

**JOINT RULES OF PRACTICE FOR ARCHITECTS
AND PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS**

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PREAMBLE

It is recognized by the Architects' Association of Prince Edward Island and the Association of Professional Engineers of Prince Edward Island that the interests of the two Professions would best be served by the formulation of Joint Rules dealing with the responsibilities of both Professions in relation to the field of building design and construction.

For the practice of Architecture and Professional Engineering in the Province of Prince Edward Island the Architects Association of Prince Edward Island and the Association of Professional Engineers of Prince Edward Island issue this statement of acceptable conduct, under normal conditions, for business relations with the public and among members of both Professional Associations. All Architects and Professional Engineers have an obligation to observe it as such.

JOINT RULES OF PRACTICE

1. Principles

- (a) Primarily, the practice of Architecture and of Professional Engineering respectively shall be as defined in the Prince Edward Island Architects' Act and the Engineering Profession Act, Province of Prince Edward Island.

2. Field of the Architect

For projects under the control of an Architect requiring engineering aid or assistance, the Architect will engage a registered or licensed Professional Engineer or Engineers to do such engineering.

3. Field of the Professional Engineer

- (a) A Professional Engineer may accept commissions for projects involving both engineering and architectural work.
- (b) For projects under the control of a Professional Engineer requiring architectural aid or assistance, the Professional Engineer will engage a registered or licensed Architect or Architects to do such architectural work.

4. Architect/Engineer Practice Committee

- (a) Composition - The Councils of each Professional Association shall appoint an equal number of members of each Association to the Architect/Engineer Practice Committee. These members shall appoint an additional person as Chairman who

shall be a member of the Committee and who shall be entitled to vote only in the event of a tie vote by the regular members of the Committee.

- (b) A quorum shall consist of a member from each Association's appointees, plus the Chairman.
- (c) Purpose - The purpose of the Committee is:
 - (i) To consider all questions or complaints arising from the Joint Rules referred to it in writing by any member of either Profession. The Committee may communicate directly with a member or members of either or both Professions and make recommendations to either or both Councils.
 - (ii) To prepare and revise from time-to-time a guide for members of both Professions to be used in the interpretation of Sections (2) and (3).

5. Mutual Relationship

- (a) Architects and Professional Engineers, in their relations with each other, will observe and respect the codes of ethics applicable to each Profession.
- (b) All engagements, as indicated in 2(b) and 3(b) between Architects and Professional Engineers, shall be subject to written agreement.
- (c) Members of both Professions are expected, and required, to recognize their respective codes of ethics. Members must undertake the execution of only such work as they are qualified to perform.
- (d) Members must not describe themselves to be Architects, or Engineers, if not so qualified, registered, and/or licensed.

6. Stamping and Signing of Drawings/Documents

- (a) Where an Architect has carried out architectural services related to an engineering project, the Architect shall be identified and the architectural drawings be stamped and signed. Where an Engineer has carried out engineering services related to an architectural project, the Engineer shall be identified and the engineering drawings be stamped and signed.
- (b) The stamp and signature of the Architect or Professional Engineer shall be affixed to all drawings and documents prepared under his control as specifically required in the Prince Edward Island Architects' Act and the Engineering Profession Act of Prince Edward Island.
- (c) Both Professions will use their utmost efforts to prevent their respective members from signing or stamping drawings, specifications of documents not prepared under their supervision or control.

7. Professional Design by Others

In the public interest, the Professions do not favour the practice of furnishing, without professional fees, engineering or architectural services by a manufacturer, contractor and others or their representatives on designing and planning work which comes within the fields of the Architects and Professional Engineers. This shall not be construed so as to prevent either profession from calling upon manufacturers of special equipment to furnish full details of their product and the advantage of its application in specific cases.

8. Project and Construction Management

- (a) It is permissible for an Architect or Professional Engineer to act as a Project Manager or as a Project Construction Manager; the latter will normally require direct experience in actual construction in addition to professional training and experience.
- (b) On public projects where more than one of the functions of Project Manager, Designer and Project Construction manager are utilized, the Architect or Engineer shall not act in more than one capacity.

9. Complaints

- (a) Any violation of the above Joint Rules resulting in a complaint will be investigated in confidence by the Architect/Engineer Practice Committee.
 - (i) This Committee is prepared to investigate complaints, concerning current building projects, from registered members of either Association, provided such complaints fall under the jurisdiction of the Committee;
 - (ii) Complaints should be forwarded in writing to the Chairman of the Committee either directly to his residence or may, if desired, be channelled through the office of either Association;
 - (iii) A letter of complaint should contain the name, address and telephone number of the concerned member in case it is necessary to contact this member for additional information;
 - (iv) The Committee is to consider in confidence all complaints arising from the Joint Rules, referred to it in writing from any member of either Association.
- (b) The Committee may communicate directly with a member or members of either or both Professions and make recommendations to either or both Councils. However, the Committee has no disciplinary power but by using discretion in investigating complaints and informally reporting only to the Councils, or Council Presidents, it is hoped that minor infractions can be rectified without publicity and

the resulting embarrassment to the parties concerned. Where, after investigation, the Committee suspects that a more serious infraction is probable; the matter shall be formally reported to the President of the appropriate Association, allowing him the option of referring the matter to his Professional Practice Committee, or to Council for action.

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