

Requirements on Qualifications and Experience for Registration as a General Building Contractor

Scope of Works

The registered general building contractor (RGBC) is qualified under the BO to carry out any building works and street works which are not designated by the BA as a category of specialized works.

2. Works which may be carried out by more than one category of contractors are detailed at Appendix 2.

Qualification and Experience Requirements

3. The minimum requirements on the qualifications and experience of the key personnel of an RGBC are given in the following table:

Alternative Requirements	Technical Director (TD)		Authorized Signatory (AS)		Other Officer (OO)	
	Experience	Qualifications	Experience	Qualifications	Experience	Qualifications
1	3 years' local experience in building industry. [See Note (a)]	A bachelor degree or equivalent in a relevant field. [See Note (e)]	5 years' experience in building industry. [See Note (a)] Has worked for not less than 18 months in local building project(s). [See Note (b)]	A higher certificate, diploma or equivalent in a relevant field. [See Note (e)]	-	-
2	8 years' experience in managing a building contractor company or equivalent. [See Note (c)]	-	5 years' local experience in building industry. [See Note (a)] Has worked for not less than 18 months in local building project(s). [See Note (b)]	A bachelor degree or equivalent in a relevant field. [See Note (e)]	-	-

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Alternative Requirements	Technical Director (TD)		Authorized Signatory (AS)		Other Officer (OO)	
	Experience	Qualifications	Experience	Qualifications	Experience	Qualifications
3	8 years' experience in managing a building contractor company or equivalent. [See Note (c)]	-	5 years' experience in building industry. [See Note (a)] Has worked for not less than 18 months in local building project(s). [See Note (b)]	A higher certificate, diploma or equivalent in a relevant field. [See Note (e)]	3 years' local experience in building industry. [See Note (a)]	A bachelor degree or equivalent in a relevant field. [See Note (e)]
4 [See Note (d)]	3 years' experience in building industry. [See Note (a)]	A bachelor degree or equivalent in a relevant field. [See Note (e)]	12 years' experience in building industry. [See Note (a)] Has worked for not less than 30 months in 5 local building projects. [See Note (b)]	Was an authorized signatory under the previous registration system. Has completed a recognized top-up course.	-	-
5 [See Note (d)]	12 years' experience in managing a building contractor company or equivalent. [See Note (c)]	Was an authorized signatory under the previous registration system. Has completed a recognized top-up course.	12 years' experience in building industry. [See Note (a)] Has worked for not less than 30 months in 5 local building projects. [See Note (b)]	Was an authorized signatory under the previous registration system. Has completed a recognized top-up course.	-	-
			OR Alternative Requirement 1, 2 or 3 above			

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Notes to Paragraph 3

- (a) Experience in building industry should be substantiated by project details and endorsed by the employers concerned or the AP/RSE/Registered Contractors(RC)/government architects, engineers or surveyors of the projects. If the person was self-employed, other documentary justification e.g. specified forms under the BO or contract documents may also be acceptable.
- (b) Project experience should be submitted in BD standard form and should be endorsed by the AP/RSE/RC/government architects, engineers or surveyors of the projects. For the purpose of calculating the period of experience under alternative requirements 1 to 3, aggregation of the durations of experience under different projects of the same period is not permitted.
- (c) Experience in managing a contractor company should be substantiated by a proof of directorship or ownership of the contractor company, or a proof of holding a top management position in the contractor company with overall management responsibilities in technical and financial matters and staff resources. The claimed experience should also be substantiated with project details (e.g. specified forms under the BO or contract documents) to demonstrate that the company was an active contractor when the experience was obtained.
- (d) Alternative requirements 4 and 5 are only applicable to those applicants who had applied for registration under these alternative requirements on or before 6 November 2000. These applicants may continue to apply under alternative requirements 4 and 5.
- (e) The higher certificate, diploma or university degree should be in the field of construction technology such as architecture, building studies, building surveying, civil engineering and structural engineering. Academic qualifications in other fields of studies will be assessed individually by the CRC according to the relevance of the curriculum in relation to the work of an RGBC. Only courses with adequate coverage and appropriate proportion of subjects relevant to construction technology (e.g. construction technology, building design, structures, temporary works, building and land surveying, building materials, maintenance technology, building services, construction management, etc.) and construction industry practice (e.g. construction laws, contract management, quantity surveying, construction economics, building development, etc.) will be considered. General guidelines on acceptance of academic qualifications for the purpose of contractors registration are detailed at Appendix 3.