours only from the course which yields him the greatest number of training hours.

- (4) Upon the request of a fire safety engineer, the Commissioner shall credit the fire safety engineer with training hours from attending or conducting any approved course between 1st June 2012 and 1st September 2013 (both dates inclusive) for the purposes of computing the number of training hours for the fire safety engineer's first training cycle.
- (5) Every fire safety engineer shall, not later than 30 days after the end of each training cycle, submit a return to the Commissioner, in such form as the Commissioner may require, certifying the number of training hours to be credited to the fire safety engineer during the training cycle.
- (6) The Commissioner may, at any time within 24 months after the end of any training cycle, require the fire safety engineer concerned to submit such other documents as the Commissioner considers necessary to determine whether the fire safety engineer has complied with paragraph (1) in respect of that training cycle.

(7) In this regulation —

"approved course" means any course, run on or after 1st June 2012, approved by the Commissioner for the purposes of this regulation;

"training cycle" means —

- (a) in relation to a fire safety engineer who, immediately before 1st September 2013, is registered under the Act and has continued since that date to be so registered, a period of 24 months starting on 1st September 2013 (referred to in this regulation as the first training cycle), and each consecutive period of 24 months thereafter; and
- (b) in relation to any other fire safety engineer, a period of 24 months starting on the date of registration of the fire safety engineer under the Act on or after 1st September 2013, and each consecutive period of 24 months thereafter.".

Amendment of regulation 5

4. Regulation 5 of the principal Regulations is amended by deleting "\$250" in paragraph (*c*) and substituting "\$275".

Amendment of regulation 6

5. Regulation 6 of the principal Regulations is amended by deleting "\$10" and substituting "\$11".

Made this 23rd day of August 2013.

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