

Construction Industry Council

Steering Group on Implementation of CWRO Amendments

Meeting No. 002/15 of the Steering Group on Implementation of CWRO Amendments was held on Monday, 23 March 2015 at 2:30 pm at Conference Room, CIC Headquarters, 15/F, Allied Kajima Building, 138 Gloucester Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong.

Summary notes of the Steering Group on Implementation of CWRO Amendments (SGICA) Meeting No. 002/15:

Agenda Item	Paper	Major Resolutions / Progress Highlights
2.1	CIC/ICA/R/001/15	Confirmation of progress report of the last meeting Members confirmed the progress report of the first meeting in 2015 held on 9 January 2015.
2.2	CIC/ICA/P/003/15 (for information)	Report on the works of CITB for the amendments to the CWRO <ul style="list-style-type: none">• CIC Trade Test Centre was developing an app and planning to launch it in April to May 2015, with which workers can enrol for trade tests and be reminded to take the tests.• Onsite promotion of trade tests had started to encourage non-senior workers to take trade tests early.• Incentives including reimbursement of trade test fees would be offered from April 2015, to encourage workers to take trade tests orderly and early, while promotion of the incentives programme had started.

Agenda Item	Paper	Major Resolutions / Progress Highlights
		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A series of measures to increase the number of trade tests would be rolled out: 1) to rejuvenate the premises and facilities and enhance the flexibility and effectiveness of Trade Test Centres, 2) to notify and solicit the employers' support for the candidates to take trade tests on time, 3) to allow workers to fill any trade test vacancies, 4) to systematise the administration, trade test scheduling, written tests and scoring to enhance the efficiency and quality of the trade test service, 5) to add evening and weekends testing, 6) to recruit additional invigilators.• CITB Secretariat was working with Development Bureau on the demand and supply of trade tests. The report and a proposal on narrowing the mismatch would be submitted to the Steering Group later.
2.3	CIC/ICA/P/004/15 (for information)	<p>Report on the works of CWRB for the amendments to the CWRO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The 3 authorised trade unions handled 1,064 applications for Senior Workers Registration during the pre-launch period from January to March 2015.• CWRB Secretariat had invited contractors to conduct the first round onsite trial run of the Codes of Practice on “Exempted Works” and “Instruction and Supervision” starting in April. The second round would be carried out in September / October after evaluating the results of the first trial run. The relevant Code of Practice would be formulated by referring to the “Instruction and Supervision” being undertaken currently on construction sites.• As of March 2015, 825 workers renewed their registration via the Outreach Registration Renewal Service. WRO would continue this well-received service.

Agenda Item	Paper	Major Resolutions / Progress Highlights
		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CWRO Secretariat was conducting publicity work including Signature Campaign, briefing sessions, TV and Radio commercials, sketching explainer video (Simpleshow) to promote Senior Workers Registration Arrangement and “Designated workers for designated skills” .• User Acceptance Test of Construction Workers Registration System would be carried out in July and the system would be launched in end 2015. All registered workers would be required to use the new Registration Cards from 19 June 2016.
2.4		<p>Other Business</p> <p>It was suggested to explore the feasibility of recognising overseas trade tests by CITB, so overseas workers employed under the Supplementary Labour Scheme could be able to obtain the qualifications required for skilled workers registration, in order to carry out skill works in Hong Kong after “Designated workers for designated skills” was in force. As an alternative, Qualification Board under CWRB was entitled to recognise the overseas qualifications where there were applications of workers registration received.</p>

Remarks: The mentioned papers discussed at the Steering Group of Implementation of CWRO Amendments can be made available to Council Members from the CIC Secretariat upon request.