



ASEAN FRAMEWORK ARRANGEMENT FOR THE MUTUAL RECOGNITION OF SURVEYING QUALIFICATIONS

1. Asean Economic Community (AEC) shall be the goal of regional economic integration by 2015

Key characteristics:

- a) a single market and production base.
- b) a highly competitive economic region.
- c) a region of equitable economic development.
- d) a region fully integrated into the global economy.

The AEC will transform ASEAN into a region with free movement of goods , services , investment , skilled labour, and freer flow of capital.

2. The AEC areas of cooperation

- human resources development and capacity building ;
- recognition of professional qualifications ;
- closer consultation on macroeconomic and financial policies ;
- trade financial measures ;
- enhanced infrastructure and communications connectivity ;
- development of electronic transaction through e – ASEAN ;
- integrating industries across the region to promote regional sourcing ;
- enhancing private sector involvement for the building of AEC.

3. Recognition of Professional Qualifications

Mutual Recognition Arrangements (MRAs) currently under negotiation

- architectural services ;
- accountancy services ;
- engineering services ;
- surveying qualifications ;
- medical practitioners ;
- dental practitioners.

4. ASEAN Framework Arrangement for The Mutual Recognition of Surveying Qualifications. (MRA of Surveying Qualifications)

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4.1 The MRA consists of nine Articles and three Appendices , namely

- Article I : Objectives
- Article II : Definitions
- Article III : Basis of Recognition
- Article IV : Rights to Regulate
- Article V : General Activities
- Article VI : Administration
- Article VII : Amendments
- Article VIII : Dispute Resolution
- Article IX : Final Provisions

- Appendix I : Competent Authority
- Appendix II : FIG Definition of the Functions of the Surveyor
- Appendix III : Proposed Outline for a Mutual Recognition Arrangement of Surveying Qualifications

4.2 Objectives

1. To identify the framework and establish the basis for Competent Authorities to observe while negotiating MRAs between or amongst each other to facilitate the mutual recognition and mobility of Surveying Professionals as it is recognized that ASEAN member countries may have different nomenclatures and requirements ;
2. To exchange information in order to promote trust and adoption of best practices on surveying standards and qualifications.

4.3 Some key Definitions

- Surveyor refers to a national of an ASEAN Member Country who has satisfactorily completed an undergraduate (degree) education at a university/college/institution in a recognized surveying program that is assessed as meeting the required criteria in a discipline of surveying services determined by a Competent Authority.

- Surveying Services refers to one or more of the activities which may occur either on , above or below the surface of the land or the sea and may be carried out in association with other professionals as defined by the International Federation of Surveyors (FIG) (but does not include property development , valuation , construction works , and the study of the social environment in the planning of development)

4.4 Basis of Recognition

The basis of recognition involve education , examinations , experience , recognition process , discipline and ethics as well as the standards and guidelines set out by the International Federation of Surveyors. (FIG).

5. Conclusions

Up until now the Competent Authorities of the Framework Arrangement for the Mutual Recognition of Survey Qualifications in its latest meeting has noted the steps to move forward in implementing as

- Step 1 :** Study the compilation of Licensing and Registration Rules for Professional Surveying Services
- Step 2 :** Clustering the ASEAN Member States into three groups , which will discuss common areas :
 - Group 1 :** Brunei Darussalan , Malaysia and Singapore
 - Group 2 :** Indonesia , Philippines and Thailand
 - Group 3 :** Cambodia , Lao PDR , Myanmar and Vietnam
- Step 3 :** Identify common areas within the group for possible bilateral and multilateral negotiation.

Note ; Detail can be found from www.aseansec.org



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