

Version 2.0 EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

This statement has been prepared to assist the reader to identify amendments to the Guideline. It is not meant to be, a comprehensive description of the Guideline.

Background

The Surveyors Practice Directions 2023 (The Directions) regulates the practice of land surveying and provides for the issuing of instructions to surveyors.

To do so, The Directions uses numerous Guidelines. Directions 13 and 14 prescribe the requirements for supervision, by Registered Surveyors, of persons performing surveys. Direction 14 (f) states ‘Supervision must be undertaken in accordance with Guideline No. 13 – Supervision by Registered Surveyors’.

Consultation

There has been consultation on this Guideline both within the Office of the Surveyor-General and Land Information (OSGLI) and externally with the Survey Practice Advisory Committee.

The Amendments

The changes made to Guideline No. 13 include general updates to grammar and wording, and the amendment of the term Qualified Surveyor to Associate Surveyor throughout the document.

Section	Amendment
1.0	‘Definitions’ updated with definitions consistent with other Surveyor-General Guidelines.
2.0	‘Introduction’ includes minor updates.
3.0	‘Categories of a Supervised Surveyor’ explains the background for the changing of the terminology of Qualified Surveyor to Associate Surveyor.
4.0	‘Immediate Supervision’ amended to remove the reference to Qualified Surveyors in Table 1.
7.0	‘Nature of supervision’ amended to remove the notification requirements for Associate Surveyors as they are provided for in Guideline No. 12 – Associate Surveyors.
8.0	Co-signing of Documentation and Plans amended the provision that Associate Surveyors ‘may’, instead of ‘should’ add their name and signature to fieldnotes and plans.
9.2	‘Exemption Criteria from Site Attendance’. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Table 4 now only lists the criteria for when a self-assessed exemption would apply and includes a new criterion that the Associate Surveyor must have sufficient cadastral experience as assessed by the supervising surveyor, and b. Table 4 shows a short-term duration period which has been amended from, less than 4 hrs to less than 1 day. c. Table 5 has been added which prescribes the criteria for when a supervising surveyor will need to apply for an exemption from site attendance.