

## **BS Assessment of Professional Competence Update Notice to all BS Members, Probationers and Students**

The Rules and Guide to the Assessment of Professional Competence for BS probationers have been updated to take effect on 1 March 2019. Where the APC was formerly a training and assessment programme for both professional and technical candidates, the combined R&G were considered confusing and uncertain. The 2019 updates have split up the former R&G into two separate documents with separate sets of APC Forms and ATC Forms. Professional candidates should continue to refer to the R&G to the APC, while technical candidates should refer to the R&G to the ATC. The ATC is indeed the “relevant stages of the Assessment of Professional Competence” referred to in Bye-law 2.4.2, which is now known as the Assessment of Technical Competence for BS candidates.

The two R&G provide similar approach and procedure, but the requirements have been clarified. While the core competences for building surveying practitioners remain practically the same, the levels of expertise required for professional and technical candidates have been separately spelt out.

The R&G to the APC also provide for the progression of AMHKIS to professional membership while the R&G to the ATC also provide for the migration of professional candidates for the technical qualification.

All BS students and probationers should familiarize themselves with the relevant R&G and pursue their APC or ATC with due diligence accordingly. Where log books currently in use may continue to be used, candidates should re-analyze their input as per the updated core competence classifications for submission on new forms.

All BS Counsellors should acquaint themselves with the refined levels of expertise so that they may provide proper and relevant guidance to the candidates. Counsellors are also reminded that they should not endorse any submission or application made on any outdated or invalid forms. The updated Guidance Notes for Counsellors have been prepared separately in respect of APC and ATC candidates.

All BS Assessors should also acquaint themselves with the refined levels of expertise which provide relevant benchmark for the assessment of candidates. The updated Guidance Notes for Assessors have been prepared separately for APC and ATC assessments.

Any inquiries may be directed to the BS Divisional Education Committee.

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