

**Memorandum Circular**  
**No. 97-04**  
**March 4, 1997**

**SUBJECT : Adopting Sections 1 to 4, Article IV of the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of R.A. No. 4374, Regarding the Junior Geodetic Engineering Practices in the DENR Lands Management Services and Providing the Guidelines for its Implementation**

The DENR supports the quality assurance program in surveying and mapping by adopting Sections 1 to 4, Article IV of the IRR of R.A. No. 4374 as regard the practice of Junior Geodetic Engineering, discouraging the common malpractices of erring Junior Geodetic Engineers, and providing guidelines for its enforcement.

Quoted hereunder are Sections 1 to 4, Article IV of the implementing rules and regulations (IRR) governing the practices of Junior Geodetic Engineering pursuant to R.A. No. 4374 (Geodetic Engineering Law) as amended by P.D. Nos. 202, and 335, as promulgated by the Board of Geodetic Engineers.

***"Conditions and Limitations for the Practice of Junior Geodetic Engineering"***

"Section 1. A person is deemed to be practicing junior geodetic engineering who shall, with or without fee, salary or other reward or compensation:

*"(a) Execute original survey of residential, industrial, commercial or agricultural land not exceeding three lots with an aggregate area of not exceeding one hectare, or*

*"(b) Execute subdivision survey of simple subdivision, or consolidation-subdivision not exceeding three lots with an aggregate area of not exceeding one hectare, or*

*"(c) Conduct topographic and hydrographic surveys of areas not exceeding five hectares each; or*

*"(d) Prepare and sign location plan (LP), special (SP), and survey plans required under paragraphs (a), (b), and (c) hereof.*

*"Section 2. Lands or areas adjoining those covered under paragraphs (a), (b), and (c) of the preceding section shall not be surveyed within one year after the execution or approval of said plans by the same junior geodetic engineer.*

*"Section 3. Subdivision plans as provided for under paragraph (b) of section 1 hereof shall not be further subdivided by the same junior geodetic engineer within one year after its approval.*

*"Section 4. Junior Geodetic engineers who are working under the supervision of geodetic engineers either with the government or private firms, partnerships, or corporations registered prior to the effectivity of the Geodetic Engineering Law on June 19, 1965, can execute land surveys or phases thereof free from the above limitations, provided, that he shall sign only the field notes and the corresponding survey plan shall be signed by a geodetic engineer."*

Violation of these provisions shall be deemed sufficient ground to deny the acceptance of the survey returns by the Lands Management Services and/or to initiate penal sanctions against the erring junior geodetic engineer.

The Regional Technical Director for Lands shall implement the strict observance of these regulations of the Board of Geodetic Engineering of the Professional Regulations Commission as well as the provisions of the Manual of Land Surveys (LAO No. 4).

For the effective implementation of these regulations, the Engineer's Survey Card shall be maintained for each geodetic engineer to show the survey number of each survey submitted by the geodetic engineer, the date of survey, survey claimant, location of survey, number of lots and area. Survey returns shall be screened against this Card and those found to be in violation of these rules shall be rejected outright.

Employees and officials involved in the processing and approval of surveys in violation of these regulations or who failed to observe this Order or conniving with the erring geodetic engineer shall be dealt with administratively in accordance with existing applicable laws on the matter.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

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Secretary