

Replacement Appointment of Registered Inspector and Qualified Person

Pursuant to sections 30D(8) and 30E(8) of the Buildings Ordinance (BO), if the registered inspector (RI) and the qualified person (QP) appointed to carry out the prescribed inspection or supervise the prescribed repair in respect of buildings and windows respectively become unwilling or unable to act, the person for whom the prescribed inspection or prescribed repair is to be, or is being carried out must appoint another RI and QP to act instead of the original RI and QP. In such circumstances, a new notification of appointment of RI and QP in the specified form (Form MBI 1 and Form MWI 1) has to be submitted to the Building Authority (BA) within 7 days after the date of appointment.

2. Under sections 30D(9) and 30E(9) of the BO, the RI appointed to carry out the prescribed inspection in respect of buildings and the QP appointed to carry out the prescribed inspection or supervise the prescribed repair in respect of windows are not allowed to nominate another RI and QP respectively to act in his or her stead even though he or she is temporarily unable to act by reason of illness or absence from Hong Kong.

3. However, under section 30D(10) of the BO, if the RI (nominator) appointed to supervise the prescribed repair in respect of buildings is temporarily unable to act by reason of illness or absence from Hong Kong, he or she may nominate another RI (nominee) to temporarily act in his or her stead for the period of illness or absence. The nominator must, within 7 days after the date of nomination, notify the BA of such nomination in the specified form (Form MBI 2). If the nominee ceases to be nominated, the nominator must, within 7 days after the date of cessation, notify the BA in writing of that fact. The nominee cannot further nominate another RI to act in his or her stead.

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