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The 'Engineer' for the Contract

This circular supersedes HyDTC No. 6/92 which is hereby cancelled.

2. This circular provides general guidelines on appointment of the 'Engineer' for the purpose of a works contract:

- i, For a contract administered by consultants, the 'Engineer' shall be the appointed consulting firm.
- ii, For a contract administered in-house, the 'Engineer' shall normally be an officer at the following rank (including in acting capacity) who is responsible for the contract:

Contracts of value not exceeding \$50M	Senior Professional
Contracts of value \$50M to \$500M	D1
Contracts of value exceeding \$500M	D2

Where there is no appropriate rank officer, the 'Engineer' shall normally be an officer at one rank higher but the responsible Head of Office may exercise his discretion to appoint a lower rank officer if good justifications exist. The minimum rank for appointment as the 'Engineer' shall be senior professional.

Notwithstanding the above general guidelines, contracts of special complexity or sensitivity may demand a higher rank officer to act as the 'Engineer'.

3. The same guidelines shall apply to design and build contracts on appointment of the 'Supervising Officer'.

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