

Improving the One-Stop Center (OSC)

IN realising the government’s aspiration to achieve excellence in Public Delivery System, the Ministry of Housing and Local Government (MHLG) has taken the initiative to revamp and re-engineer procedures and processes implemented via OSC.

To date, the OSC initiative has been in place for almost a year and through out that period, the Ministry has received numerous feedback from implementing agencies and professional bodies which were then identified and observed for further improvement. The OSC initiative has since been extended in its function and responsibility to cover applications for land development, planning permission, building plan, earthwork plan, road and drainage plan as well as other related plans.

Through this re-engineering, the OSC enables applications to be submitted either in stagger or concurrently.

Alternative For Concurrent Application

There are several alternatives available for development proposal applications under the concurrent system:

ALTERNATIVE		DETAILS
Alternative I	Concurrent processing for all 4 applications	applications for land matters, planning permission, building plan, earthwork plan and drainage plan.
Alternative II	Concurrent processing for a combination of 3 applications	(i) application for land matters, planning permission and building plan; or (ii) application for planning permission, building plan and earthwork plan.
Alternative III	Concurrent processing for a combination of 2 applications	(i) application for land matters and planning permission; or (ii) application for planning permission and building plan; or (iii) application for building plan and earthwork plan; or (iv) application for planning permission and earthwork plan.

Processing time frames differ accordingly for the above alternatives. For applications involving all 4 processes (Alternative I), the average processing time is 4 or 6 months depending on project type. For applications processed concurrently under Alternative II and Alternative III, processing time will depend on the time allocated for each process and the date of submission.

Applicants must however take note of the following:

- i. All applications must be submitted to the One-Stop-Center;
- ii. Only complete submission according to the checklist will be processed by local authority;
- iii. A pre-consultation process between the applicants and any technical department/agencies is not mandatory;
- iv. After submission, the onus will be on the applicants to hold consultation with the related departments/agencies for further clarification or amendments on the plans;
- v. All applicants must adhere to the technical conditions and make amendments based on the comments given;
- vi. Processing duration as shown in the flow charts (refer charts) is based on applications which adhere to the technical conditions and have made all the required amendments;
- vii. The One-Stop-Centre Committee Meeting will consider and make decisions on applications for planning permission, building plans, earthwork plans, and the decisions will be informed in the Full Council Meeting.

Applications under the normal, staggered approach can still continue according to the prescribed determined process and procedures. For concurrent process, an applicant shall submit the following applications to the One-Stop-Centre:

- i. Simultaneous application for subdivision and conversion under section 124A NLC or application for surrender and re-alienation under 204D NLC;
- ii. Application for planning permission;
- iii. Application for building plan approval; and
- iv. Application for earthwork plan, road and drainage plan.

The flow charts on page 6 and 7 illustrate the time taken for the procedures and processes to be implemented by the relevant processing departments (The Land Office, Planning Department, Building Department and the Engineering Department of the Local Authority) according to the provision of the relevant legislations. The average processing time taken is 4 months for Build-Then-Sell (BTS) concept, high impact projects, foreign investment and government project, and 6 months for the normal Sell-Then-Build (STB) concept.

The success of the OSC implementation requires commitment and cooperation from all related parties; the Ministries, State Authorities and also agencies involved in the processing of development proposals. In addition, it is timely to establish a mechanism to continuously monitor the effectiveness and efficiency of the system. For this purpose, an Inspectorate and Quality team had been formed at MHLG to undertake monitoring tasks to ensure the smooth implementation of OSC. ■

Regaining Our Competitive Edge

THE competitive pressures of globalisation are certainly being felt more and more keenly as economies square off to entice and draw in much sought after foreign investors. Whilst some countries may have greater competitive edge over others in terms of natural endowments or abundance of resources, it has been proven over and over again that one key factor in attracting and retaining foreign investments is the existence of a transparent, reliable, effective and efficient public delivery system that understands and responds well to the needs of business.

Malaysia has had its fair share of success and challenges in this ongoing battle for global investments. As regional neighbors surge ahead to innovate to capture market share, we are made increasingly aware that we must double our efforts if we are to remain competitive and attractive to investors.

Thus, it was a step in the right direction when the Government placed great priority in its quest to revamp our public service delivery system to raise our competitive edge. The Government undertook several initiatives, amongst which were the establishment of the One-Stop Centers (OSCs) to expedite approvals at local authority level, as well as the formation of PEMUDAH, a public-private sector joint effort aimed at rationalising application and approval processes for licensing, registration of businesses and so on.

The jury is still out on how significantly these measures have improved our competitiveness, but there are promising signs of the initiatives taking root, especially with regards to PEMUDAH's efforts on several fronts. There is definitely a great deal of commitment and seriousness at the higher echelons of government to get our footing back on the competitiveness ladder.

However, the message must filter down and be embraced by all other levels of government. We must remember that even as we are trying to improve, the world is marching on, and our regional and global counterparts and competitors are also racing ahead. Let us not take anything for granted, and do too little too late. ■

Implementation of the e-Application System for Housing Developers

IN an effort to enhance the application process of electrical supply for housing development, TNB, with the support from REHDA has developed and made available an e-Application System for housing developers. The system will facilitate the application, particularly the process of filling up forms besides easing the monitoring status of the application.

The e-Application System has been successfully implemented and:

- I) effective 1 January 2008, developers are encouraged to use the e-Application System;
- II) after 1 June 2008, the use of the e-Application System to apply for electrical supply in housing projects above 150 units becomes mandatory.

Making the e-Application System mandatory will further widen its usage and enables TNB to estimate load requirement 1 – 2 years in advance. This allows TNB to take precautionary measures in meeting supply requirements in the future.

This new system is convenient to developers as it is user friendly and easily accessible via the TNB website at <http://www.tnb.com.my>. ■

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Understanding the New CCC

CCC stands for the Certificate of Completion and Compliance and is a new term introduced by the Street, Drainage and Building (Amendment) Act 2007 (Amendment Act), which came into force on April 12, 2007. The CCC is meant to replace the Certificate of Fitness for Occupation (CFO).

Under the former system, the CFO was issued by the local authority (LA) under the Uniform Building By-Laws of the Street, Drainage and Building Act 1974 (Act 133).

The former system was overly cumbersome, time-consuming and subject to abuse. It was not unusual for inordinate delays to occur due to many factors including: non-compliance by the developer for the submission of Form E and its enclosures to the LA, additional conditions imposed by the LA at the time of application of CFO, the involvement of many technical agencies and the lack of technical officers to process the CFO.

Purchasers of properties encounter numerous problems whenever vacant possession is delivered to them by developers and the purchasers could not occupy or renovate their properties because the CFO was not issued.

New system of CCC

The new CCC, based on self-regulation, is issued by the private sector. The responsibility is transferred from the LAs to professionals (architects, engineers and building draftsman) of the project. It seeks to provide better protection for house buyers, cut red tape or bureaucracy in local government and create a more efficient public delivery system. The CCC applies to new projects while those currently under construction will still be issued with CFOs.



Principal submitting person

The CCC will be issued by a principal submitting person (PSP), which is a radical change indeed. The PSP is a professional architect, engineer or building draftsman who submits building plans to the LA for approval. He must be registered under the relevant law relating to registration thereof, eg; Architects Act 1967 or Registration of Engineers Act 1967 (Revised 1974).

The PSP's responsibilities include submitting building plans for approval by the LA, supervising the erection and completion of the building in conformity with the approved plans and the requirements of the provisions of Acts or by-laws, ensuring all technical conditions imposed by the LA have been duly complied with and ensuring that the building is safe and fit for occupation.

Six essential services for issuance of CCC

There are six essential services for the issuance of CCC:

- Confirmation of electrical supply (TNB)
- Confirmation of water supply (water authorities)
- Confirmation of connection to sewerage treatment plant or mains (JPP)
- Clearance from lifts and machinery department, if applicable (JKKP)
- Clearances for active fire fighting systems except for residential buildings not more than 18m high (Bomba)
- Roads & Drainage

Rectification by LA

The LA may inspect the building site at any time on its own initiative or due to complaints. In the event of failure to comply with the approved plans, the Act or by-laws in the erection and construction of the building, the LA may issue to the PSP:

- (a) a written notice requiring compliance within a period specified in the notice, as the Local Authority thinks fit, in order that the non-compliance be rectified; and
- (b) a directive in writing to withhold the issuance of CCC until such non-compliance has been rectified.

The LA may itself cause any work to be executed or any measure to be taken if it considers such work or measure is necessary to rectify the non-compliance of its directive

and the costs shall be borne by the owner of the building. The costs shall not be subject to any appeal or review in any court.

The LA is also responsible for approving permission of planning application and building plans; pressing charges against the PSP and professionals and reporting to the relevant professional board; inspection of old buildings and continuing to issue CFOs for projects approved before the CCC's date of enforcement.

Offences under the new system

The Amendment Act has introduced the following new offences and penalties:

- Not a PSP but issues a CCC;
- Issues CCC without forms (relevant forms under by-laws);
- Issues CCC despite direction to withhold — in contravention to direction of LA to withhold issuance;
- False/fraudulent declaration: Knowingly makes/produces/causes to be made any false or fraudulent declaration, certificate, application or any form under by-laws knowing it/they have been forged, altered or counterfeited;
- Use knowingly: Uses the above form knowing it/they have been forged, altered or counterfeited;
- Occupation without CCC: Occupies or permits to be occupied any building or part thereof without a CCC (This has a wide-ranging effect as it can cover purchasers, tenants, occupiers, owners, trustees, etc);
- Liable on conviction to a fine not more than RM250,000 or imprisonment not more than 10 years or both; and
- Increased general penalty: The penalty for the offence of not abiding by the orders of the LA is increased and includes imprisonment for term not exceeding three years and a fine of up to RM10,000.

Offences by architects

False and negligent certification of the CCC by an architect is an offence under the Architects (Amendment) Act 2007 and is grounds for disciplinary action. An enhanced penalty may be imposed by the Disciplinary Committee. The fine is increased from RM10,000 to RM50,000 and the period of suspension of registration is increased from one, to two years.

Water Services Industry Act

Introduction

The Water Services Industry Act 2006 (WSIA) which came into force on 1 January 2008 applies only in Peninsular Malaysia and Federal Territory of Labuan. It does not encroach nor affect the general application of existing laws on environmental quality and land matters and existing state powers over the water source.

With the establishment of SPAN and the enforcement of WSIA (Act 655) a focused and uniform approach in regulating the water services industry can now be realised. Following are some highlights of the changes with the enforcement of WSIA on 1 January 2008.

Cancellation and Transitional Provisions

Two major sets of existing legislations are cancelled upon the enactment of WSIA on 1 January 2008.

- 1) The Sewerage Services Act 1993 (Act 508) is repealed in respect of its application to Peninsular Malaysia and the Federal territories of Putrajaya and Labuan.
- 2) The State Water Supply Enactments are repealed in respect of its application in the states of Peninsular Malaysia and/or amended or replaced with new legislations. State Governments will need to make provisions regarding the management of water resources as this will remain to be under their jurisdiction.

Nonetheless, any subsidiary legislations made under the repealed legislation will remain in operation until revoked or replaced by any subsidiary legislation made under the WSIA, and shall be deemed for all purposes to have been made under the WSIA. This would include:

- existing rate and charges for water supply and sewerage services;
- technical and design standards;
- plan approval processes for new development;
- water contribution charges;
- contractors and plumber licenses;
- material approvals and etc.

Subsidiary Legislations Under WSIA

Three main subsidiary legislations have been introduced with the enforcement of the WSIA on 1 January 2008:

- 1) **Water Services Industry (Licensing) Regulations 2007** – prescribes all matters relating to the issuance of individual licenses and registration of class licenses granted under WSIA.
- 2) **Water Services Industry (Permit) Rules 2007** – issues rules on all matters relating to the issuance of permits granted under WSIA; and
- 3) **Water Services Industry (Licensing) (Exemption) Order 2007** – exempts a person from individual or class licensing requirement, by order of the Minister.

Licensing Regulations

Two types of licenses under WSIA are:

- 1) **Individual License** – the owners of a public water supply system or owners of a public sewerage system or those who operate a water supply system or sewerage system for the purpose of providing treated water or sewerage services to the public, application for the license shall be granted by the Minister upon recommendation by SPAN;
- 2) **Class License** – the owner of a private water supply system or private sewerage system or any part of the system or those who operate a private water supply system or a private sewerage system for the purpose of providing treated water or sewerage services to the owner or the occupier of a premise for their private use only, application for the license is made via **registration** and shall be approved by the Minister based on certain pre-determined general criteria.

For each type of the above, there are different categories of licenses to be issued as follows:

- **Facilities License** – for those who own a water supply system or sewerage system and/or any part of the systems; and
- **Services License** – for those who undertake, provide and/or make available any water supply services or sewerage services.

Transition to WSIA for Existing State Water Authorities

All existing state water departments and water boards which are still in the process of being corporatised (Pahang, Negeri Sembilan, Kedah, Perlis, Perak and Labuan) will be authorized under the WSIA to own or provide the services for a period of one year from the appointed date. Registration with SPAN must be made within three months after the appointed date and the final target date set by the Ministry of Energy, Water and Communications for corporatisation of services in these states is 30 June 2008.

Transition to WSIA for Existing Water Concession Agreement Holders

These operators shall only be authorised to operate the services for a period of three months from the appointed date unless a certified true copy of the agreement and supplementary agreement is lodged with SPAN, in which continuation of operation will then be allowed for two years after the appointed date.

Within a period of one year from the appointed date, these operators shall have to indicate whether they intend to apply for a license in substitution of authorisation. They are to commence renegotiation on the agreement with the Federal Government so as to address any national interest issues arising from the coming into operation of WSIA as provided for in Section 191(4) of WSIA. Those who choose not to migrate to a license shall continue to be authorized to operate subject to such condition as SPAN may require until expiry of the concession period. SPAN may however revoke a written authorisation or modify, vary or revoke the conditions of a written authorisation or impose further conditions on a written authorization, should the operator fail to comply with the conditions of the authorisation.

Transition to WSIA for Class License

In order to allow sufficient time for these operators to register for a class license to enable them to operate under the new Regulation, the **Exemption Order** for Class License will be issued by the Minister for a period of six months, i.e. until June 2008.

2006 (Act 655) Enforced

The Federal Government and State Governments who own water supply systems or sewerage systems or provide water supply

or sewerage services will be exempted from being licensed. However, they shall be required to comply with the obligations under

WSIA as if they were an individual licensee or class licensee.

Permits Rules and Certification

A separate permit shall be required by a person who intends to carry out any of the following works and the permit fees charged for new applications and renewals are as shown:

NO	TYPE OF FEES	CATEGORY OF PERMIT				
		IPA TYPE A (REFER TO NOTES) (PLUMBERS)	IPA TYPE B (REFER TO NOTES)	IPA TYPE C (REFER TO NOTES)	IPA TYPE D (REFER TO NOTES)	IPA TYPE E (REFER TO NOTES)
1.	Processing fees for application of permit	RM30	RM30	RM100	RM30	RM30
2.	Grant of permit	A1 RM100 A2 RM200	RM900	C1 RM5,000 C2 RM2,000 C3 RM750 C4 RM200	RM900	RM900
3.	Renewal of permit	A1 RM50/year A2 RM100/year	RM900	C1 RM5,000/year C2 RM2,000/year C3 RM750/year C4 RM200/year	RM900/year	RM900/year
4.	Replacement of permit	RM50	RM50	RM50	RM50	RM50
5.	Certified true copy of permit	RM10	RM10	RM10	RM10	RM10

Notes:

Type A – Construct, connect, modify or repair water pipes/fittings which convey water from public mains.

Type B – To connect private connection pipe to a sewer, or sewage treatment works.

Type C – Construct, install or modify any part of a water/sewerage system.

Type D – Maintenance services for water/sewerage but does not involve the operation of the system.

Type E – Desludging services.

At present, only sewerage contractors are required to obtain a license from Jabatan Perkhidmatan Pembentungan to implement sewerage works while those carrying out construction or maintenance works on the water supply system do not need a separate license apart from the licenses issued by Pusat Khidmat Kontraktor (PKK) and the Construction Industry Development Board (CIDB). With the enforcement of the Water Services Industry

(Permit) Rules on 1 January 2008, all contractors who wish to engage in water supply system works will need to apply for an IPA Type C or an IPA Type D permit, as the case maybe. These contractors are given until 30 June 2008 to apply for the new permits.

All new applications and renewals for permits, EXCEPT Type A Permit (Water Plumbers) shall be applied to SPAN from 1 January 2008. For

such purpose, SPAN will appoint state water operators as Certifying Agencies to carry out registration of permits on behalf on SPAN.

Certifying Agencies

SPAN has registered the respective state water operators (see tables below) and Indah Water Konsortium Sdn Bhd (IWK) as their certifying agencies effective 1 January 2008.

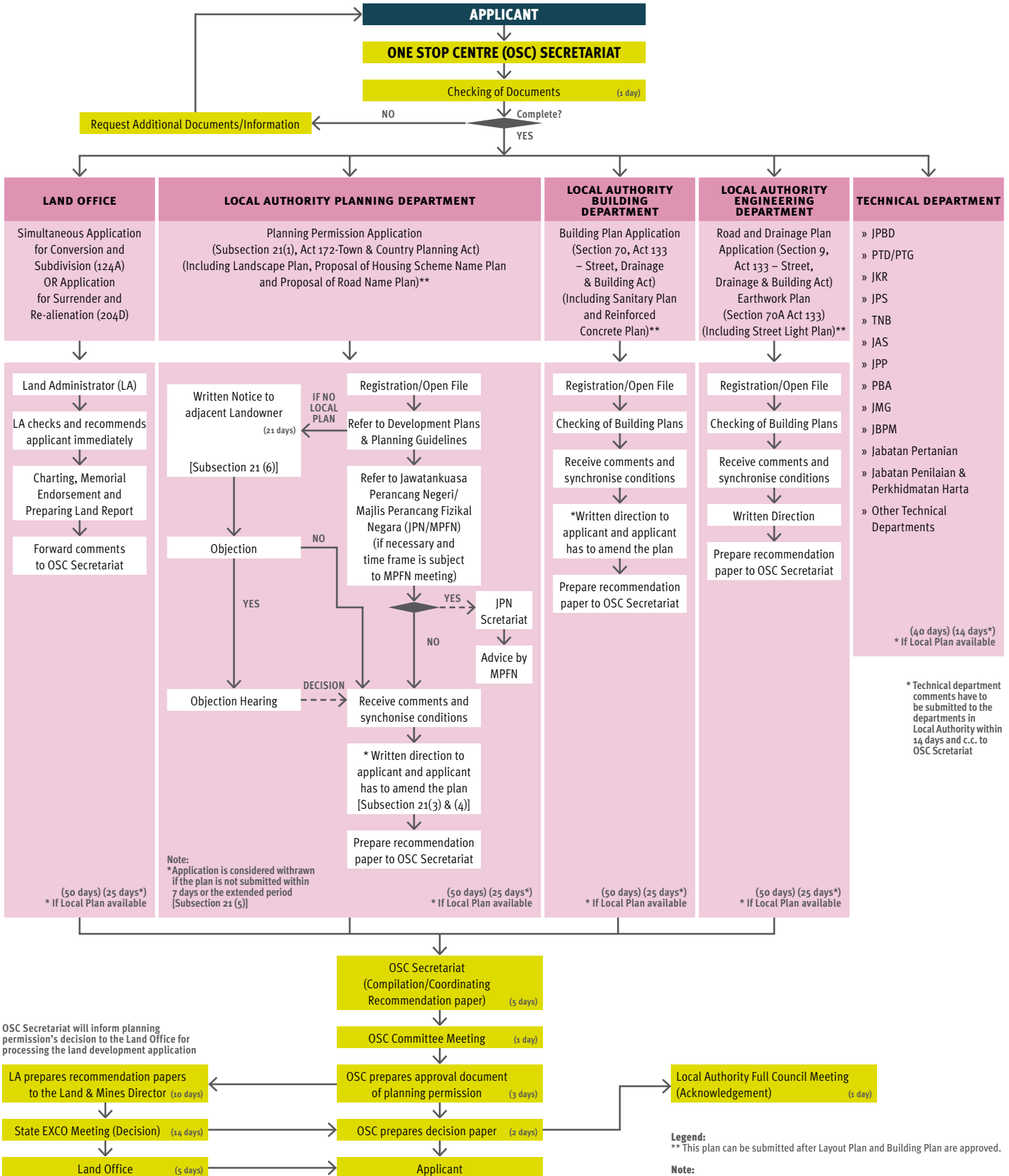
TABLE 1: CERTIFYING AGENCIES FOR WATER SUPPLY SERVICES

NO	STATE	WATER SUPPLY OPERATOR
1.	Selangor, WPKL, Putrajaya	Syarikat Bekalan Air Selangor (SYABAS)
2.	Johor	SAJ Holdings Sdn Bhd
3.	Kelantan	Air Kelantan Sdn Bhd (AKSB)
4.	Pulau Pinang	Perbadanan Bekalan Air Pulau Pinang (PBAPP)
5.	Terengganu	Syarikat Air Terengganu (SATU)
6.	Melaka	Syarikat Air Melaka Bhd (SAMB)
7.	Perak	Lembaga Air Perak (LAP)
8.	Negeri Sembilan	Jabatan Bekalan Air Negeri Sembilan (JBANS)
9.	Pahang	Jabatan Bekalan Air Pahang (JBAP)
10.	Kedah	Jabatan Bekalan Air Kedah (JBAK)
11.	Perlis	Jabatan Kerja Raya Perlis (JKRP)
12.	Wilayah Persekutuan Labuan	Jabatan Bekalan Air Labuan (JBAL)

TABLE 2: CERTIFYING AGENCIES FOR SEWERAGE SERVICES

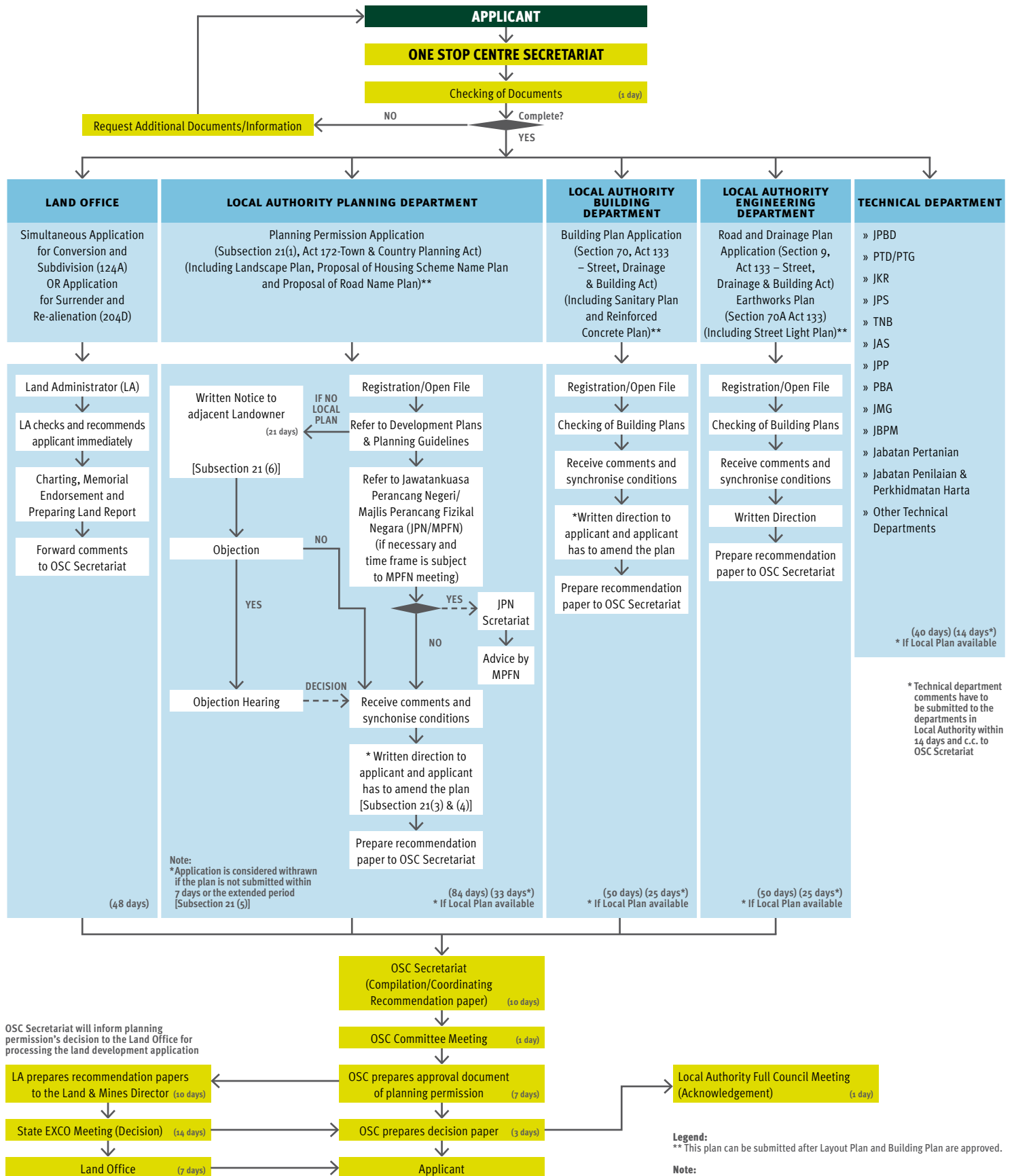
NO	STATE	WATER SUPPLY OPERATOR
1.	Selangor, WPKL, Putrajaya	Indah Water Konsortium Sdn Bhd (IWK)
2.	Johor (including Johor Bahru & Pasir Gudang)	
3.	Wilayah Persekutuan Labuan	
4.	Pulau Pinang	
5.	Terengganu	
6.	Melaka	
7.	Perak	
8.	Negeri Sembilan	
9.	Pahang	
10.	Kedah	
11.	Perlis	
12.	Kelantan	

FLOWCHART OF CONCURRENT APPLICATION FOR PROPOSAL DEVELOPMENT WITHIN 4 MONTHS



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FLOWCHART OF CONCURRENT APPLICATION FOR PROPOSAL DEVELOPMENT WITHIN 6 MONTHS



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Understanding the New CCC

Offences by engineers

The Registration Of Engineers (Amendment) Act 2007 established a disciplinary committee that is empowered to conduct a hearing of any misconduct or complaint made against any registered Engineer referred to it by an Investigating Committee. In the case of false or negligent certification of the CCC, the fine is increased to RM50,000 and the period of suspension is increased to two years.

Offences under the Housing Development (Control and Licensing) Act 1966

In a related matter, section 22F(1) of the 1966 Act provides that any architect or engineer, as the case may be, who issues a progress certification knowing that the works therein referred to have not been completed in accordance with the provisions of the sale and purchase agreement shall be guilty of an offence and shall, on conviction, be liable to

a fine which shall not be less than RM10,000 but which shall not exceed RM100,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding five years or to both.

Sub-section 22F(2) also provides that any person who knowingly and willfully aids, abets, counsels, procures or commands the commission of an offence under subsection 22F(1) shall be liable to the punishment provided for the offence.

Saving provisions

The former system of issuance of CFO continues to apply where:

- work of erection has not commenced within 12 months from date on which plans and specifications of building were approved; if work commenced on or after April 12, 2007 (Commencement Date), (without prejudice to any penalty);
- work of erection commenced immediately before commencement date;

- work suspended immediately before coming into operation of Act and is to resume on or after Commencement Date; and
- erection of building without approval of plans and specifications by the LA under the Act immediately before Commencement Date provided that an application for approval is made to the LA on or after Commencement Date and the application is approved.■

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Water Services Industry Act 2006 (Act 655) Enforced

Business Plan

All individual licensees are required to submit a 30-year Business Plan in addition to a 3-year annual rolling plan to SPAN for approval. The 30-year Business Plan will be reviewed for its viability in the process of granting license while the 3-year plan is a magnification of the 30-year plan which SPAN will regulate and monitor the water operating companies through a series of KPIs based on the plan.

Tariff Review under WSIA

The existing water rates and tariff structures in all states in Peninsular Malaysia and Labuan will remain **status quo** for the time being with the enforcement of WSIA. There will be **no automatic tariff increase** and licensees will have to meet certain KPI's

before their application can be considered by SPAN.

Rates, Charges and Deposits

Consumers and developers will continue to pay at the existing rates, where applicable, as imposed by the state water operators until the new standard rates and charges have been regulated by SPAN.

Integration of Water Supply and Sewerage Services

The joint billing of water supply and sewerage charges will be implemented in phases, commencing with Johor, Pulau Pinang and Labuan. Subsequently, it will be implemented in states where water supply has been corporatised, to be followed by the rest.

The joint billing will only be applied to premises which are connected to public sewerage systems while premises with individual septic tanks are not included, instead, they are required to desludge their individual septic tanks once every two years.

Conclusion

The introduction of a centralised regulatory regime via WSIA will contribute towards improving efficiency and effectiveness in the water services industry. Cooperation and support from the various ministries and agencies, consumers and the public as well as water operators and others who are involved in the construction, maintenance and provision of water supply and sewerage systems are needed to ensure its success.■

MAPEX 2008 Nationwide Schedule

STATE	VENUE	DATE
Klang Valley	Mid Valley Exhibition Centre (MVEC)	7 – 9 March
Kelantan	Dewan Perniagaan Cina Kelantan	26 – 29 March
Melaka	Mahkota Parade	11 – 13 April
Johor	JB City Square	24 – 27 April
Pahang	Berjaya Megamall	24 – 27 April
Negeri Sembilan	Seremban Parade	2 – 4 May
Perak	Stadium Indera Mulia	16 – 18 May
Kedah/Perlis – Alor Star	Star Parade	29 May – 1 June
Kedah/Perlis – Sg Petani	Central Square	5 – 8 June
Klang Valley	Mid Valley Exhibition Centre (MVEC)	13 – 15 June
Penang	Moral Uplifting Society	11 – 13 July
Melaka	Mahkota Parade	25 – 27 July
Klang Valley	Putra World Trade Centre (PWTC)	22 – 24 August
Johor	JB City Square	30 October – 2 November
Klang Valley	Mid Valley Exhibition Centre (MVEC)	7 – 9 November
Melaka	Mahkota Parade	7 – 9 November

Imposition of Processing Fees on License Application

THE amendment to the Housing Development (Control and Licensing) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 which came into force on **1 December 2007** brought into effect the amended Schedules G and H and new schedules I and J (for 10:90 projects). With the amendments to the regulations, the Ministry of Housing and Local Government announced that application forms (Schedule A, B, C, D, E and F of the principal Regulations) have been deleted and are no longer applicable. Developers are required to make application using the online forms accessible via the official website of the Ministry of Housing and Local Government Malaysia at <http://www.kpkt.gov.my/> or the myGovernment portal.

Commencing **1 January 2008**, processing fees are imposed on developer's license application, developer's renewal license application, application permit for advertisement and sale as well as renewal application permit for advertisement and sale. Payments can be made via **Bank Draft** on the name of **Housing Controller**. The charges are as tabulated below:

NO	APPLICATION	FORM	PROCESSING FEE	ACT/REGULATION
1	License application	LR2/2007	RM50.00	Regulation 3 (1A)
2	Permit for advertisement and sale	LR3/2007	RM50.00	Regulation 4 (1A)
3	Renewal license application	LR4/2007	RM50.00	Regulation 5 (1A)
4	Renewal application permit for advertisement and sale	LR5/2007	RM50.00	Regulation 5 (2A)

Notice from SPAN to All Registered Plumbers

IN line with the enforcement of the Water Services Industry Act 2006 (Act 655) on 1 January 2008 in all states of Peninsular Malaysia and Federal Territory of Labuan, Suruhanjaya Perkhidmatan Air Negara (SPAN) announced that no person shall be allowed to carry out any plumbing works without a written permit issued by SPAN.

All registered plumbers are advised to renew their license for the year 2008 before or on 31 December 2007. Licenses renewed after 31 December 2007 will be subjected to the new rates prescribed under the new legislation.

For further information, please contact Suruhanjaya Perkhidmatan Air Negara (SPAN) at 03-8320 3333/4/5 or span@span.gov.my. ■

Selangor Branch

Bumiputera Quota Issue

REHDA Selangor called for a meeting with all branch members on 5 September 2007 pursuant to Pejabat Tanah dan Galian (PTG) Selangor's circular on the imposition of Bumiputera Quota in Land Development and other matters related to Bumiputera Quota. The objective of the meeting was to deliberate on the implications of the policies in the circular and to adopt a stand for the branch.

The meeting was attended by more than 150 members who had unanimously agreed to submit a petition to PTG Selangor. The Petition was subsequently submitted to PTG Selangor and they had responded that they would look into the issues and would refer them to the Selangor State Government for decision. ■



Amongst members who attended the meeting.



Hong Kong delegates posing for a group photo with Selangor Branch Committee Members at REHDA office.

Hong Kong Delegation's Visit to REHDA Selangor

A group of 7 delegates from the Chartered Institute of Housing Asia Pacific Branch (Hong Kong) and the Hong Kong Institute of Housing visited REHDA Selangor on 28 September 2007. The objective of their visit was to study about the housing industry in Malaysia and to discuss and exchange views on issues related to housing particularly on property management. ■

MAPEX Kajang 2007

THE MAPEX Kajang 2007 was held successfully from 2 – 4 November 2007 at Metro Point Complex, Kajang. In conjunction with the exhibition, activities and programmes such as kids colouring contest and lucky draw were also held. ■



Children who took part in the Kids Colouring Contest during MAPEX Kajang 2007.

Melaka Branch

Courtesy Call 11 January 2008

Y BHG Datuk Lim Cheow Seng led a team of REHDA Melaka Committee Members to pay a courtesy visit to YAB Chief Minister of Melaka on 11 January 2008 at Seri Bendahara, Ayer Keroh Melaka.

During the courtesy visit, REHDA Melaka appealed to YAB Datuk Seri to come up with a "Standard Guidelines" for the release of Bumiputera Quota houses and the levy imposed on the released units. REHDA Melaka have also submitted a proposal for the "Standard Guidelines" for YAB Datuk Seri's consideration. YAB Datuk Seri agreed to look into the request. ■

Rehda Melaka Members Get Together Night 2008

REHDA Melaka held its "Members Get Together Night 2008" on 23 January 2008 at the Bayview Hotel Melaka to welcome the New Year and encourage closer interaction amongst all Branch members. The Guest of Honour for the event was YB Datuk Seah Kwi Tong.

The event was well attended by more than 105 participants. It was a memorable event where all members and Branch Committee mingled freely and received attractive goody bags. ■



Some guests who attended the "Members Get Together Night 2008" organised by REHDA Melaka.



January 2008

DATE EVENTS

- 7** SPAN Meeting – *Garis panduan Syabas ke atas Perancangan & Rekabentuk Sistem Bekalan Air*. Attended by Mr Ng Lip Chong, Mr Ricque Liew Yin Chew, Mr Soon Teck Giap, Ms Yee and representatives from Selangor Branch.
- 8** Meeting with Bank Negara Malaysia, Outlook for 2008. Attended by Mr Ng Seing Liong, JP, Dato' Michael Yam Kong Choy and Pn Rusnani Abdul Rahman.
- Golf Organising Committee Meeting. Attended by Mr Vincent Khoo, Mr Anthony Cho, Ms Ng Kuai Heng, Ms Jessie Ting and En Mohd Saiddin.
- Planning Policies & Standards Committee Meeting. Attended by Dato' David Tan Thean Thye, Mr Lawrence Chan, Ms Ng Kuai Heng and Ms Yee Chew Ping.
- 11** Meeting with YB Dato' Seri Ong Ka Ting on the Surveyors' Act. Attended by Mr Ng Seing Liong, JP, Datuk Eddy Chen Lok Loi, Ms Ng Kuai Heng, Pn Rusnani Abdul Rahman and Pn Aslinda Mohd Noor.
- 14** *Seminar Keberkesanan Pelaksanaan Inisiatif Baru Mempertingkatkan Sistem Penyampaian Perkhidmatan Kerajaan Penambahbaikan Urusan Cadangan Pemajuan Serta Penyelenggaraan & Pengurusan Hartanah*. Attended by Mr Leonard Lim, Mr Kelvin Choo, En Mohd Saiddin, Ir Teo Ching Wee and Ms Yee Chew Ping.
- 16** EXCO Meeting
- Meeting on Policy to Reduce Dependency on Foreign Workers. Attended by Mr Ricque Liew and Pn Aslinda Mohd Noor.
- 18** *Mesyuarat Jawatankuasa Pemaju Kebangsaan Projek Malaysia Building Integrated Photovoltaic Technology Application (MBIPV) 1/2008*. Attended by Ir Ng Lip Khong.
- Meeting with Datuk Karunakaran, Director-General of MIDA on Promoting Foreign Investment via Business Malaysia. Attended by Dato' Jeffrey Ng Tiong Lip, Ms Ng Kuai Heng and Pn Rusnani Abdul Rahman.
- NPC – Meeting No. 5 on Registering Property. Attended by Mr Ricque Liew Yin Chew.
- 21** Meeting to Discuss on Import Cement Issue at the Ministry of Domestic Trade & Consumer Affairs. Attended by Mr Tiah Oon Ling and Pn Rusnani Abdul Rahman.

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- 22** Economic Planning Unit – Strategies to Stimulate the REITs Industry. Attended by Dato Jeffrey Ng Tiong Lip.
- Finance & Investment Committee Meeting. Attended by Dato Jeffrey Ng Tiong Lip, Datuk Chan Sau Lai, Mr Ricque Liew Yin Chew, Mr Che King Tow, Ms Ng Kuai Heng and Mr Liew Kek Min.
- 24** NPC – Roundtable Discussion on Registering Property. Attended by Ms Ng Kuai Heng and Ms Yee Chew Ping.
- Kajian Pelan Induk Cerun Negara – Jemputan Bengkel Perancang, Rekabentuk Pembinaan dan Penyelenggaraan Cerun (National Hillside Masterplan)*. Attended by Mr Loo Siew Yuen.
- Meeting on MAPEX. Attended by Mr Teh Boon Ghee, Ms Jessie Ting, Ms Karen and Mr Soon Teck Giap.
- 25** Extraordinary Delegates' Conference at Eastin Hotel.
- REHDA Open House at Eastin Hotel.
- 26** National Council Meeting.
- FIABCI National Council Meeting in Penang. Attended by Mr Chan Foek Onn of Penang Branch.
- 28** *Mesyuarat Perbincangan Teknikal Penambahbaikan System Pengumpulan & Penggunaan Semula Air Hujan*. Attended by Mr Tiah Oon Ling, Ir Ng Lip Khong and Ms Yee Chew Ping.
- SIRIM – Bricks & Blocks TC Meeting. Attended by Mr Tiah Toh Twin.
- JPBD – *Semakan Semula Garis Panduan Kemudahan Masyarakat bagi Penyediaan Piawaian Perancangan Balai Polis dan Pondok Polis bil 2/2008*. Attended by Mr Cheah Wing Choong.
- 29** Meeting with Nomura Research Institute (NRI). Attended by Pn Rusnani Abdul Rahman, Ms Ong Hui Tse and Pn Aslinda Mohd Noor.
- 31** Luncheon meeting with C & CA on Cement Price. Attended by Mr Ng Seing Liong, JP, Mr Ricque Liew and Pn Aslinda Mohd Noor.

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