

EXPLANATORY NOTES ON THE REMOVAL OF PDP MANDATORY COURSES REQUIREMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER APPLICATION

This Explanatory Note specifically refers to Circular No. 2/2005 pertaining to Regulation 22 with regard to Professional Development Program (PDP) Units and attendance for compulsory courses for Graduate Engineers applying to become Professional Engineers.

The Circular is no longer applicable **effective 15th February 2016** where the Board has agreed to abolish the PDP units required to apply for the registration as a professional engineer. Therefore, the requirement to attend four courses namely:

- i) Code of Ethics
- ii) Health and Safety at Work
- iii) Engineering Management Practice
- iv) Related Courses on other branches of engineering

are no longer compulsory. Likewise, the requirement to complete not less than 30 PDP units by attending talks, seminars, society/ association meetings and community services for professional is no longer mandatory from the above mentioned date.

Nevertheless, the requirement for three-year practical experience remains effective as required under the Registration of Engineers Act 1967 (Amendment 2015).

Even though it is no longer mandatory to attend the compulsory courses and fulfil the minimum PDP Units, the applicants for the Professional Engineer status are expected to demonstrate proficiency in matters related to the four mandatory courses mentioned above. The applicant may acquire the relevant knowledge and proficiency through work experience, formal and informal courses, on-the-job training and any other means.

BEM, IEM and other accredited training providers may still provide the relevant courses for the Graduate Engineers. The Board also advises the applicants to keep a record of the trainings attended to facilitate the Professional Engineer application process.