

**FIRE SAFETY ACT
(CHAPTER 109A, SECTION 61(1))**

FIRE SAFETY (FIRE SAFETY ENGINEERS) REGULATIONS

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Citation

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Fire Safety (Fire Safety Engineers) Regulations.

Fire Safety Engineers Selection Panel

2.—(1) For the purposes of section 22B(3) of the Act, the Commissioner may appoint a committee to be known as the Fire Safety Engineers Selection Panel comprising a Chairman and such other members as the Commissioner may determine to assist the Commissioner in considering applications for registration as fire safety engineers under the Act.

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (1), the Fire Safety Engineers Selection Panel may —

- (a) interview any applicant for registration as a fire safety engineer to determine whether he has had such proper and recognised training and practical experience in the design of fire safety works based on alternative solutions as will

enable him to perform the duties of a fire safety engineer effectively; and

- (b) recommend to the Commissioner the applicants who qualify for and are deserving of registration as fire safety engineers.

(3) The Chairman of the Fire Safety Engineers Selection Panel or, in his absence, a member appointed by the Commissioner to act as Chairman shall preside at all meetings of the Fire Safety Engineers Selection Panel.

(4) The Fire Safety Engineers Selection Panel shall meet at such times and places as the Chairman or, in his absence, the member appointed to act as Chairman, may determine.

(5) Subject to this regulation, the Fire Safety Engineers Selection Panel may regulate its own procedure.

Prescribed qualifications and practical experience for registration as fire safety engineers

3.—(1) For the purposes of section 22B(2) of the Act, the prescribed qualifications for registration as a fire safety engineer are as follows:

- (a) a degree in fire safety engineering; or
(b) a degree in any other field recognised as substantially equivalent by the Commissioner.

(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.

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(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).

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(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).

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(5) The Commissioner may approve any codes or standards for the purposes of the definition of “alternative solution” in paragraph (4).

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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.

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Application for registration

5. Every application for registration as a fire safety engineer under the Act shall be submitted in the form provided by the Commissioner and shall be accompanied by —

- (a) true copies of any documentary evidence of the applicant's qualifications and practical experience;
- (b) 2 recent testimonials as to his good character; and
- (c) a fee of \$250.

Duplicate certificate of registration

6. A fee of \$10 shall be payable in respect of any duplicate certificate of registration issued by the Commissioner.

Appeals to Minister

7. Any appeal under section 22B(5) of the Act shall —
- (a) be in writing and addressed to the Minister;
 - (b) state the decision of the Commissioner appealed against;
 - (c) specify the grounds on which the appeal is made; and
 - (d) be accompanied by such documentary evidence as the Minister considers necessary.

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This Legislative History is provided for the convenience of users of the Fire Safety (Fire Safety Engineers) Regulations. It is not part of these Regulations.

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