

Surveyor Licences in Poland – Professional Aspects, Association Contribution

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ABSTRACT

The paper presents the principles of professional licensing of land surveyors in Poland. The process of professional licensing started in the early thirties of the last century, but it was interrupted in 1939. Though the licensed (chartered) surveyors have been acting until 1953 they got their licences before the II World War. Neither political nor social conditions in Poland made it possible to restore licensing of land surveyors earlier than in 1983. At that time restitution of free surveying profession occurred possible just in early dawn of the process of political and economic changes in Poland. Minister of Physical Planning was the body granting the licence (presently Surveyor General). Association of Polish Surveyors organises the training-courses to prepare candidates for proper state-board examinations. Surveying licence is indispensable to act in free profession in Poland. The Polish "Law of Surveying" obliges candidates for surveying public service to be also licensed surveyors. As the licensing links the problems of professional knowledge, professional experience and professional ethics, authors suggest increase of the role of professional association in the process of licensing. Closer cooperation within FIG Commission 1 could be also advisable and very helpful.

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