

## **Construction Workers Registration Bill**

### **Special report on issues to be reverted to the Bills Committee**

Further to the discussion with some Members of the Bills Committee and representatives of the relevant trade associations on 19 May 2004, the Administration would like to revert to the Bills Committee on the following outstanding issues:

#### **1. Qualifying period for senior workers and their transitional registration arrangement**

In consideration of the views expressed by Members and the relevant trade unions to adopt a qualifying period of 6 years for senior workers to obtain registration as registered skilled workers (transitional) and the result of the above discussion, the following revised one-off transitional registration arrangement is now proposed for Members' consideration:

- (a) If the Registrar satisfies that a person has **not less than 6 years** relevant experience in a designated trade, he shall register the person as a registered skilled worker (transitional) for the trade.
- (b) A registered skilled worker (transitional) may choose to attend a specified training course, which duration and content may be trade specific. The worker shall pay a prescribed fee for the course. He shall successfully complete the course including the course end assessment which form part of the course, and meet the requisite attendance rate to obtain registration as a registered skilled worker for the trade. Alternatively, he may choose to pass a trade test to obtain registration as a registered skilled worker for the trade.
- (c) If the person fails to complete the course or pass a trade test within 3 years from the date of the registration mentioned in paragraph (a), his registration as a registered skilled worker (transitional) will expire after the lapse of this period.

**2. Arrangements for handling application for re-registration from a person who obtained the first registration through the transitional registration arrangement by completion of a training course**

A person who successfully completes the training course depicted in paragraph 1 will receive a certificate of completion. He can obtain his registration as a registered skilled worker based on the qualification. If he fails to renew his registration as required, he could still rely on such qualification to apply for re-registration.

**3. Expiry of registration as registered skilled worker (transitional)**

The validity of the registration as a registered skilled worker (transitional) would be changed to 3 years to allow time for the worker to complete the specified training course or to sit for the trade tests.

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