

Land Survey Authority Circular No. 3/2022

Enhanced Performance Management for Authorized Land Surveyors

It is the responsibility of Authorized Land Surveyor (“ALS”) to deposit the relevant plans with the Land Survey Authority (“LSA”) timely in accordance with section 30(4) of Land Survey Ordinance (Cap. 473) (“LSO”) and ensure that every land boundary survey is conducted in accordance with section 28 of the LSO.

To monitor the compliance of the above-mentioned sections of the LSO, the LSA has been stocktaking the outstanding submissions monthly, following up with individual ALSs and giving reminders to ALSs annually for clearing the outstanding submissions. An ALS who fails to comply with the final reminder for submission without reasonable explanation will be subject to disciplinary action under the LSO. On the other hand, the non-compliances with the Code of Practice (“COP”) under the LSO identified in the ALS submissions are followed up in a case-by-case manner.

To enhance the performance of ALS, the LSA will step up the arrangement starting from 1 July 2022 as follows:

i) **Increasing the frequency of clearing outstanding plan submissions**

While LSA will continue to follow up the outstanding submissions monthly, the LSA will remind relevant ALS to clear their long outstanding submission(s) twice a year (i.e. February and August) on a regular basis. The plans that are due for submission on or before 1 July 2022 will be subject to the new arrangement. To allow more time for the ALS to prepare for the new arrangement, the first half-year reminder will be issued by the LSA to the ALS concerned in October 2022. ALS who fails to comply with the final reminder for submission without reasonable explanation will be subject to disciplinary action under the LSO.

ii) **Notifying the ALSs of common non-compliance items according to the COP**

In addition to the current measure of requiring ALSs to rectify any non-compliance of COP in their submissions, all ALSs would be notified, by email, a list of common non-compliance items the LSA identified on a quarterly basis. The list aims to serve as a useful reference by the ALSs to avoid committing the same non-compliance items in their future submissions.

The above-mentioned arrangements do not discharge (or constitute an excuse to discharge) the duties and responsibilities of an ALS as required under sections 28 and 30(4) of the LSO.

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