

## UPDATES TO REQUIREMENTS FOR THE REGISTERED NOISE CONSULTANTS SCHEME (ACMV)

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### CIRCULAR TO PROFESSIONAL INSTITUTIONS

#### Who should know

Developers, Architects, Engineers, Contractors and Builders

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Registered Noise Consultants Scheme (RNCS) was introduced on 1 Apr 2019 to expedite the processing of noise assessment reports prepared in accordance with the Technical Guidelines on Boundary Noise Limit for Air Conditioning and Mechanical Ventilation (ACMV) Systems in Non-Industrial Buildings.

2 For noise assessment reports prepared by registered noise consultants, the clearance would be granted within 3 working days as these consultants possess technical proficiency in acoustics, thorough knowledge of technical guidelines, and expertise in the appropriate use of sound level measuring equipment. These consultants are capable of recommending suitable mitigation measures to ensure noise emissions from developments comply with the technical guidelines.

3 To ensure that the scheme remains relevant to the industry, we have conducted a review of the scheme. The aim is to enhance the scheme's competitiveness and accessibility for acoustic professionals while ensuring Qualified Persons (QPs) and developers have access to an active pool of registered consultants.

4 From industry feedback gathered over the past 6 months, the scheme's application requirements would be amended as stated in **Annex A**. The updated application form is available on the NEA website (<http://www.nea.gov.sg/our-services/development-control/overview>).

5 Notably, registered noise consultants must now submit at least one noise assessment for non-industrial buildings annually to remain in the scheme. These changes will take effect from 1 Mar 2026.

6 We wish to clarify that registered noise consultants under this scheme are not required to pre-consult NEA regarding noise measurement points when preparing ACMV noise reports for non-industrial buildings.

7 Please assist in disseminating the contents of this circular to your members. For any clarification, please email to [dclid\\_consultation@nea.gov.sg](mailto:dclid_consultation@nea.gov.sg). Thank you.

Yours faithfully



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## ANNEX A

### For Existing Registered Noise Consultants

| Issue                                      | Current Requirement             | Updated Requirement   | Remarks  |
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| <b>Requirement to Remain in the Scheme</b> | There are no existing criteria. | The existing RNCs are required to conduct at least 1 ACMV noise assessment for non-industrial buildings over the past one (1) year. | To keep the RNC listing active and relevant for the industry, with listed consultants maintaining their professional competency. |

### For New Applicants to the Scheme

| Issue   | Current Requirement  | Updated Requirement  | Remarks   |
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| <b>Requirement on Qualification and Years of Experience</b> | Degree/diploma in Acoustic Field with 2 years of relevant experience in the field of work OR Degree in the Engineering Field with 5 years of relevant experience in the field of work. | Applicants should meet one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Degree in Acoustic Field with 2 years of relevant experience in the field of work (e.g. Noise Control &amp; Measurements)</li> <li>Diploma in Acoustic Field with 3 years of relevant experience in the field of work (e.g. Noise Control &amp; Measurements)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The eligibility criteria now include engineering and science diploma holders, based on industry feedback that many experienced practitioners were excluded by qualification requirements. To ensure fair consideration across qualifications, the number of years of experience required will vary as detailed in the 'Updated Requirement' column.</li> <li>To clarify the relevant experience required, 'Noise Control &amp; Measurements' has been added as a qualifying field experience example.</li> </ul> |

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|  |   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Degree in Engineering/Science Field with 3 years of relevant experience in the field of work (e.g. Noise Control &amp; Measurements)</li> <li>• Diploma in Engineering/Science Field with 5 years of relevant experience in the field of work (e.g. Noise Control &amp; Measurements)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• These changes cater to a growing trend of shorter tenures in acoustic roles (typically three years) and to consider other qualification types, given the limited acoustic qualifications locally. They aim to broaden the applicant pool and improve industry retention.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Requirement on Track Record</b>         | Had conducted at least 10 ACMV noise assessments for non-industrial buildings each year over the past three (3) years.  | Had conducted at least 15 ACMV noise assessments for non-industrial buildings over the past three (3) years.  | To better accommodate different profiles of practitioners e.g. smaller companies and individuals with varied submission patterns.  |
| <b>Requirement during Probation Period</b> | During the probation period, you should submit at least 10 noise assessment reports to NEA. If you do not submit at least 10 noise assessment reports, we will extend the probation period. | During the probation period, consultants must submit at least 5 noise assessment reports to NEA. The probation period will be extended if this minimum submission requirement is not met.   | To align with the above changes for the Requirement on Track Record.   |