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To: All Registered Lift Contractors /Registered Escalator Contractors

Dear Sirs,

Circular No. 3/2018

Phasing Out the Transitional Arrangements for the Registrations as Registered Lift/Escalator Engineer and Registered Lift/Escalator Worker

In order to gradually strengthen the registration of engineers and workers so as to enhance the safety of lifts and escalator, the following transitional arrangements would be phased out as per the gazette¹ published on 2 February 2018 -

1. Registration as Registered Lift/Escalator Engineer ("RE") using the qualification of having higher diploma or higher certificate plus five years relevant working experience, which will be phased out with effect from 1 May 2018.
2. Registration as Registered Lift/Escalator Worker ("RW") with proof of qualification from registered lift / escalator contractors on the sufficiency of applicant's relevant experience and training, which will be phased out with effect from 1 May 2018.
3. The arrangement on granting the registration of RW for one or more, but not all kinds of works, which will be phased out with effect from 1 May 2023. Thereafter, applicants shall have sufficient experience and knowledge in all three existing classes of registration, i.e. "Installation / Demolition", "Maintenance" and "Examination" for applying "All Classes" registration.

This Circular serves to remind all Registered Lift/Escalator Contractors that applications for registration as RE and RW through the abovementioned transitional arrangements should be made as soon as possible, preferably by submitting the applications to this office on or before 31 March 2018 to avoid rush or delay and to allow adequate time for processing. All applications for registration as RE and RW submitted on or after 1 May 2018 will be processed based on the registration requirements in Annex A and B respectively. Grateful if

¹ <https://www.gld.gov.hk/egazette/pdf/20182205/es22018220521.pdf>

you would also inform the affected staff and post this circular on your company's notice board.

If you have any enquiry on this Circular, please contact Mr. Wallace CHUI of this department at telephone no. 2808 3237.

Yours faithfully,



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for Director of Electrical and Mechanical Services

c.c. The Lift and Escalator Contractors Association
The Registered Elevator and Escalator Contractors Association Limited
The Hong Kong General Union of Lift and Escalator Employees
International Association of Elevator Engineers (HK-China Branch)

Annex A – Requirements for registration as Registered Lift / Escalator Engineer (“RE”)

(With effect from 1 May 2018)

An individual is eligible for applications for registration as RE if he/she has the qualifications and experience specified in any of the following routes:-

ROUTE 1	is a registered professional engineer (RPE) in mechanical engineering, marine and naval architecture engineering, electrical engineering, electronics engineering, building services engineering, or control, automation and instrumentation engineering; and
	has at least 2 years’ relevant working experience and has the necessary practical experience in lift works or escalator works
ROUTE 2	has a bachelor degree in mechanical engineering, marine and naval architecture engineering, electrical engineering, electronic engineering, building services engineering, or such equivalent or higher qualification as recognized the Registrar; and
	has at least 4 years’ relevant working experience and has the necessary practical experience in lift works or escalator works

Transitional Arrangement

ROUTE 2 is transitional arrangement and the timetable for repealing such arrangement would be reviewed by 2023.

Annex B – Requirements for registration as Registered Lift / Escalator Worker (“RW”)

(With effect from 1 May 2018)

An individual is eligible for applications for registration as RW if he/she has the qualifications and experience specified in any of the following routes:-

ROUTE 1	has been an apprentice in the trade of lift electrician or lift mechanic or equivalent and completed a craft certificate course recognized by the Registrar; and
	has at least 4 years’ relevant working experience, of which at least one year was obtained within the 5-year period immediate before the date of submission of the application; and has necessary practical experience and relevant training.
ROUTE 2	has completed a certificate course in building services engineering, electrical engineering, electronic engineering, marine engineering, mechanical engineering, or such equivalent or higher qualifications as recognized by Registrar; and
	has at least 4 years’ relevant working experience, of which at least one year was obtained within the 5-year period immediate before the date of submission of the application; and has necessary practical experience and relevant training.
ROUTE 3	has passed a trade test for lift works or escalator works recognized by the Registrar; and
	has at least 8 years’ relevant working experience, of which at least one year was obtained within the 5-year period immediately before the date of submission of the application; and has the necessary practical experience and relevant training.

Transitional Arrangement

The arrangement on granting the registration of RW for one or more, but not all kinds of works would be phased out on 1 May 2023. After that, applicants shall have sufficient experience and knowledge in all three existing classes of registration, i.e. “Installation / Demolition”, “Maintenance” and “Examination” for applying “All Classes” registration.

As the apprentice training or trade test covers all kinds of lift/escalator works, application for registration as RW under ROUTE 1 and ROUTE 3 would normally be considered for “All Class” registration.