

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

MINUTES

No. 28

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 5 June 2002 at 2:30 pm

Members present:

President

The Hon Mrs Rita FAN HSU Lai-tai, GBS, JP

The Hon Kenneth TING Woo-shou, JP

The Hon James TIEN Pei-chun, GBS, JP

Dr the Hon David CHU Yu-lin, JP

The Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan

The Hon Albert HO Chun-yan

Ir Dr the Hon Raymond HO Chung-tai, JP

The Hon LEE Cheuk-yan

The Hon Martin LEE Chu-ming, SC, JP

The Hon Fred LI Wah-ming, JP

Dr the Hon LUI Ming-wah, JP

The Hon NG Leung-sing, JP

The Hon Margaret NG

The Hon Mrs Selina CHOW LIANG Shuk-yee, JP

The Hon James TO Kun-sun

The Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong

The Hon HUI Cheung-ching, JP

The Hon CHAN Kwok-keung
The Hon CHAN Yuen-han, JP
The Hon Bernard CHAN
The Hon Mrs Sophie LEUNG LAU Yau-fun, SBS, JP
The Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung
The Hon SIN Chung-kai
The Hon Andrew WONG Wang-fat, JP
Dr the Hon Philip WONG Yu-hong
The Hon WONG Yung-kan
The Hon Jasper TSANG Yok-sing, JP
The Hon Howard YOUNG, JP
Dr the Hon YEUNG Sum
The Hon YEUNG Yiu-chung, BBS
The Hon LAU Chin-shek, JP
The Hon LAU Kong-wah
The Hon LAU Wong-fat, GBS, JP
The Hon Miriam LAU Kin-yee, JP
The Hon Ambrose LAU Hon-chuen, GBS, JP
The Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing, JP
The Hon CHOY So-yuk
The Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo
The Hon SZETO Wah
The Hon Timothy FOK Tsun-ting, SBS, JP
The Hon LAW Chi-kwong, JP
The Hon TAM Yiu-chung, GBS, JP
Dr the Hon TANG Siu-tong, JP
The Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, JP

The Hon LI Fung-ying, JP

The Hon Henry WU King-cheong, BBS

The Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, JP

The Hon Michael MAK Kwok-fung

The Hon LEUNG Fu-wah, MH, JP

Dr the Hon LO Wing-lok

The Hon WONG Sing-chi

The Hon Frederick FUNG Kin-kee

The Hon IP Kwok-him, JP

The Hon LAU Ping-cheung

The Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee, SC, JP

The Hon MA Fung-kwok

Members absent:

The Hon Eric LI Ka-cheung, JP

Dr the Hon David LI Kwok-po, GBS, JP

The Hon CHAN Kam-lam

The Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip

Public officers attending:

The Honourable Donald TSANG Yam-kuen, JP
The Chief Secretary for Administration

Mr Stephen IP Shu-kwan, GBS, JP
The Financial Secretary

Mr I G M WINGFIELD, JP
The Secretary for Justice

Mr Joseph WONG Wing-ping, GBS, JP
Secretary for the Civil Service

Mrs Lily YAM KWAN Pui-ying, JP
Secretary for the Environment and Food

Mrs Regina IP LAU Suk-yee, JP
Secretary for Security

Mrs Fanny LAW FAN Chiu-fun, JP
Secretary for Education and Manpower

Ms Elaine CHUNG Lai-kwok, JP
Secretary for Housing

Mr Patrick NIP Tak-kuen
Secretary for Health and Welfare

Clerks in attendance:

Mr Ricky FUNG Choi-cheung, JP, Secretary General

Mr LAW Kam-sang, JP, Deputy Secretary General

Mr Ray CHAN Yum-mou, Assistant Secretary General (3)

Tabling of Papers

The following papers were laid on the table pursuant to Rule 21(2) of the Rules of Procedure:

<u>Subsidiary Legislation / Instruments</u>	<u>L.N. No.</u>
1. Merchant Shipping (Limitation of Shipowners Liability) (Rate of Interest) Order (gazetted on 31.5.2002)	86/2002
2. Financial Resources (Amendment) Rules 2002 (gazetted on 31.5.2002)	87/2002
3. Tax Reserve Certificates (Rate of Interest) (No. 6) Notice 2002 (gazetted on 31.5.2002)	88/2002

Other Papers

Report of the Bills Committee on Boilers and Pressure Vessels (Amendment) Bill 2001 (published on 29.5.2002)

Questions

1. Hon Frederick FUNG asked Question 1.

The Secretary for Housing replied.

Six Members asked supplementaries and the Secretary for Housing replied.

2. Hon Emily LAU asked Question 2.

The Secretary for Security replied.

Four Members asked supplementaries and the Secretary for Security replied.

3. Hon Michael MAK asked Question 3.

The Secretary for the Environment and Food replied.

Four Members asked supplementaries and the Secretary for the Environment and Food replied.

4. Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung asked Question 4.

The Secretary for Health and Welfare replied.

Five Members asked supplementaries and the Secretary for Health and Welfare replied.

5. Hon LAU Kong-wah asked Question 5.

The Secretary for the Civil Service replied.

Six Members asked supplementaries and the Secretary for the Civil Service replied.

Written replies to Questions 6 to 19 were tabled for Members' information.

Bills

First Reading

Public Officers Pay Adjustment Bill

The Bill was read the first time and ordered to be set down for Second Reading pursuant to Rule 53(3) of the Rules of Procedure.

Second Reading

Public Officers Pay Adjustment Bill

The Secretary for the Civil Service moved the Second Reading and addressed the Council.

Question on the Second Reading proposed. The President stated that in accordance with Rule 54(4) of the Rules of Procedure, the debate was adjourned and the Bill was referred to the House Committee.

Adaptation of Laws (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2002

Resumption of Second Reading debate

The debate on the Second Reading which had been moved on 15 May 2002 resumed.

Question on the Second Reading put and agreed to.

Bill read the second time and committed to a Committee of the whole Council.

Committee Stage

The Council went into Committee and considered the **Adaptation of Laws (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2002**.

Question that clauses 1, 2 and 3 stand part of the Bill proposed, put and agreed to.

Question that schedules 1 to 14 stand part of the Bill proposed, put and agreed to.

The Council then resumed.

Third Reading

The Secretary for Justice reported that

the **Adaptation of Laws (Miscellaneous Provisions)
Bill 2002**

had passed through the Committee without amendment. He moved that the Bill be read the third time and do pass.

Question on the Third Reading proposed, put and agreed to.

Bill read the third time and passed.

Boilers and Pressure Vessels (Amendment) Bill 2001

Resumption of Second Reading debate

The debate on the Second Reading which had been moved on 9 May 2001 resumed.

Hon Cyd HO, Chairman of the Bills Committee on Boilers and Pressure Vessels (Amendment) Bill 2001, addressed the Council on the Report of the Bills Committee on the Bill. After the address, she spoke on the Bill in her personal capacity as a Member.

The Secretary for Education and Manpower replied.

Question on the Second Reading put and agreed to.

Bill read the second time and committed to a Committee of the whole Council.

Committee Stage

The Council went into Committee and considered the **Boilers and Pressure Vessels (Amendment) Bill 2001**.

Question that clauses 1 and 3 to 6 stand part of the Bill proposed, put and agreed to.

Question that clauses 2 and 7 stand part of the Bill proposed.

The Secretary for Education and Manpower moved amendments to the aforesaid clauses and addressed the Committee.

Question on the amendments put and agreed to.

Question that clauses 2 and 7, as amended, stand part of the Bill proposed, put and agreed to.

New clause 2A read the first time.

The Secretary for Education and Manpower moved the Second Reading of new clause 2A and addressed the Committee.

Question on the Second Reading of new clause 2A proposed, put and agreed to.

New clause 2A read the second time.

The Secretary for Education and Manpower moved the addition of new clause 2A to the Bill.

Question on the addition proposed, put and agreed to.

The Council then resumed.

Third Reading

The Secretary for Education and Manpower reported that

the **Boilers and Pressure Vessels (Amendment) Bill
2001**

had passed through the Committee with amendments. She moved that the Bill be read the third time and do pass.

Question on the Third Reading proposed, put and agreed to.

Bill read the third time and passed.

Motions

Proposed resolution under the Factories and Industrial Undertakings Ordinance and the Interpretation and General Clauses Ordinance

The Secretary for Education and Manpower moved the motion in the Appendix and addressed the Council.

Question on the motion proposed, put and agreed to.

Members' Motions

Solving the problem of "prolonged immigration and customs clearance"

Hon TSANG Yok-sing moved the following motion and addressed the Council:

That, due to the rapid growth in economic and trade activities and in the flow of travellers between Hong Kong and the Mainland, particularly the recent surge of visitors from the Mainland, the border control points and various ancillary facilities in Hong Kong are under great pressure and travellers are waiting much longer for immigration and customs clearance, thereby hindering cross-border exchanges and affecting Hong Kong's reputation; in this regard, this Council urges the Government to:

- (a) enhance the capacity of the border control points for immigration and customs clearance, streamline the clearance formalities and promote vigorously the co-location of immigration and clearance facilities;
- (b) deploy additional manpower and improve the facilities at the border control points;
- (c) open up part of the Frontier Closed Area and perfect the road network leading directly to the border control points; and
- (d) actively discuss with the Mainland authorities and explore the choice of sites for the designation of more border control points in order to cater for the future rapid increase in exchanges between Hong Kong and Guangdong Province.

Question on Hon TSANG Yok-sing's motion proposed.

The President stated that Hon Miriam LAU would move an amendment to the motion. In accordance with the Rules of Procedure, the motion and the amendment would be debated together in a joint debate.

Hon Miriam LAU moved the following amendment to Hon TSANG Yok-sing's motion and addressed the Council:

To delete "and" after "(c) open up part of the Frontier Closed Area and perfect the road network leading directly to the border control points;" and to add "; and (e) actively discuss with the Mainland authorities the launch of a through-train service between Hong Kong and Shenzhen" after "(d) actively

discuss with the Mainland authorities and explore the choice of sites for the designation of more border control points in order to cater for the future rapid increase in exchanges between Hong Kong and Guangdong Province".

Question on Hon Miriam LAU's amendment to Hon TSANG Yok-sing's motion proposed.

18 Members spoke on the motion and the amendment.

Hon TSANG Yok-sing spoke on the amendment.

The Secretary for Security spoke on the motion and the amendment.

Question on Hon Miriam LAU's amendment to Hon TSANG Yok-sing's motion put and agreed to.

Hon TSANG Yok-sing replied.

Question on Hon TSANG Yok-sing's motion as amended by Hon Miriam LAU put and agreed to.

Life education

Hon WONG Sing-chi moved the following motion and addressed the Council:

That, as youth problems, such as suicide, drug abuse and use of violence, have become serious, this Council urges the Government to adopt measures to promote life education in the face of this phenomenon, including developing comprehensive multi-media course materials, training teachers and providing other ancillary facilities, so that, through the primary and secondary schools curricula and activities, young persons will be systematically imparted the relevant knowledge and skills in handling problems and can develop a positive outlook on life, thereby strengthening their abilities to face up to adversity.

While Hon WONG Sing-chi was addressing the Council, the President left the chair at 7:24 pm temporarily and the President's Deputy, Hon Fred LI, took the chair.

Question on Hon WONG Sing-chi's motion proposed.

The President's Deputy stated that Hon YEUNG Yiu-chung would move an amendment to the motion. In accordance with the Rules of Procedure, the motion and the amendment would be debated together in a joint debate.

Hon YEUNG Yiu-chung moved the following amendment to Hon WONG Sing-chi's motion and addressed the Council:

To add "parent education, publicity programmes and enhanced support and counselling services, the respective roles of schools, the family and the community will be strengthened, and" after "through the primary and secondary schools curricula and activities,".

Question on Hon YEUNG Yiu-chung's amendment to Hon WONG Sing-chi's motion proposed.

11 Members spoke on the motion and the amendment.

Hon WONG Sing-chi spoke on the amendment.

At 8:50 pm, while Hon WONG Sing-chi was speaking, the President resumed the chair.

The Secretary for Education and Manpower spoke on the motion and the amendment.

Question on Hon YEUNG Yiu-chung's amendment to Hon WONG Sing-chi's motion put and agreed to.

Hon WONG Sing-chi replied.

Question on Hon WONG Sing-chi's motion as amended by Hon YEUNG Yiu-chung put and agreed to.

Next Meeting

The President declared that the next meeting of the Council would be held on 12 June 2002 at 2:30 pm.

The Council was adjourned at 9:16 pm.

(Mrs Rita FAN HSU Lai-tai)
President

Council Chamber
Hong Kong

FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS ORDINANCE
AND
INTERPRETATION AND GENERAL CLAUSES ORDINANCE

RESOLUTION

(Under section 7 of the Factories and Industrial Undertakings Ordinance (Cap. 59) and section 35 of the Interpretation and General Clauses Ordinance (Cap. 1))

Factories and Industrial Undertakings (Safety Officers and Safety Supervisors)(Amendment) Regulation 2001

RESOLVED that the Factories and Industrial Undertakings (Safety Officers and Safety Supervisors)(Amendment) Regulation 2001, made by the Commissioner for Labour on 21 June 2001, be approved, subject to the following amendments -

- (a) in section 1(2), by adding "11," after "Sections";
- (b) in section 2(a), by adding "開始" before "適用";
- (c) in section 3, in the proposed regulation 7(1)(b) -
 - (i) by adding "為安全主任" after "註冊";
 - (ii) by adding "開始" after "規例";
- (d) in section 4, in the proposed regulation 7B(8), by deleting "關;" and substituting "關、";

- (e) in section 14, in the proposed Schedule 3, in paragraph 1D, by deleting "該" and substituting "上述";
- (f) in section 16, in the proposed item 6(d), by adding "某人" after "將".

**FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS (SAFETY OFFICERS AND
SAFETY SUPERVISORS)(AMENDMENT) REGULATION 2001**

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**FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS (SAFETY OFFICERS AND
SAFETY SUPERVISORS)(AMENDMENT) REGULATION 2001**

(Made under section 7 of the Factories and Industrial
Undertakings Ordinance (Cap. 59) subject to the
approval of the Legislative Council)

1. Commencement

(1) Subject to subsection (2), this Regulation shall come into operation on the day on which this Regulation is published in the Gazette.

(2) Sections 12 and 15 shall come into operation on a day to be appointed by the Commissioner for Labour by notice published in the Gazette.

**2. Qualifications for registration
as safety officer**

Regulation 5(3) of the Factories and Industrial Undertakings (Safety Officers and Safety Supervisors) Regulations (Cap. 59 sub. leg.) is amended -

- (a) in sub-paragraph (a), by repealing everything after "before" and substituting "these regulations become applicable to a class of industrial undertaking, he was employed as a full time safety officer in that class of industrial undertaking; and";
- (b) by repealing "an industrial undertaking" where it last appears and substituting "that class of industrial undertaking".

3. Application for and registration as safety officer

Regulation 7(1) is amended by repealing "in the approved form." and substituting -

"to the Commissioner for Labour -

(a) in the approved form; and

(b) in the case where the applicant is a person qualified to be registered as a safety officer under regulation 5(3), within 12 months after these regulations become applicable to the class of industrial undertaking concerned."

4. Regulations added

The following are added -

"7A. Validity period of registration

(1) Subject to paragraph (2) and regulations 9 and 10, the registration of a person as a safety officer under regulation 7(2), shall be valid for a period of 4 years from the date he is registered but may be renewed or revalidated under regulation 7B.

(2) Any person who, immediately before the commencement of section 4 of the Factories and Industrial Undertakings (Safety Officers and Safety Supervisors) (Amendment) Regulation 2001 (L.N. of 2001) being a person registered as a safety officer under regulation 7(2) shall be deemed, for the purposes of renewal or revalidation under regulation 7B, to be registered on that commencement.

(3) Subject to regulation 7B(2), the registration of a person as a safety officer under regulation 7(2) not renewed under regulation 7B shall cease to have effect on its expiration.

**7B. Renewal and revalidation
of registration**

(1) A registered safety officer who wishes to renew his registration as a safety officer under regulation 7(2) shall submit to the Commissioner for Labour an application for renewal in the approved form prior to but not earlier than 9 months before the expiration of his registration.

(2) Any registration in respect of which an application for renewal is made under this regulation and which expires prior to the determination of such application shall, unless the application is withdrawn or the registration is cancelled under regulation 9 or suspended under regulation 10, remain valid pending the determination by the Commissioner for Labour of that application.

(3) A renewal of registration under this regulation shall have effect from the day following the day on which the registration would have expired but for paragraph (2), for a period of 4 years.

(4) A person whose registration under regulation 7(2) has expired and ceased to have effect and who wishes to revalidate that registration shall not make a new application for registration under regulation 7 but shall submit to the

Commissioner for Labour an application for the revalidation of his expired registration in the approved form.

(5) Where the Commissioner for Labour approves the revalidation of an expired registration, the registration shall become revalidated for a period of 4 years from the date of approval.

(6) Subject to paragraph (7), the Commissioner for Labour may, in his discretion, renew or revalidate the registration of a person as a safety officer under regulation 7(2), as the case may be, and may impose such conditions in relation to that renewal or that revalidation as he thinks fit.

(7) The Commissioner for Labour shall not approve an application for renewal or revalidation unless he is satisfied that the applicant has completed a total of not less than 100 hours of Continuing Professional Development Programme in occupational safety and health in the 4 years immediately preceding the application.

(8) For the purposes of paragraph (7), "Continuing Professional Development Programme" (專業進修計劃) means a course, lecture, seminar or other programme or method of study (whether requiring attendance or not) that, in the opinion of the Commissioner for Labour, is relevant to the needs and professional standards of registered safety officers, enhances professional competence and complies with any notes of guidance in that behalf as may be issued from

time to time by the Commissioner for Labour.

(9) This regulation does not apply to a person whose registration as a safety officer under regulation 7(2) has been cancelled under regulation 9."

5. Commissioner to serve notice of decision on applicant

Regulation 8 is amended -

- (a) in paragraph (1), by adding "or renews or revalidates or refuses to renew or revalidate that registration under regulation 7B," after "regulation 7,";
- (b) in paragraph (2), by adding ", or refuses to renew or revalidate the registration of a person," after "officer".

6. Cancellation of registration

Regulation 9 is amended -

- (a) by adding "or such that registration as renewed or revalidated under regulation 7B" after "7(2)";
- (b) in paragraph (a), by adding ", renewal or revalidation" after "registration".

7. Suspension of registration

Regulation 10(1) is amended by adding "or whose registration is renewed or revalidated under regulation 7B," after "7,".

8. Appeals

Regulation 12(1) is amended by adding -

"(aa) whose registration as a safety officer the Commissioner for Labour refuses to renew or revalidate under regulation 7B;".

9. Employment of safety officer

Regulation 14(2) is amended -

(a) in sub-paragraph (a), by repealing everything after "person is" and substituting -

"for the time being -

(i) registered under regulation 7; and

(ii) not suspended from registration under regulation 10; and ";

(b) in sub-paragraph (b), by repealing "regulation 15," and substituting "regulation 15".

10. Duties of safety officer

Regulation 15(1) is amended -

(a) in sub-paragraph (i), by repealing "and" at the end;

(b) in sub-paragraph (j), by repealing the full stop and substituting "; and";

(c) by adding -

"(k) advising the proprietor on the implementation of a safety management system in the industrial undertaking,

including the duties listed below -

- (i) to assist in establishing, revising and reviewing a safety and health policy of the industrial undertaking;
- (ii) to assist in organizing a safety and health training programme;
- (iii) to assist in devising in-house safety rules and regulations;
- (iv) to assist in implementing safety and health plans, programmes, arrangements and measures;
- (v) to assist in establishing a safety committee and implementing its recommendations;
- (vi) to assist in job hazard analysis, evaluation of potential hazards and the identification of hazardous conditions and hazardous exposure; and
- (vii) to assist in conducting safety promotion, health assurance and personal protection programmes."

11. Display of notice

Regulation 19A is amended -

- (a) in paragraph (1) -
 - (i) in sub-paragraph (a), by repealing "or (e)" and substituting ", (e) or (g)";
 - (ii) in sub-paragraph (b), by repealing "or (f)" and substituting ", (f) or (h)";
- (b) in paragraph (2) -
 - (i) in sub-paragraph (a), by repealing "or (e)" and substituting ", (e) or (g)";
 - (ii) in sub-paragraph (b), by repealing "or (f)" and substituting ", (f) or (h)".

12. Industrial undertakings to which regulations apply

The First Schedule is amended by adding at the end "Container handling".

13. Qualifications for registration as safety officer

The Second Schedule is amended -

- (a) within the square brackets, by repealing "(1)" and substituting "& Third Sch.";
- (b) by repealing -

"A, B or C	Construction sites
A or B	Shipyards"

and substituting -

"A, B, C or D	Construction sites
A, B or C	Industrial undertakings

to which these
regulations apply except
construction sites".

14. Third Schedule substituted

The Third Schedule is repealed and the following
substituted -

"THIRD SCHEDULE

[reg. 5(2)]

SCHEDULED QUALIFICATIONS

1. For the purposes of regulation 5 and the Second Schedule,
the qualifications for registration as a safety officer are
as follows -

- A. A recognized degree or post-graduate diploma in occupational safety and health, or equivalent, and relevant experience of not less than 1 year.
- B. A degree in Science or Engineering, or equivalent, and a recognized certificate, diploma or higher diploma in occupational safety and health, and relevant experience of not less than 1 year.
- C. A recognized certificate, diploma or higher diploma in occupational safety and health, and relevant experience of not less than 2 years, of which one year must be obtained after the academic qualification.
- D. A recognized certificate in construction safety and

relevant experience of not less than 2 years, of which one year must be obtained after the academic qualification.

2. In paragraph 1 -

"relevant" (有關) means such experience as may from time to time be recognized as being relevant to the duties of a safety officer under these regulations.

3. In paragraphs 1 and 2 -

"recognized" (獲承認) means recognized for the purposes of these regulations by the Commissioner for Labour."

15. Fourth Schedule amended

The Fourth Schedule is amended -

(a) in paragraph 1, by adding -

"(g) A proprietor of	One safety officer
one container	where the total number
handling	of persons employed by
workplace.	him therein is 100 or
	more.

(h) A proprietor of	One safety officer
more than one	where the total
container	aggregate number of

handling persons employed by him
workplace. in such container
handling workplaces is
100 or more.";

(b) in paragraph 2, by adding -

"(g) A proprietor of One safety supervisor
one container where the total number
handling of persons employed by
workplace. him therein is 20 or
more.

(h) A proprietor of One safety supervisor
more than one in each container
container handling workplace in
handling which the number of
workplace. persons employed by him
is 20 or more.".

Consequential Amendments

Administrative Appeals Board Ordinance

16. Schedule amended

Item 6 of the Schedule to the Administrative Appeals Board Ordinance (Cap. 442) is amended, in column 3, by adding -

"(d) A refusal by the Commissioner for Labour to renew or

revalidate a person's registration as a safety officer under regulation 7B.".

Commissioner for Labour

21 June 2001

Explanatory Note

The purposes of this Regulation are -

- (a) to limit the period for making an application for registration as a safety officer by a person qualified to be so registered under regulation 5(3) to 12 months from the date the Factories and Industrial Undertakings (Safety Officers and Safety Supervisors) Regulations (Cap. 59 sub. leg.) ("the Regulations") first becomes applicable to the industrial undertaking concerned (sections 2 and 3);
- (b) to provide that a registration of a safety officer shall be valid for a period of 4 years subject to renewal or revalidation (section 4);
- (c) to provide that a registration of a safety officer may only be renewed or revalidated if the

Commissioner for Labour ("the Commissioner") is satisfied that the applicant has completed the Continuing Professional Development Programme so as to enhance the professionalism of safety officers (section 4);

- (d) to provide that an appeal may be lodged to the Administrative Appeals Board against the Commissioner's decision on a refusal to renew or revalidate a registration as a safety officer (section 8);
- (e) to impose additional duties on a safety officer to implement safety management systems of industrial undertakings (section 10);
- (f) to expand the scope of application of the Regulations to include the container handling industry (sections 12 and 15);
- (g) to revise the list of qualifications for registration as a safety officer to enable the Commissioner to determine recognized qualifications based on relevance of the degrees or courses (section 14); and
- (h) to make consequential amendments to the Administrative Appeals Board Ordinance (Cap. 442) (section 16).