

Mutual Recognition of Surveying Qualification: Theory, Concept or Reality?

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SUMMARY

The International Federation of Surveyors Publication No. 27 (Mutual Recognition of Professional Qualification) (2002) was the culmination of more than four years of work intending to bring about an arrangement that allows a qualified surveyor who seeks mobility to another country to acquire the same recognition as that held by surveyors who have qualified in that country, without having to re-qualify. That which began as a theory in the mid-nineties, developed into a workable concept as contained in FIG Publication No. 27, can be a reality.

This was demonstrated by the surveying fraternity in ASEAN, who working with their Governments, will soon realize the ASEAN Framework Agreement for the Mutual Recognition of Surveying Qualification. One of the challenges in realising mutual recognition of qualification as envisaged by FIG is the need to develop a basis for recognition requirements and it is appropriate that the international surveying fraternity that is FIG, establishes these basis of recognition requirements including, where appropriate, standards and guidelines for professional competencies and qualifications threshold.

This presentation will attempt to outline the challenges encountered in implementing mutual recognition of surveying qualification, essential elements of a mutual recognition arrangement as well as a proposal for a basis for recognition requirements, for the consideration of the international surveying fraternity.

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