

Administrative Resolution No. (255) of 2021
Amending Administrative Resolution No. (51) of 1998
Issuing the Implementing Bylaw of Local Order No. (89) of 1994
Regulating the Engineering Consultancy Profession in the Emirate of Dubai¹

The Director General of the Dubai Municipality,

After perusal of:

The Order of 1961 Establishing the Dubai Municipality (the “**DM**”);

Local Order No. (89) of 1994 Regulating the Engineering Consultancy Profession in the Emirate of Dubai and its amendments;

Administrative Resolution No. (51) of 1998 Issuing the Implementing Bylaw of Local Order No. (89) of 1994 Regulating the Engineering Consultancy Profession in the Emirate of Dubai (the “**Original Resolution**”); and

Administrative Resolution No. (32) of 2006 Forming the Committee for Registration and Licensing of Engineering Consultants and Contractors in the Emirate of Dubai and its amendments,

Do hereby issue this Resolution.

Superseded Articles
Article (1)

Articles (1), (5), (6), and (20) of the Original Resolution are hereby superseded by the following:

Article (1)

The following words and expressions, wherever mentioned in this Resolution, will have the meaning indicated opposite each of them unless the context implies otherwise:

Local Order: Local Order No. (89) of 1994 Regulating the Engineering Consultancy Profession in the Emirate of Dubai and its amendments.

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¹*Every effort has been made to produce an accurate and complete English version of this legislation. However, for the purpose of its interpretation and application, reference must be made to the original Arabic text. In case of conflict, the Arabic text will prevail.*

Committee: The Committee for Registration and Licensing of Engineering Consultants and Contractors in the Emirate of Dubai formed pursuant to Administrative Resolution No. (32) of 2006 and its amendments.

Article (5)

- a. Local Engineering Firms may combine more than one Engineering Specialisations, or add one or more new Engineering Specialisations to their original specialisations, subject to the following:
 - 1. The Engineering Specialisations to be combined or added must be relevant, and consistent with each other, as determined at the discretion of the Committee.
 - 2. At least one specialist Engineer must be designated to each Engineering Specialisation requested to be added. However, where necessary, the Committee may:
 - a. require the assignment of more than one Engineer to each Engineering Specialisation;
 - b. approve the assignment of one or more of the Engineers registered for the original Engineering Specialisation to work in the Engineering Specialisation requested to be added for any period prescribed by the Committee. In this case, the local Engineering Firm must, within this prescribed period, designate a new Engineer to the additional specialisation.
- b. In licensing an additional Engineering Specialisation in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (a) of this Article, the specialisation must be classified in accordance with the provisions of Article (8) of this Resolution. When working in the additional specialisation, the local Engineering Firm must abide by the type of projects and works authorised to be carried out, as per the classification category of that specialisation.

Article (6)

- a. The works and projects authorised to be carried out by a local civil or architectural Engineering Firm, which is licensed to practise the engineering consultancy profession in any of the building construction fields, will be determined based on the classification category of that firm as follows:
 - First Category: Buildings with unlimited number of floors.

- Second Category: Buildings comprising G + 12 floors.
 - Third Category: Buildings comprising G + 4 floors.
- b. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph(a) of this Article and with a view to qualifying a local Engineering Firm and upgrading its classification to a higher category, the Committee may authorise the local Engineering Firm to carry out a project or works in a category higher than its current category, provided that the number of floors of the building in question does not exceed the maximum number prescribed for the category of the firm by more than three (3) floors. The local Engineering Firm may apply for a permit to carry out another project or works in a category that is higher than its classification category only after completing the previous project or works.
- c. The works and projects authorised to be carried out by a local Engineering Firm, which is licensed to practise the engineering consultancy profession in other than building construction fields, will be classified into the categories prescribed by the entity in charge of regulating and licensing such projects and works.

Article (20)

Notwithstanding the provisions of Article (8) of this Resolution, in order for a local Engineering Firm to be licensed to work in the Engineering Specialisation of "Engineering Management and Technical Feasibility Studies for Building Construction Projects" as its main specialisation, the firm must designate the required number of Engineers, and ensure that they have the number of years of work experience, prescribed for the First Category, as stated in Schedule (2) attached hereto. Where the local Engineering Firm requests to add that specialisation to other specialisations for the purpose of obtaining a licence, the firm must designate the required number of Engineers, and ensure that they have the number of years of work experience, prescribed for the category under which the firm is classified. In this last case, the local Engineering Firm may be authorised to work in the added Engineering Specialisation only in respect of the projects and works falling within the category under which the firm is classified.

Supersession of Schedule

Article (2)

Schedules (2) attached to the Original Resolution is hereby superseded by the Schedule attached hereto.

Compliance

Article (3)

All local Engineering Firms in the Emirate, to which the Local Order and the resolutions issued in pursuance thereof apply, must comply with the provisions hereof within no later than one (1) month from the date on which this Resolution comes into force. The Committee may extend this grace period once for the same period.

Repeals

Article (4)

- a. Schedule (3) attached to the Original Resolution is hereby repealed.
- b. Any provision in any other administrative resolution will be repealed to the extent that it contradicts the provisions of this Resolution.

Publication and Commencement

Article (5)

This Resolution will be published in the Official Gazette and will come into force on the day on which it is published.

Dawood Abdul Rahman Al Hajiri

Director General

Dubai Municipality

Issued in Dubai on 20 September 2021

Corresponding to 13 Safar 1443 A.H.

Schedule (2)

Technical Requirements for Essential Engineers Working in Construction at Local Engineering Consultancy Firms

Category	Permitted Projects and Works	Licence Holder Years of Experience	Engineering Staff Eligibility Criteria				Technical Criteria for Assessment	
			Number	Specialisation	Years of Experience	Technical Accreditation	Area Requirement for Each Engineer	Track Record of the Firm
1st Category	Unlimited Number of Floors	10 years for UAE nationals 5 years for other nationalities	5	(2) Architects	10 Years	Design	18,000 sq m	
				(3) Civil Engineers	(1) 10 Years	Design		
					(1) 7 Years	Design and Supervision		
					(1) 5 Years			
2nd Category	G + 12 Floors	5 years for UAE nationals 10 years for other nationalities	3	(1) Architect	7 Years	Design	15,000 sq m	Completing ten (10) Building construction projects, three (3) of which are classified in the current category (G+8, G+9, G+10, G+11, and G+12)
				(2) Civil Engineers	(1) 7 Years	Design and Supervision		
					(1) 5 Years			

3rd Category	G + 4 Floors	3 years for UAE nationals 5 years for other nationalities	2	(1) Architect	5 Years	Design	12,000 sq m	Completing ten (10) Building construction projects, three (3) of which are classified in the current category (G+3, and G+4)
				(1) Civil Engineer	5 Years	Design and Supervision		
Notes	<div>1. All Engineers must be members of the UAE Society of Engineers</div> <div>2. All Engineers must have passed the technical tests prescribed in the Emirate of Dubai</div> <div>3. The Licensee working on a full-time basis in the firm will be considered part of the technical staff</div> <div>4. The number of engineers stated in this Schedule is the minimum number required to practise the profession. The Committee may, where the floor area of projects exceeds the area mentioned above, require more Engineers based on the Area Requirement for Each Engineer and on the project implementation phases.</div>							