

Fire Safety Engineers (FSE) workshop

Date: 5 July 2023 (Wednesday)

Time: 10am to 12pm

Mode/Venue: Physical Workshop (HQ SCDF City Campus Classroom, level 3)

S/N	Agenda for discussion	Summary of discussion
01	<p>Update on</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. PB Regulatory System (Update)<ul style="list-style-type: none">• FSE Registration• Number of PB cases2. CPE Program (update)3. Admin Requirements (update)	<p><u>Presentation</u> See <u>Annex A</u> for the presentation slides.</p> <p>The workshop was attended in person by 44 participants. Ms Eunice Lim started by sharing with the FSEs on the number of registered FSEs and the number of performance-based (PB) and fire engineering waiver submissions.</p> <p>Ms Eunice reminded FSEs on the Continuing Professional Education (CPE) requirements and that the CPE hours for online courses reinstatement (1 CPE hour awarded for every 2 hours of online training, max 5 CPE hours per cycle) from September 2023. FSEs suggested to include a section for physical and online CPE hours for email circulation for approved CPE program.</p> <p>FSEs enquired about the ways to prove physical attendance for overseas courses and conferences. SCDF replied that besides the certificate of attendance, the signed conference register from the event organizer if available would suffice. The plane ticket as evidence could be considered.</p> <p>Ms Eunice also asked the FSEs to check their particulars on Fire Safety Engineer Register on SCDF website and to update SCDF if there are any changes.</p> <p><u>CORENET 2.0 & NetTrust token</u> Mr Nicholas provided an update about the roll out of CORENET 2.0 on 22 Aug 2022 which allows all FSEs to submit FEDBs and sign off FSER/PR reports via CORENET, regardless of</p>

		<p>whether the FSE is a QP. SCDF will generally also no longer accept submissions via email or at SCDF front counter</p> <p><u>Eligibility as Peer Reviewer (PR)</u> Mr Nicholas informed that the Fire Safety Regulations for Peer Reviewer eligibility will be amended soon. To be eligible as a Peer Reviewer, the FSE must have at least 10 years of experience as an FSE.</p> <p>Mr Nicholas reminded all FSEs with less than 10 years' experience that if they accept peer reviewer appointments, they risk disqualification once the Fire Safety Regulations are updated.</p> <p><u>Submission of PB documents</u> Mr Nicholas suggested FSEs to inform the PB team via email (with SCDF reference number) after submitting their FEDBs or Fire Engineering Reports through CORENET so that the PB team can keep a look out and review the fire engineering reports once they are transmitted.</p>
02	Fire Engineering Technical Requirements (update)	<p><u>Presentation</u> See <u>Annex A</u> for the presentation slides.</p> <p>Mr Nicholas reminded FSEs of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Assessment method for deviations to exit staircase ventilation. b) Issues that cannot be address using Fire Safety Engineering. c) Importance of clearly articulating the waiver description as the description will appear in the wavier decision letter. <p><u>Visibility Factor for Computational Fluid Dynamics</u> Mr Khai shared that currently, FSEs have been adopting different visibility factors in their CFD simulations. SCDF will be standardizing the visibility factor to the value of 3. SCDF explained that the practice to use visibility factor of 3 is to ensure sufficient level of life safety.</p>

		<p>Regarding the effective date of implementation, SCDF has clarified that it is with immediate effect. For on-going cases, SCDF will assess on a case-by-case basis. The outcome could be that design team may need to provide enhancement(s) to the fire safety engineering design.</p> <p><u>Soot Yield for Industrial Building Warehouse</u></p> <p>Mr Khai informed FSEs that the default soot yield for industrial buildings and warehouses shall be 0.1 and that FSE may propose a different value only if the type of fuel load in the building is of specifically known usage during operation and doesn't change over its occupancy period.</p> <p>FSE Ruth enquired if the soot yield requirements are applicable for bus depots, train depots and carparks. SCDF replied that FSE may propose and justify a different soot yield value if the building is of a specific usage.</p> <p>Regarding the effective date of implementation. SCDF clarified that it is with immediate effect. For on-going cases, SCDF will assess on case-by-case basis. The outcome could be that design team may need to provide enhancement to fire safety engineering design. The rationale of this requirement is due to the difficulty in enforcing and monitoring the type of contents that can be present in industrial building and warehouses.</p> <p><u>Tunnel Ventilation System (TVS) Design</u></p> <p>Mr Khai shared with FSEs on the suitable type of TVS for different types of road/service tunnel.</p> <p>FSEs understood the concept behind the various designs. FSEs asked if PB is still allowed for road/service tunnel design. SCDF clarified that a fire engineering assessment can still be undertaken, provided that the proposed TVS design follows the guidelines shared.</p> <p>FSE Peter asked how to define whether a service tunnel is bi or unidirectional. SCDF clarified that a service tunnel shall be deemed bidirectional if the maintenance vehicle access and foot path access is bidirectional.</p>
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03	AOB	<p><u>Presentation</u> See <u>Annex A</u> for the presentation slides.</p>
04	Q&A Session	<p>FSE Shyam shared that he had experienced an issue with submission over CORENET when the QP has 2 roles (e.g. Mechanical PE & FSE). He could only register for 1 role and not for 2 roles simultaneously. Deregistration as a M&E PE will be required before being able to register as FSE to proceed with FEDB submission. SCDF has advised that they will get the IT to look into this.</p> <p>FSEs who attended the workshop at HQ SCDF would be awarded 2 CPE hours.</p>

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