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GENERAL CIRCULAR NO. 6/1986

CLARIFICATION ON THE PROVISION OF SECTION 24(5) (i) AND SECTION 24(5) (ii), OF THE ARCHITECTS ACT 1967 (REVISED 1973)

1. This Circular is issued in response to the queries received by the Board of Architects Malaysia relating to the submission of plans by registered Building Draughtsmen to the various local building authorities for approval. The most common query relates to the provisions under Sections 24(5) (i) and 24(5) (ii) of the Architects Act, 1967 (Revised 1973) which stipulate the following :-
 - 1.1 "Section 24(5) (i) ... he shall be entitled only to submit plans of buildings not exceeding two-storeys in height and not involving reinforced concrete or structural steel framework except lintels not exceeding 8 feet in span providing that the total built-up floor area does not exceed 3,000 square feet in any one project submitted for approval".
 - 1.2 "Section 24(5) (ii) ... he shall be entitled to submit plans of buildings not exceeding one-storey in height and not involving reinforced concrete or structural steel framework except lintels not exceeding 8 feet in span providing that the total built-up area does not exceed 1,000 square feet in any one project submitted for approval".
2. To achieve the objective of the above provisions of the Act, the Board now provides the following clarification and ruling :-
 - 2.1 Registered Building Draughtsmen are not permitted to submit layout or development plans for housing, commercial or industrial development involving common infrastructure and other essential services.
 - 2.2 Registered Building Draughtsmen may submit plans for any number of houses/buildings on individual lots in housing, commercial or industrial development provided the total built-up floor areas in each submission is within their respective limits of either 3,000 or 1,000 square feet.

3. The Board's General Circular No. 1/1985 dated 24 April, 1985 interpreting the definitions of "built-up floor areas" will remain in force.
4. The Board further wish to reiterate that implicit in the provision of Section 24(5) (i) and Section 24(5) (ii) of the Act is that persons who are not qualified for registration as Architects may be registered as building draughtsmen in order to serve the public especially in areas where the services of Architects are not available. However in making these special provisions, it was recognised that registered Building Draughtsmen will have limited qualifications and as such their scope of services should be restricted according to their respective capabilities. It was for this purpose that the two categories of restrictions were provided under Section 24(5) (i) and Section 24(5) (ii) of the Act. Provision was also made in these Sections to qualify that the limitations of built-up floor areas be applied to "any one project submitted for approval". The submission of plans for housing, commercial and industrial development will therefore exceed these limitations even though the built-up floor areas of the individual buildings may be within the specified restriction.
5. All registered Building Draughtsmen are required to comply with the above requirement.

By Order of the Board,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hasan bin Mohamed', written over a horizontal line.

(HASAN bin MOHAMED)

Registrar

Distribution :

All Board Members
All Registered Building Draughtsmen
All Local Building Authorities

1 DECEMBER, 1986