

Amendment Proposition No 3

3. NEW Provision: Establishment of an Engineering Accreditation Board

It is proposed to amend Section 2 (Furthering and Promoting Objects) to provide for the establishment of an Engineering Accreditation Board and to provide for its management and Operations. Accreditation by the IEM Board will be a service which will be offered to the Universities and other Higher Educational Institutions. There will be no compulsion on any HEI to seek accreditation from IEM, such that Universities will be free to decide whether to seek accreditation from an overseas body or from IEM. It is provided that the management and operations of the Board, as well as its standards and procedures conform to the Engineering Accreditation Manual approved by IEM Council. Members will recall that IEM is adopting the model of Institution of Engineers Singapore.

Proposed Amendment

Under Section 2.2 Furthering and Promoting Objects, insert new provisions at Section 2.2.7 to 2.2.16

	EXISTING		PROPOSED
2.2	Furthering and Promoting Objects:-	2.2	No Change
2.2.1	2.2.1 to 2.2.6 No change	2.2.1	No change
2.2.7	NEW	2.2.7	Council of the Institution shall establish an Engineering Accreditation Board (EAB), which shall, upon request from Higher Educational Institutions, conduct the accreditation of the engineering degree programmes they offer for entry into professional engineering practice, against Accreditation Standards and procedures approved by the Council.
2.2.8		2.2.8	Council shall also set up a three-member Standards Advisory Board for Engineering Accreditation (SABEA), in accordance with the provisions of the Governance Manual, comprising two engineering professionals from the faculties of engineering of the Higher Educational Authorities agreeable to serve the Institution, and one registered professional engineers from among persons who are knowledgeable about Washington Accord Standards and Accreditation procedures.
2.2.9	NEW	2.2.9	The Engineering Accreditation Board shall accredit programmes delivered to an academic standard substantially equivalent to that practised by the signatory members of the Washington Accord, while satisfying the academic requirements of the Council of Registered Professional Engineers as well as admission into Corporate membership grades of the Institution.
2.2.10		2.2.10	Council shall set up Sub Committees of the Council for discharging responsibilities and tasks required in furtherance of its objectives, and approve the composition and method of appointment to the sub-committees, but may include, and not limited to: (i) Membership Committee; (ii) Educational, Professional Standards and Ethics Committee, (iii) Finance Committee; (iv) Publications Committee, (v) Working Groups for such purposes as Council shall approve; (vi) Such Adhoc committees as may be required viz. Disciplinary Committee (D.C), Appeal Committee (against decisions of D.C), Committee of Appeal (against accreditation decisions)

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2.2.11	NEW	2.2.11	Council of IEM shall delegate authority to the President of IEM, in accordance with the Rules that Council may approve, to institute or appoint short-term Working Groups or Consultative Committees which may be tasked with specific tasks or advisory responsibilities, including those relating to accreditation of engineering degree programmes or matters regarding which the President and Council of IEM would desire researched information or advice.
2.2.12	New	2.2.12	Where the president appoints a Consultative Committee on Engineering Accreditation its purpose shall be as provided for in the Governance manual, i.e to constitute a forum which shall be consulted by the President for the appointment of members of the Accreditation Board and the Chair of that Board who shall be chosen from among members of the Institution or other professional engineering institutions or from the Engineering Faculties of the Universities or Council of Registered Professional Engineers knowledgeable about Washington Accord accreditation standards and procedures.
2.2.13	New	2.2.13	The Engineering Accreditation Board (the EAB) shall be administered and managed in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.4: Management of the Engineering Accreditation Board.
2.2.14	New	2.2.14	The Engineering Accreditation Board shall conform its operations to the policies and procedures and guidelines set out in the Engineering Accreditation Governance Manual as approved by the Council. and as may be amended from time to time, and Council shall ensure that the EAB has total autonomy and freedom from external influences in matters relating to the conduct of accreditation and decision process.
2.2.15	New	2.2.15	Members of the SABEA shall be honorary members, and their responsibility will be to exercise supervision on the Standards, Procedures and Operations of the EAB, without interfering with the accreditation system. They will provide advisory services to the IEM President and will report periodically to the Council on the EAB's operation.
2.2.16	New	2.2.16	The SABEA shall advise the president on any amendments that may be required to the Governance structure of the EAB for conformity with Washington Accord requirements or to incorporate issues of relevance to the local environment, as well as to advise on proposals that the EAB may submit to the President.