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Note to Industry: Professional Conduct and Ethics – signing drawings designed by others	
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Registered professionals with practicing certificates privileged with the rights to sign drawings and works related documents to authorities as spelled out in Section 10 for architects; Section 11 for professional engineers; and Section 12 for Quantity Surveyors.

This privilege comes with great responsibility and diligence in ensuring the drawings and works related documents were scrutinised by the signing practitioners before taking on full responsibility of the design or calculations or advice.

Rule 3, Part 2 of the APEQS Rules 2018 on Code of Professional Conduct and Ethics emphasized that the authorisation of giving permit, license or approval of any building authority are bounded by ethical and professional conducts. Other than exhibiting integrity, competency and soundness of a submission, it is equally important to maintain professionalism in making any submission – to authority, to a client, to make application/proposal and claims.

The Rule 3 Part 2 clearly states that a practicing architect shall only sign drawings, plans or specifications that he has personally scrutinized in order to submit to any public authority. While the practicing Professional engineers, shall only sign plans or calculations which he or any member of his staff under his supervision has verified, checked or prepared.

The public, especially clients and employers, may or may not be aware of such unethical conduct and it is the duty of the professional to advise their clients when presented with such situation.

Hereafter to this notice, all practitioners and future practitioners shall be expected to have knowledge and understanding of unethical and unprofessional conducts that is hereby punishable under the APEQS Order and as severe as to be removed from the register.

It should also be known that it is the moral professional obligation of all registered persons to expose unethical conduct to the relevant authorities, including BAPEQS.