FSD CL No. 2/2024 Fire Protection Measures in High-rise Buildings under Construction

New Projects Division

Senior Station Officer LAU Yin-pok

Background

- Several notable fires in high-rise buildings under construction
 - No. 4 alarm fire in Middle Road in Tsim Sha Tsui in 2023
- Review of fire protection measures in high-rise buildings under construction (existing requirements stipulated in FSD CL No. 2/2008)
- Consultation engaged relevant professional bodies, trades
 - and government departments



Stakeholders involved in consultation

- 1. Fire Services Department (FSD) 消防處
- 2. Architectural Services Department (ArchSD) 建築署
- 3. Buildings Department (BD) 屋宇署
- 4. Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD)機電工程署
- 5. Housing Department (HD) 房屋署
- 6. The Association of Architectural Practices (AAP) 建築師事務所商會
- The Hong Kong Federation of Electrical and Mechanical Contractors Limited (FEMC) 香港機電工程商聯會
- 8. The Association of Registered Fire Service Installation Contractors of Hong Kong Limited (FSICA) 香港註冊消防工程公司商會
- 9. Hong Kong Construction Association (HKCA) 香港建造商會
- 10. The Hong Kong Institute of Architects (HKIA) 香港建築師學會
- 11. The Hong Kong Institution of Engineers (HKIE) 香港工程師學會
- 12. The Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors (HKIS) 香港測量師學會
- 13. The Real Estate Developers Association of Hong Kong (REDA)香港地產建設商會

FSD Circular Letter No. 2/2024

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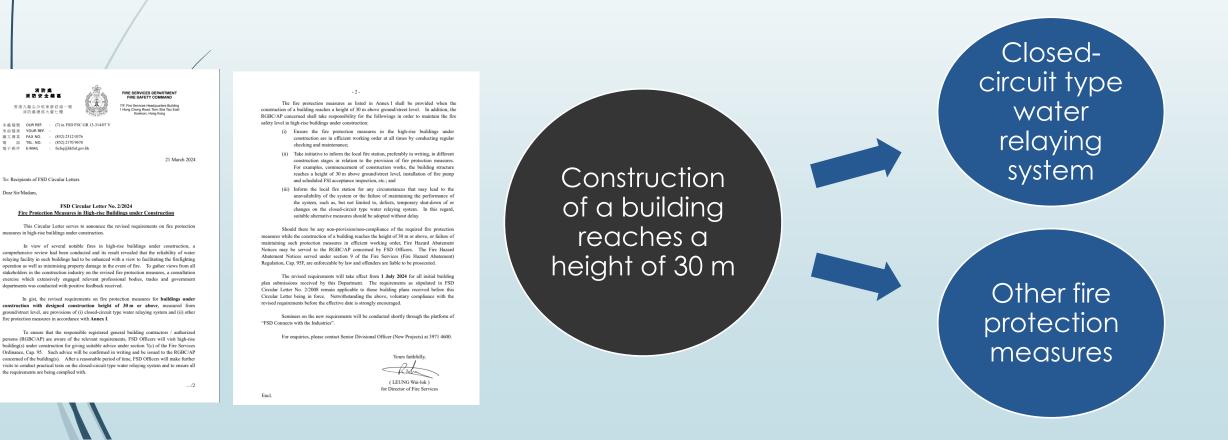
To: Recipients of FSD Circular Letters

measures in high-rise buildings under construction

fire protection measures in accordance with Annex I.

the requirements are being complied with.

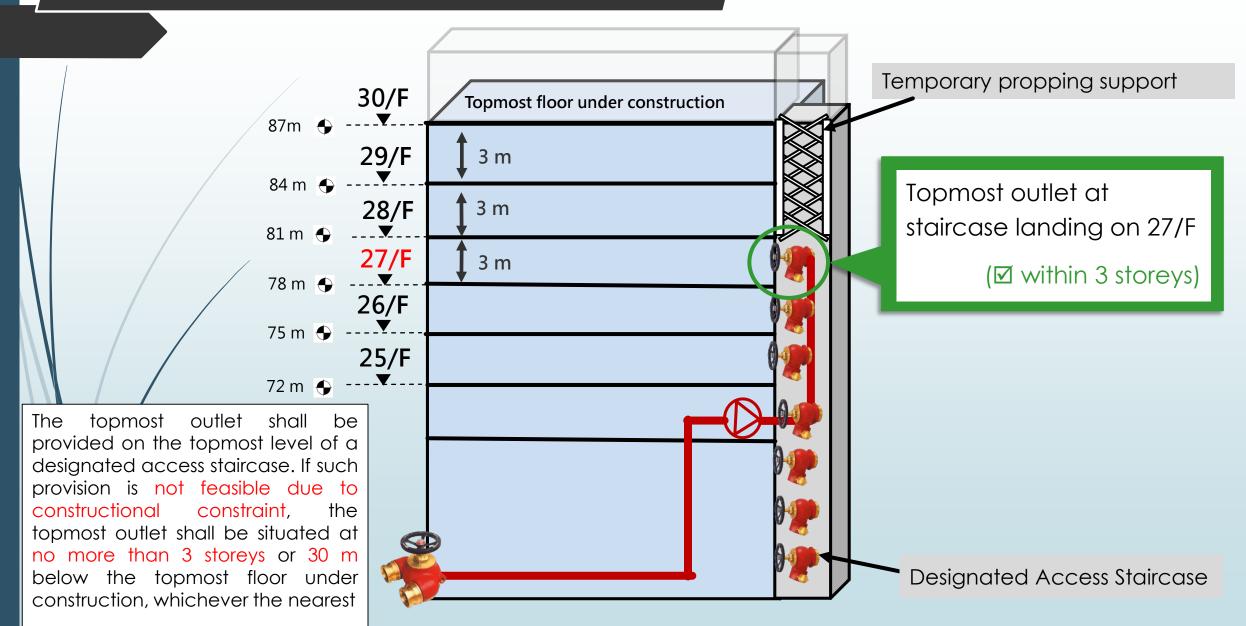
- Revised requirements announced through FSD Circular Letter No. 2/2024 on 21/3/2024
- Applicable to buildings under construction with designed construction height of 30 m or above



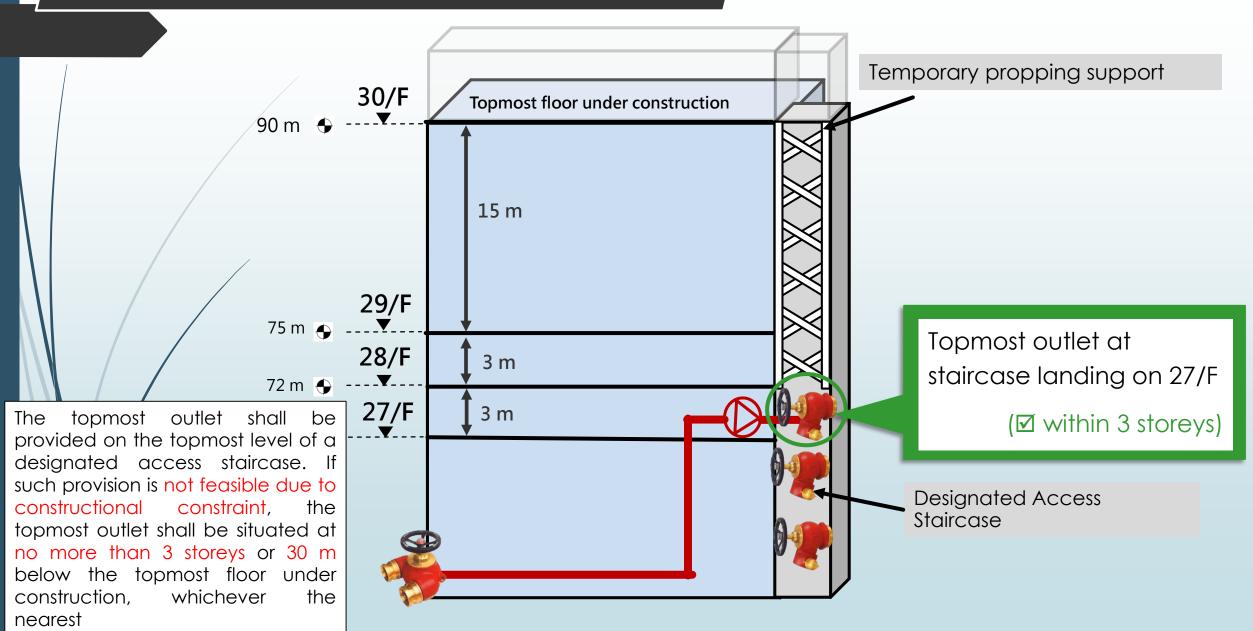
Requirement	FSD CL No. 2/2008	FSD CL No. 2/2024
Provision of water relaying facility when the construction height reaches 30 m	pump(s) or placing portable	relaying system (for designed construction height 30 m or above) (only option)

	Requirement	FSD CL No. 2/2008	FSD CL No. 2/2024
			Situated at topmost level of a designated access staircase. If
V	type water relaying	construction floor, whichever	not feasible due to constructional
	system	the nearest	constraint, situated at no more than 3 storeys or 30 m below
			construction floor, whichever the
			nearest

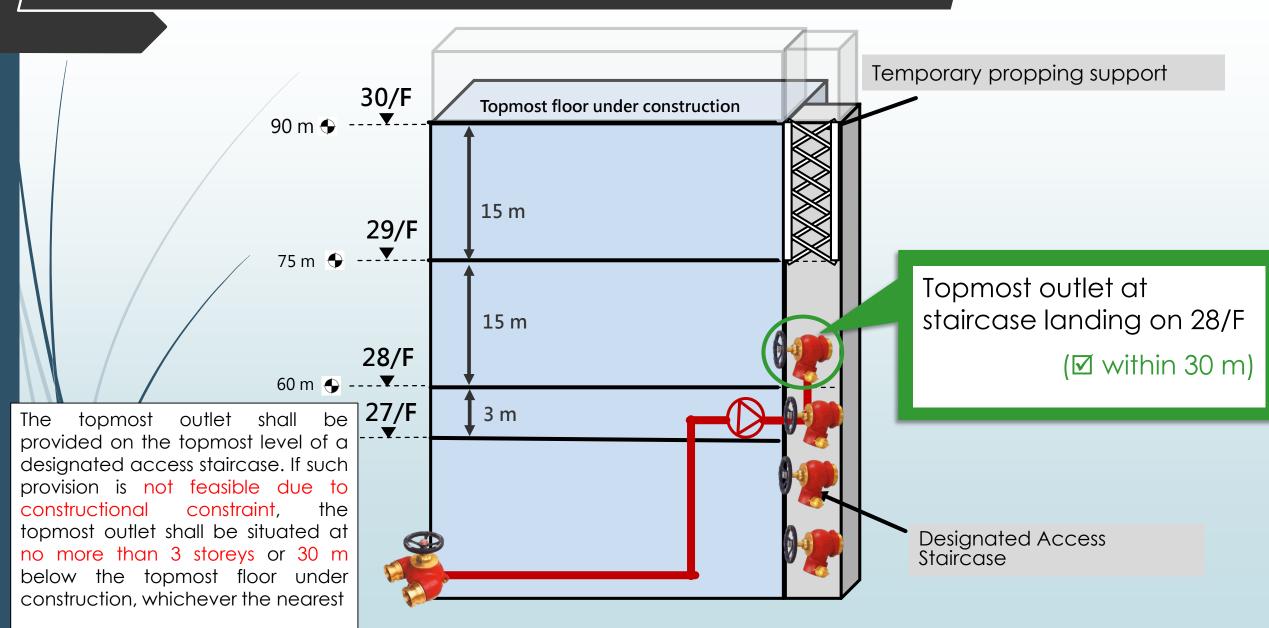
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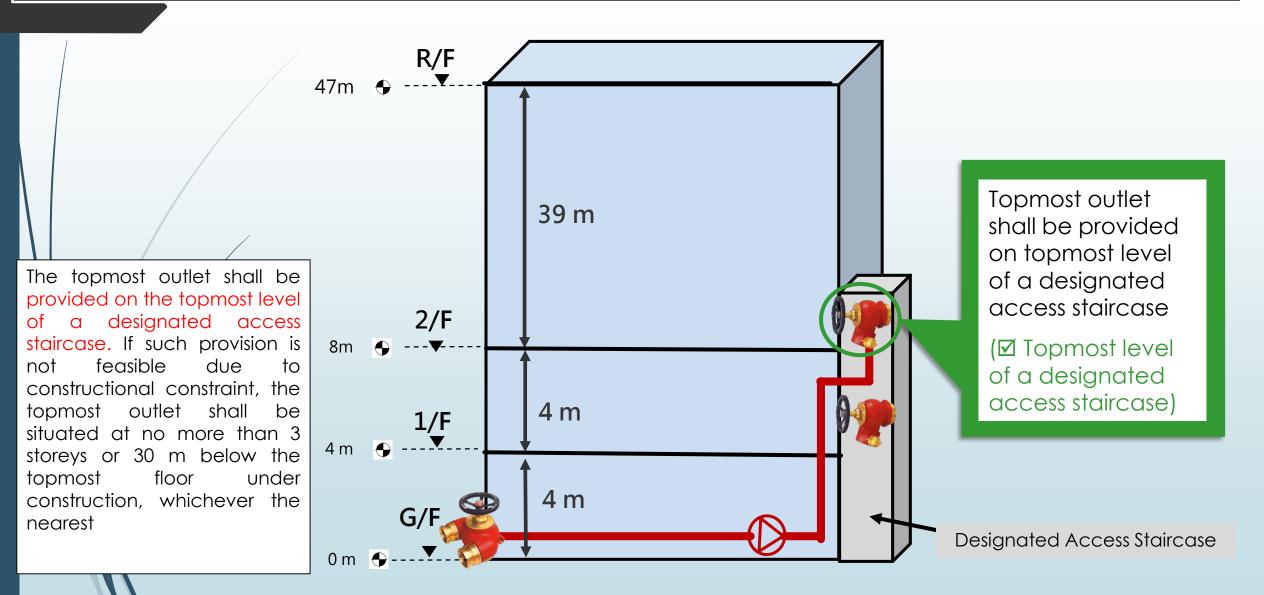
Example 2 – Floor with high ceiling



Example 3 – Two floors with high ceiling



Example 4 – Topmost outlet at topmost level of a designated access staircase



Requirement	FSD CL No. 2/2008	FSD CL No. 2/2024
fire pump and riser	Providing flexible hoses on the floor(s) where portable fire pump(s) is/are situated for connecting the pump to the riser	

Requirement	FSD CL No. 2/2008	FSD CL No. 2/2024
Provision of firefighting equipment	N/A	Following equipment shall be provided in every 5 storeys:
		 Minimum of two fire hoses (70 mm) of minimum 20 m in length One nozzle

Examples of hoses and nozzle

	Requirement		FSD CL No. 2/2008	FSE	O CL No. 2/2024
	Distinguishing temporary relaying system the permanent hydrant system	water from	Suitable signage of F.S. inlet and fire hydrant outlet in prominent positions	1. 2.	fire pump and fire hydrant outlet in prominent positions
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F.S. Inlet
Riser
Fire Pump
Fire Hydrant Outlet
Power Supply

Temporary fire protection measures

Specification similar to Fire hydrant / hose reel system in Code of Practice for Minimum Fire Service Installations and Equipment



- ► F.S. Inlet
 - Situated in a prominent position on ground/street level at the exterior of each building block
 - For construction site involving one building only, F.S. inlet could be provided at temporary main entrance of the construction site

Riser

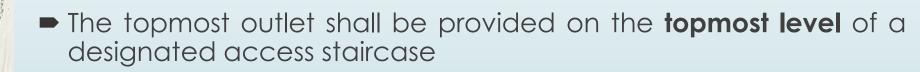
- Located at or adjacent to a designated access staircase
- Provision shall be made for the water supplied to the inlet to bypass such pump(s) in the event of failure of the pump(s)

Fire Pump

- shall be provided to relay water for all floors
- Shall be connected to riser by fixed pipelines
- Shall be capable of providing adequate flow of not less than 900 l/min
 - Any 2 hydrant outlets each with a flow of 450 l/min at a running pressure of not less than 3.5 (bar) but not more than 8.5 (bar)
- Can be controlled simultaneously by start/stop push buttons at the F.S. inlet

Fire Hydrant Outlet

shall be provided on every stabilized floor except the ground/street level



 If such provision is not feasible due to constructional constraint, the topmost outlet shall be situated at no more than 3 storeys or 30 m below the topmost floor under construction, whichever the nearest

Power Supply

- Each fire pump shall be connected to the normal power supply from the construction site and to a secondary power source
- If the secondary power source is provided by an external means (e.g. diesel generator or enertainer, etc.)
 - It shall be capable of sustaining full load operation of all fire pump(s) for a period of not less than 6 hours
 - Shall be capable of supplying power for all fire pump(s) in not more than
 15 seconds in case of failure of normal power supply



Other fire protection measures

Site Fire Hoses and Nozzles

Minimum of two detachable flexible fire hoses of 70 mm in diameter and minimum 20 m in length and one nozzle shall be provided at every five storeys



- Site Information
 - Construction status including current construction height and number of storeys, floor of fire pump(s) located, quantity of fire pump shall be provided
 - A set of schematic diagram showing the typical arrangements of electricity supply to fire pump(s) shall be provided

Visits to construction sites by FSD personnel

- FSD Officers will visit high-rise building(s) under construction for giving suitable advice
- Such advice will be confirmed in writing and be issued to the registered general building contractors / authorized persons (RGBC/AP) concerned of the building(s)
- After a reasonable period of time, FSD Officers will make further visits to conduct practical tests on the closed-circuit type water relaying system and to ensure all the requirements are being complied with

Responsibilities of registered general building contractors / authorized persons

- Ensure the fire protection measures in the high-rise buildings under construction are in efficient working order at all times by conducting regular checking and maintenance
 - Until submission of FSI/501 of permanent fire hydrant / hose reel system
- Take initiative to inform the local fire station, preferably in writing, in different construction stages
 - commencement of construction works
 - the building structure reaches a height of 30 m
 - installation of fire pump
 - scheduled FSI acceptance inspection

Responsibilities of registered general building contractors / authorized persons

- Inform the local fire station for any circumstances that may lead to the unavailability of the system or the failure of maintaining the performance of the system
- Defects, temporary shut-down of or changes on the closed-circuit type water relaying system

Responsibilities of registered general building contractors / authorized persons (RGBC/AP)

- Should there be any non-provision/non-compliance of the required fire protection measures while the construction of a building reaches the height of 30 m or above; or
- Failure of maintaining such protection measures in efficient working order
- Fire Hazard Abatement Notices may be served to the RGBC/AP concerned by FSD Officers
- Fire Hazard Abatement Notices are enforceable by law and offenders are liable to be prosecuted

Effective Date

- Revised requirements will take effect from 1 July 2024
- For all initial building plan submissions received by this Department
- For initial building plan submission before the effective date, FSD CL No. 2/2008 remains applicable. However, voluntary compliance with the revised requirements is strongly encouraged

Thank You

Introduction of the

Registered Fire Engineer Scheme



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PUMP CONTROL PANELS

1.2m(W) x 1.5m(H) STAINLESS STEEL FRAME WITH 1.2m(W) x 0.8m(H) WOOD BOARD

PRESSURE SWITCH

NG Chun-ki Assistant Divisional Officer (Support) (Acting) Fire Services Department

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Objectives

Objectives of RFE Scheme

To facilitate business operation



To provide	greater flexibility to	app





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Consultations & Study

Summary of Consultations and Study

	Trade consultat	ions cor	nducted in 2007		
Business Impact Assessment condu					
Year	• Event		Maj		
2004	Consultation letter	EU's recommendations			
2007	' 1st trade consultation	Phased in	plementation pionee		
		Option A	FSD will issue Fire S Fire Safety Certif		
		Option B	Fire Safety Certification same validity as Fire		
2011	2nd trade consultation	Option A	Single class - RFE()		
		Option B	Separate classes - 2		
2012	BIA	Stakeholders generally suppor			
2017	' 3rd trade consultation	Registratio	Registration eligibilities, discipli		
2023	4th trade consultation	Code of Practice			





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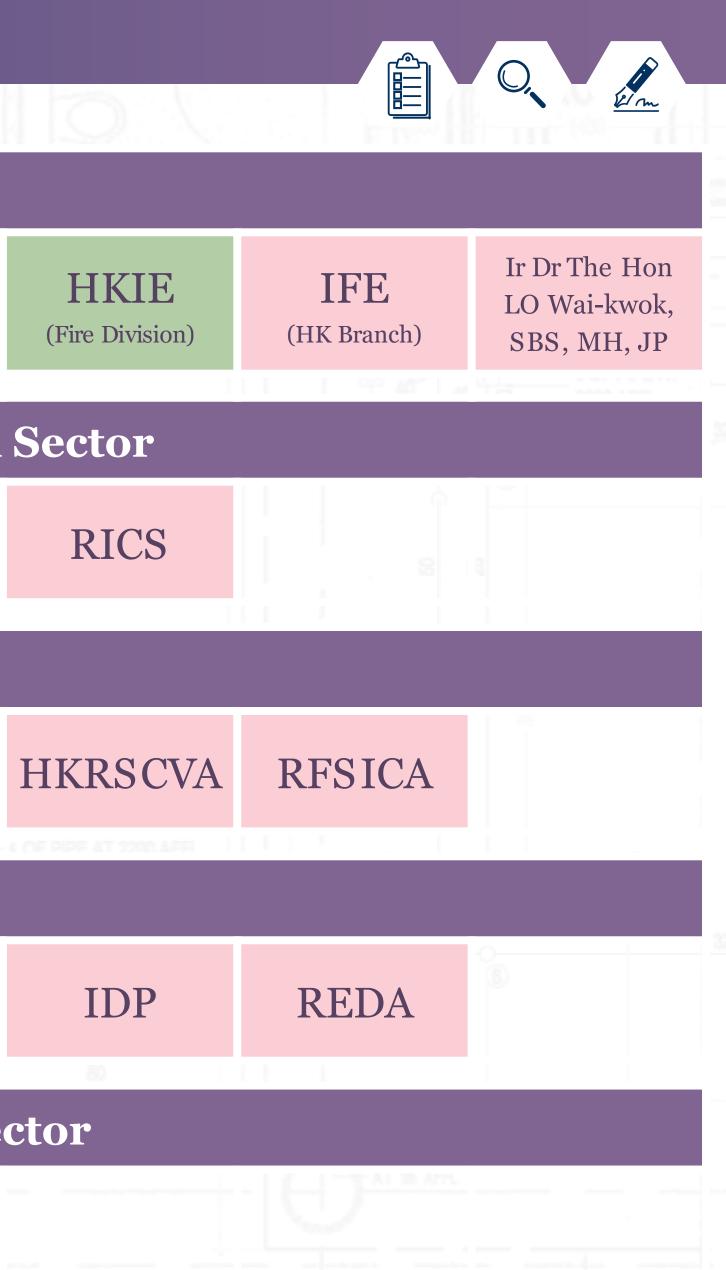
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Stakeholders of Consultations

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Duties & Responsibilities

Classes of Registration

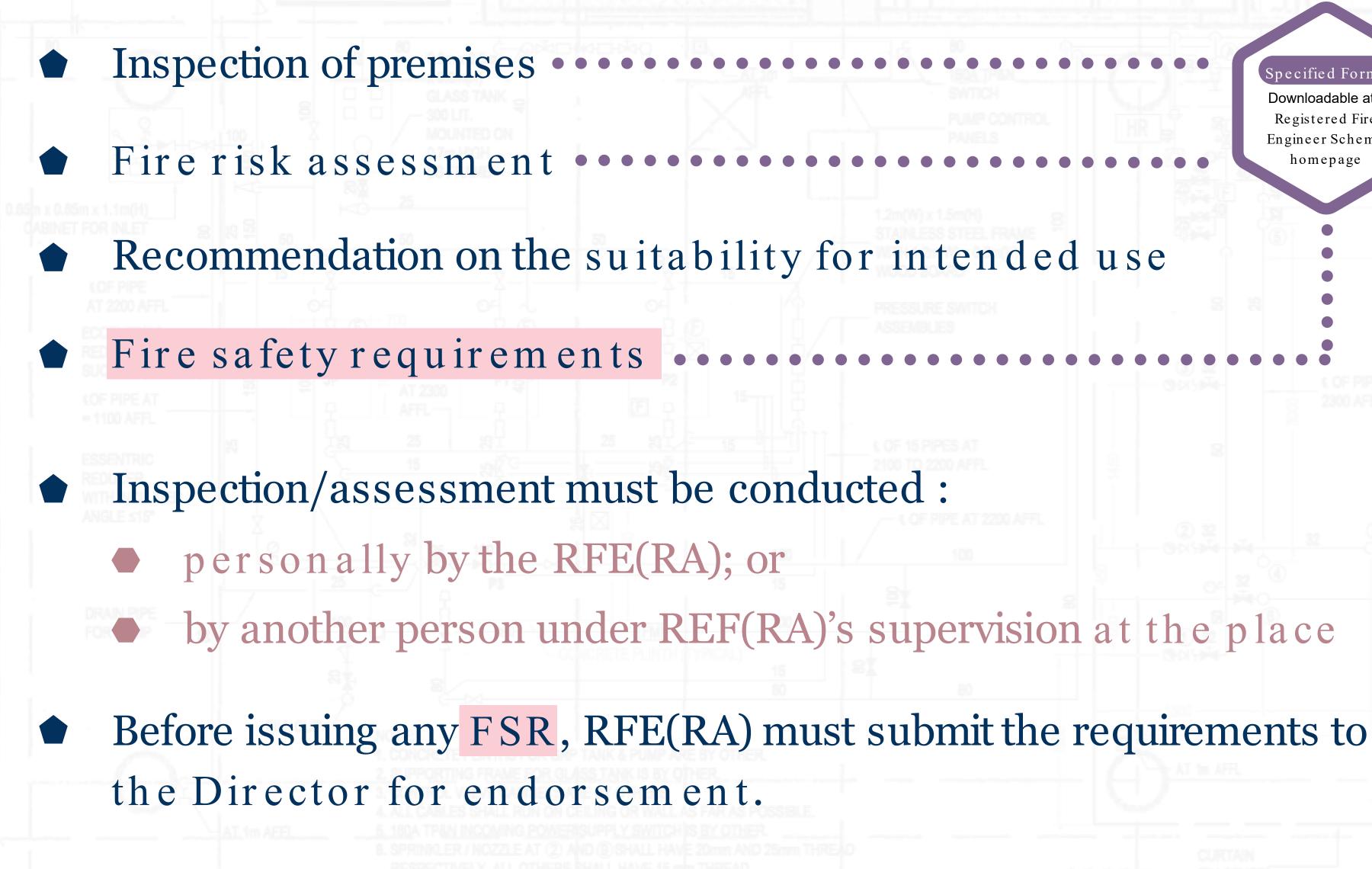
RFE (Risk Assessment)

RFE (Fire Service Installation) RFE (Ventilating System)





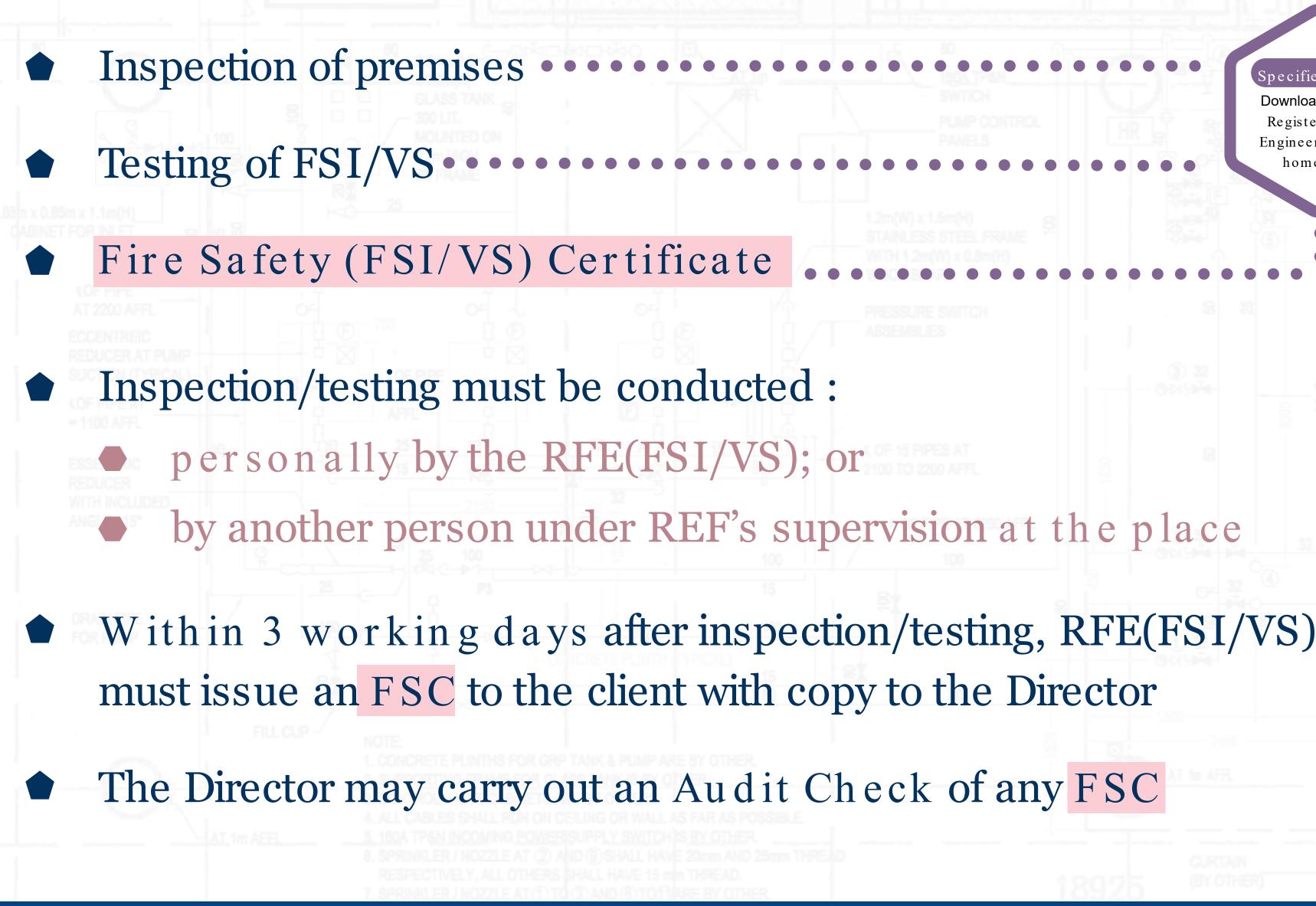
Duties of RFE (Risk Assessment)



Specified Form

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Duties of RFE (FSI/VS)



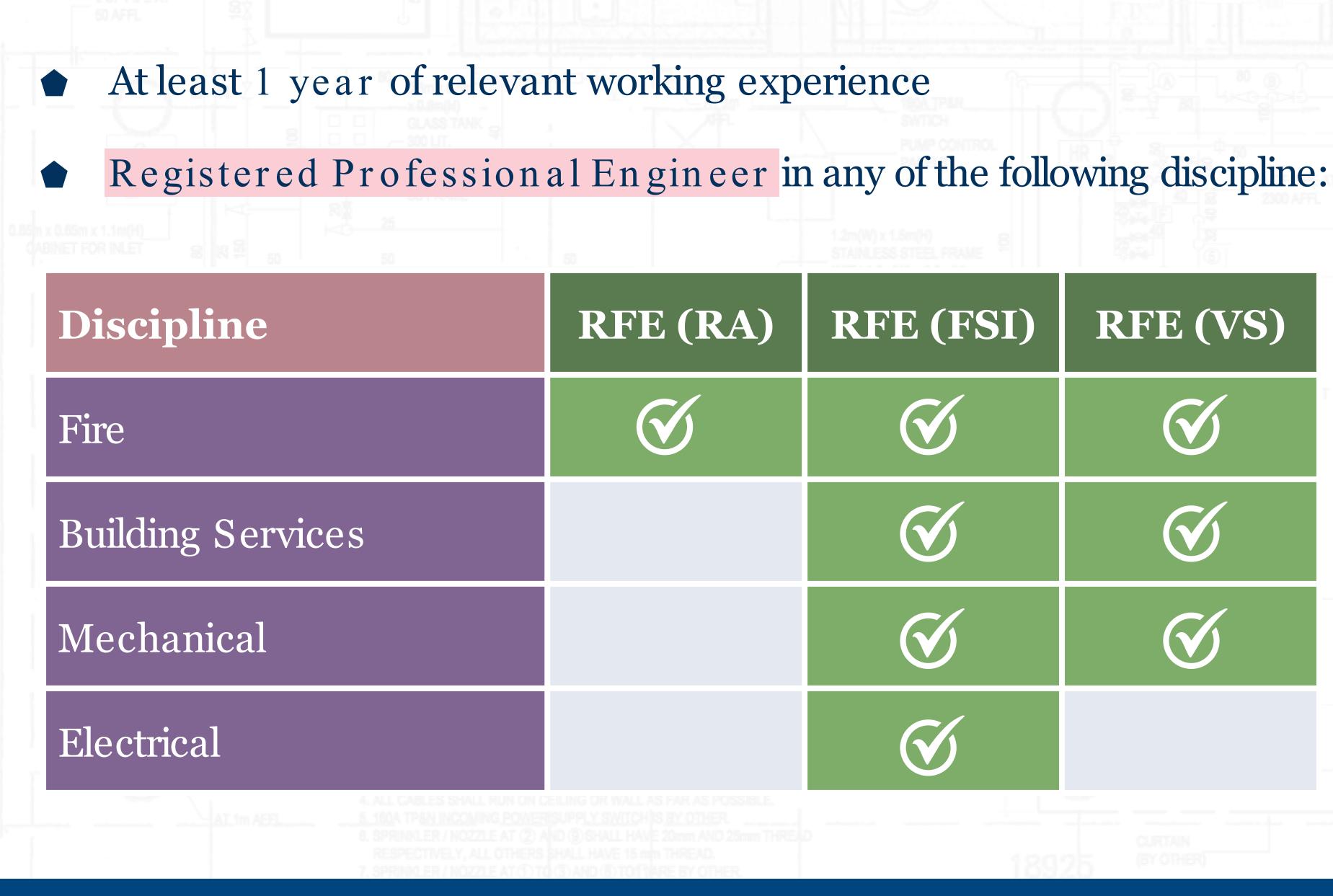
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Registration



Requirements for Registration





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 At least 6 years of releva Bachelor degree in any 		12
Discipline (Engineering)	RFE (RA)	ŀ
Fire		
Building Services	Top-up course or equivalent	Тор
Mechanical	Top-up course or equivalent	Тор
Civil	Top-up course or equivalent	Тор
Structural	Top-up course or equivalent	Тор
Electrical		Тор
Building Surveying	Top-up course or equivalent	Тор
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Requirements for Registration

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Building Services	Top-up course or equivalent	Тор
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Matters about Registration





Implementation

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Certification by FSD

Fire Risk Assessment

- Compatibility, accessibility, etc.
 - Fire safety requirements
 - Fire service installation or equipment (FSI)
 - Ventilating system (VS)
 - Other items (MoE, PU foam, etc.)

Compliance Check

- Inspection of premises
- Testing of FSI/VS
- Verification of FS 251, etc.





Licence Application (Current Practice)

Workflow of Licence Application

Referral of application	
Fire risk assessment	
Fire safety requirements	
Completion of works	F
Compliance check	
Fire Services Certificate	
Licence (subject to other requirements)	
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Licensing Authority





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FSD (around 14 days)

Licensing Authority

Licence Application (RFE Scheme)

Licence Application for Premises

18 Ordinances/Regulations

6 licensing authorities

Licensing authority	Licensed premises	Cap.
EDB	School	279
EDD	Premises for conducting registered courses or exempted	493B
	General restaurant, light refreshment restaurant, factory canteen, bakery, food factory, composite food shop	132X
FEHD	Funeral parlour	132AD
	Premises for the sale and consumption of intoxicating liquor	109B
	Karaoke establishment	573
	Amusement game centre	435
HAD	Public dancing hall, dancing school	114A
	Bedspace apartment	447
	Club-house	376
	Cinema, theatre, place of public entertainment	172A
	Hotel, guest house	349
HKPF	Massage establishment	
LCSD	Billiard centre, bowling centre, public skating rink	
	Residential care home for the elderly	459
SWD	Residential care home for persons with disabilities	613
	Drug dependence treatment centre	566
	Child care centre	243

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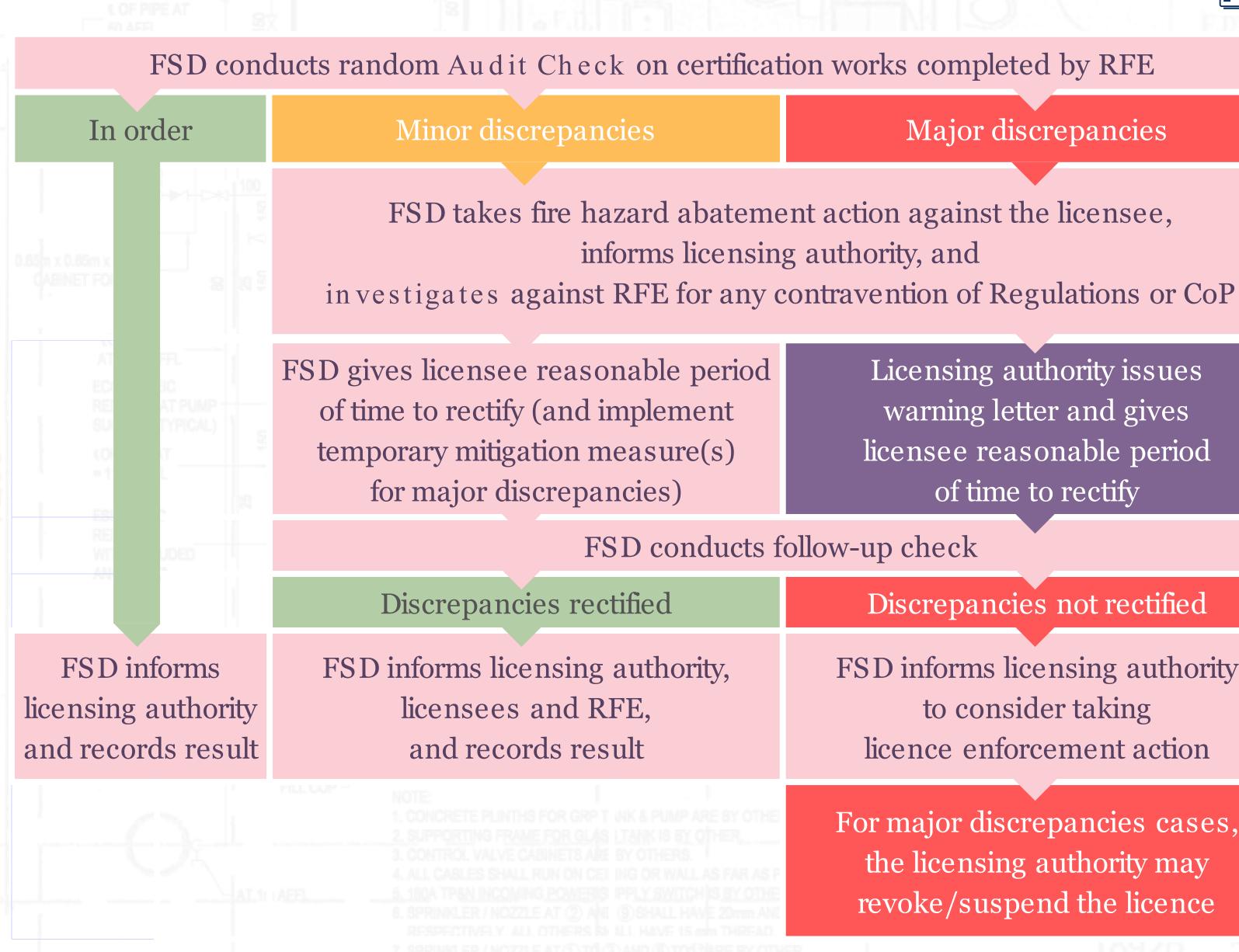
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Workflow of Licence Application

Referral of application	Applicant			Licensing Authority				
Fire risk assessment	RFE(RA)		RFE(RA)		EGD		EGD	
Fire safety requirements					FSD		FSD	
Endorsement	FSD		FSD				8	
Completion of works	FSI	VS	FSI	VS	FSI	VS	FSI	VS
Compliance check	RFE	RFE	RFE	FSD	FSD	RFE	FCD	FSD
Fire Safety Certificate	(FSI)	(VS)	(FSI)	LPD	LOD	(VS)	FSD	ГЗD
Audit Check	FSD	FSD	FSD			FSD		
Licence (subject to other requirements)	Licensing Authority							
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Workflow of Audit Check





Major discrepancies

- Licensing authority issues warning letter and gives licensee reasonable period of time to rectify

Discrepancies not rectified

FSD informs licensing authority to consider taking licence enforcement action

For major discrepancies cases, the licensing authority may revoke/suspend the licence

Disciplinary Board

Committee, Panels & Boards

Registration Committee

To offer professional advice to the Director of Fire Services

Operation of the RFE Scheme

• Registration of RFE

Appointment authority: Director of Fire Services





Registration Committee

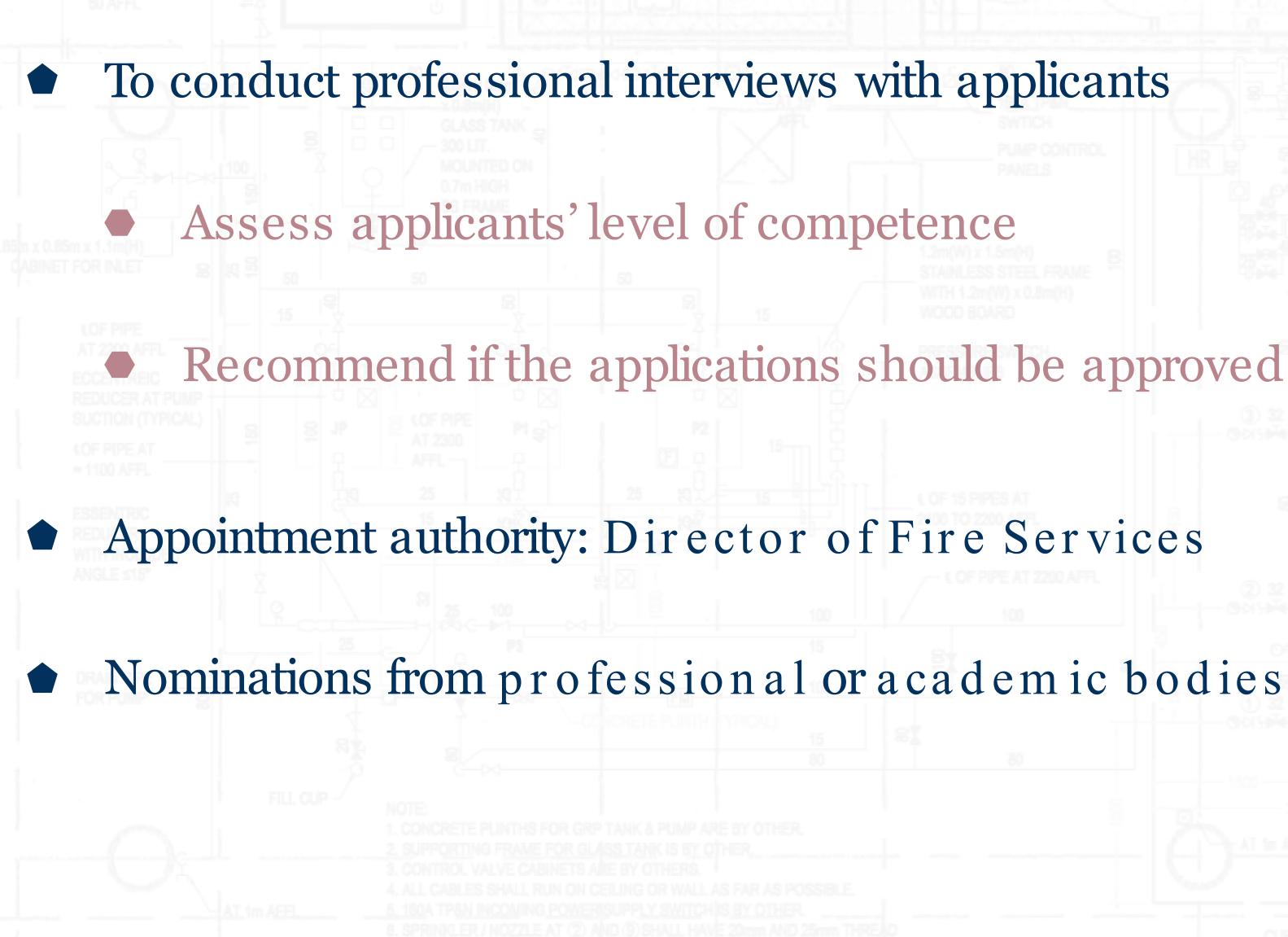
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Interview Board Panel





Interview Board







(chairperson)

professional /academic

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Disciplinary Board Panel

• To consider cases in which an RFE is suspected to have failed to discharge his/her duties properly

Appointment authority: Secretary for Security

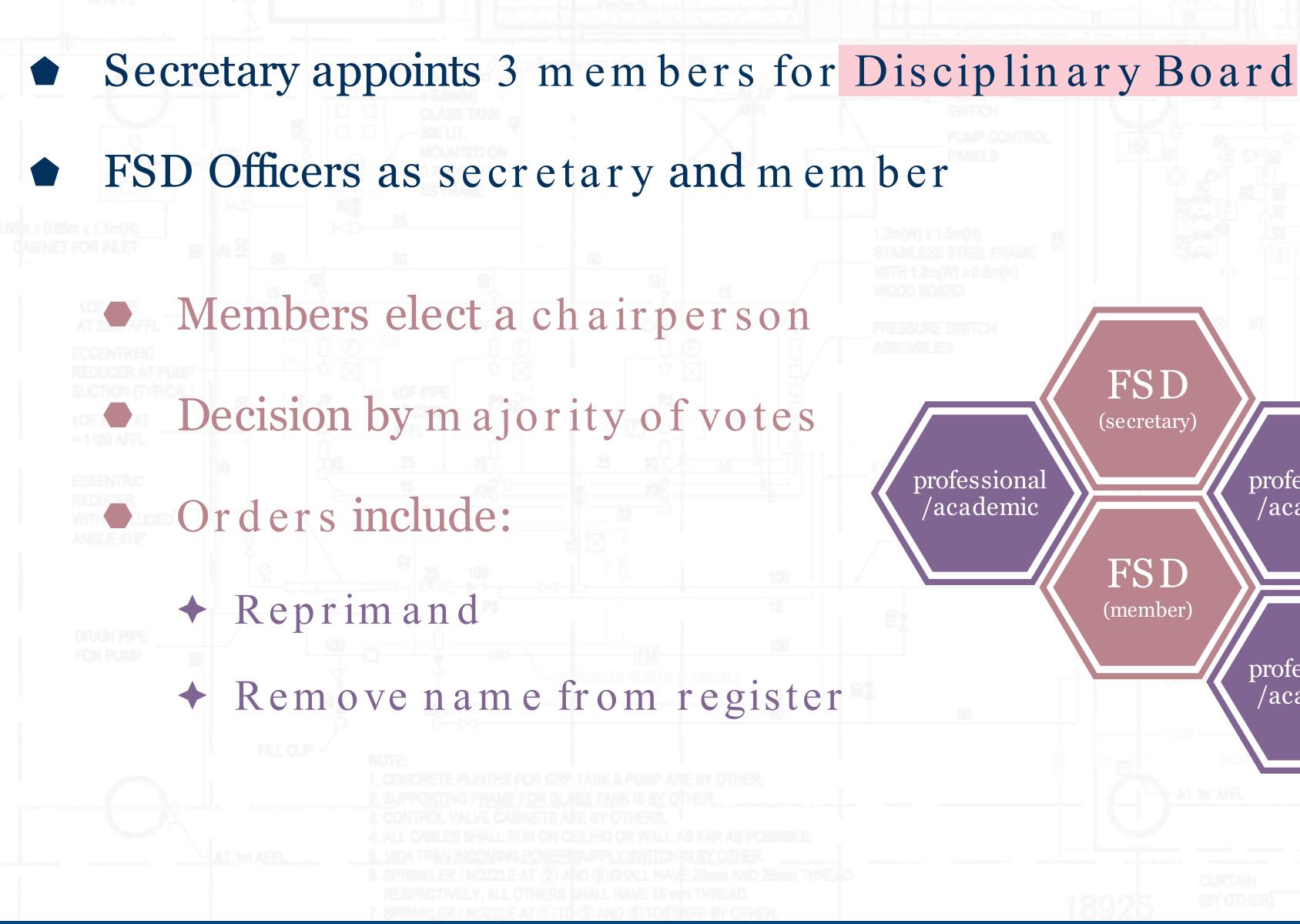


Nominations from professional or academic bodies





Disciplinary Board





FSD (secretary)

professional /academic

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(member)

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Appeal Board Panel

• To handle appeals from any person who is aggrieved by a disciplinary order made by a Disciplinary Board

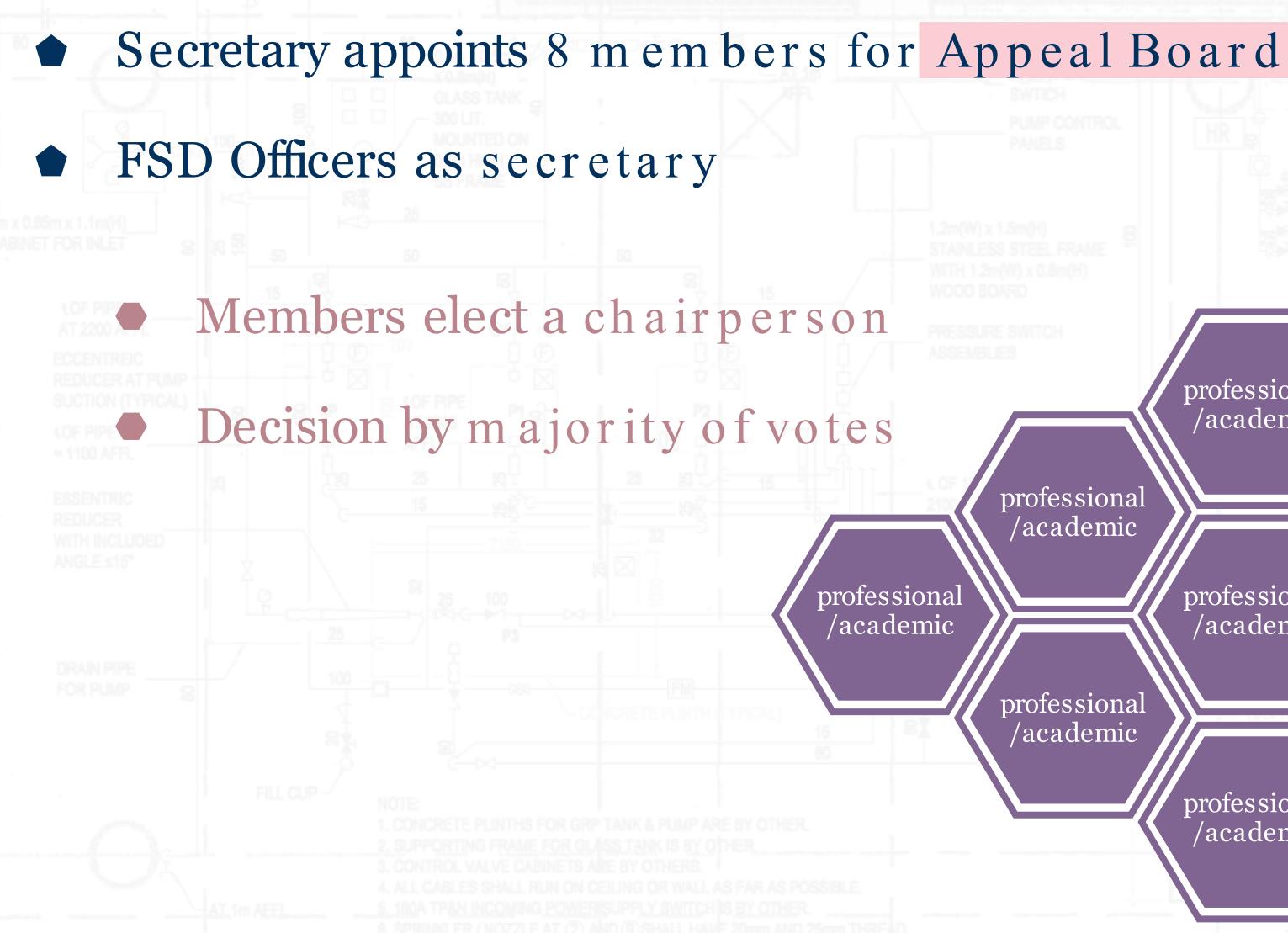
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Appeal Board





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Disciplinary Offences

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Misconduct or neglect in any professional respect

Convicted in HK or elsewhere of any offence that may bring the profession into disrepute

Failed to attend before a disciplinary board or an appeal board

Contravened the Code of Practice



Disciplinary Offences

New Regulation of RFE

Held himself/herself out to be an RFE for a class for which he/she is not registered

Failed to discharge duties of RFE

Certified compliance with deviating FSR

Convicted of a criminal offence



Obtained registration by fraud or misrepresentation



Conflicts of Interest

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RFE(FSI) or RFE(VS) must NOT issue any FSC if: he/she is a proprietor, shareholder, director, partner or employee of -

a contractor or company in connection with the installation or provision of fire service installation or equipment, ventilating system, or any items specified in the FSR for the scheduled premises in -

a specified period immediately before the installation or provision.

RFE must submit a declaration ••••

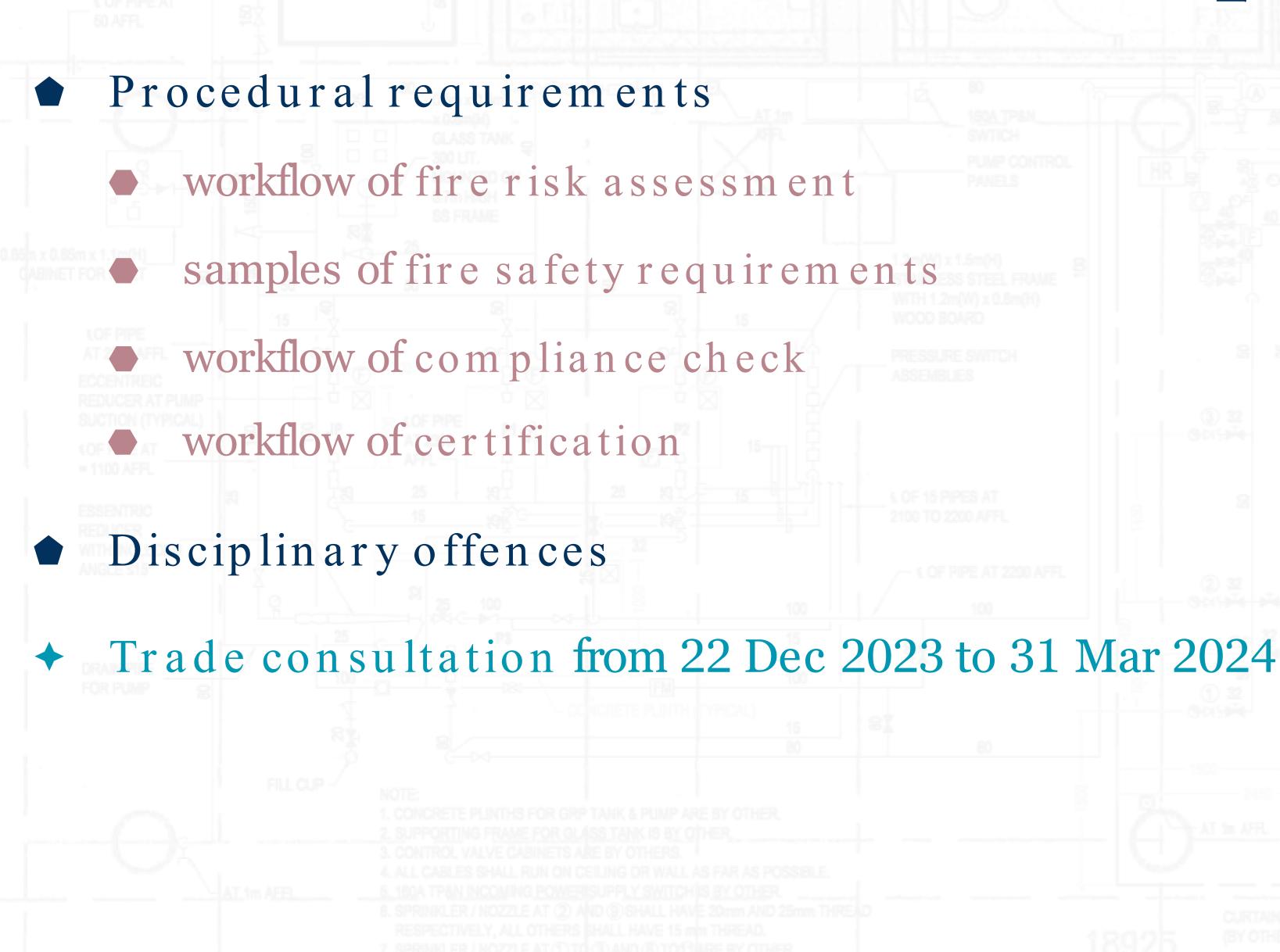


Specified Form

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Code of Practice

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Timetable

Indicative Timetable

Liaison with Licensing authorities on fees proposal Liaison with DoJ to finalize draft regulations

_____2024 _____

Trade consultation on **Code of Practice** Consultation with FSTB





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PANELS

Vetting by LegCo

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