

**INTERPRETATION OF  
PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES  
IN SECTION 24A, REGISTRATION OF ENGINEERS ACT 1967  
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Section 24A reads as follows:

***"Restriction on employment of unregistered person to provide professional engineering services***

***24A. (1) No person shall employ a person, sole proprietorship, partnership or body corporate, other than a Professional Engineer with Practising Certificate or an Engineering consultancy practice, to perform professional engineering services.***

***(2) Nothing in subsection (1) shall prohibit the employment of any person holding one of the certificates referred to in section 7(3) to do all things which the certificate enables or authorizes him to do."***

The above provision is self-explanatory in that it prohibits anyone from engaging other than Professional Engineer with Practising Certificate or an Engineering Consultancy Practice to carry out professional engineering services.

Professional engineering services as defined under the Act:

***"Professional engineering services" means engineering services and advice in connection with any feasibility study, planning, survey, design, construction, commissioning, operation, maintenance and management of engineering works or projects and includes any other engineering services approved by the Board;***

Professional engineering services consists of 3 major branches:

- i. Engineering services related to engineering works or projects
- ii. Engineering advice related to engineering works or projects
- iii. Any engineering services approved by the Board

The engineering services or advice related to engineering works or projects include:

- Feasibility study
- Planning
- Survey
- Design
- Construction
- Commissioning
- Operation
- Maintenance
- Management

Most of the above have their normal meaning of the words except for 2 items which require clarification and action.

1. Survey – this will include investigation and visual inspection other than the meaning of land survey and building survey.
  2. Management- this is the area that is frequently exploited by non-engineers e.g. CIDB Condition of Contract allows for non-engineer as SO. Project Management Companies which may not employ qualified engineers are commonly allowed to manage government projects
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