

Code of Practice for Site Supervision 2009

The Buildings Department (BD) has set up a Technical Committee (TC) to, among others, collect and consider the views and feedback from the building industry arising from the use of the Code of Practice for Site Supervision 2009 (Supervision Code). Taking into account the advice of the TC, amendments were made and promulgated through circular letters between 2015 and 2021 which were incorporated into the Supervision Code (2021 Edition). Further amendments to the Supervision Code (2021 Edition) at Appendices A and B have been promulgated, and the Supervision Code (2024 Edition) incorporating all the amendments has been uploaded to BD website www.bd.gov.hk:

- (a) Appendix A – December 2023
- (b) Appendix B – August 2024

Temporary Works Providing Support to Tower Cranes

2. To enhance the control on temporary works providing support to tower cranes at construction sites, in addition to the requirements for temporary works stipulated in paragraph 4.9 of the Supervision Code (2021 Edition), the registered general building contractors/registered specialist contractors are required to appoint a design engineer to prepare plans, construction drawings and design justifications of the temporary works, and an independent checking engineer to check these documents in compliance with the Buildings Ordinance, the regulations made thereunder and the relevant codes of practice. These requirements apply to all development projects with the specified Form BA 10 submitted **on or after 1 November 2024**. The soft copies of relevant certification forms TW1, TW2 and TW3 are available in BD website¹.

Academic Courses Recognised as Acceptable Qualifications

3. The required professional/academic qualifications and experience of technically competent persons (TCPs) are set out in paragraphs 8.18 to 8.24 of the Supervision Code (2021 Edition). In the past years, some courses organised by both local and non-local institutes or universities have also been accepted as equivalent academic qualifications under the Supervision Code (2021 Edition). As a ready reference to the practitioners, a list showing the accepted academic qualifications containing courses previously accepted by BD for TCPs' registration/appointment pursuant to the Supervision Code (2021 Edition) has been uploaded to BD website².

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¹ <https://www.bd.gov.hk/en/resources/codes-and-references/practice-notes-and-circular-letters/pnap/app/app157.html>

² <https://www.bd.gov.hk/en/resources/online-tools/accepted-academic-qualifications-tcps/index.html>

Repeal of Corresponding Recognition

4. The corresponding recognition for TCP as set out in Appendix X of the Supervision Code which was based on the membership of particular professional institutions was repealed via the circular letter on 8 May 2015. The appendix is given in Appendix C for reference.
5. Members of these professional institutions previously accepted to practise as TCPs may continue to practise as TCPs subject to evidence demonstrating the previous recognition of their TCP qualifications being provided to BD upon the submission of the supervision plans.
6. A similar practice note has been issued to registered contractors.

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