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The Cabinet makes the following Regulations under Section 55 of the *Survey Act 2025*:

PART 1 - PRELIMINARY

1 Citation

These Regulations may be cited as the *Survey Regulations 2026*.

2 Commencement

These Regulations commence on the date they are notified in the Gazette.

3 Definitions

'Auto Level' or **'automatic level'** means a device that uses an internal compensator to self-level the line of sight, improving speed and accuracy in levelling tasks;

'barometer' means an instrument that measures atmospheric pressure, used in surveying to estimate elevation changes or forecast weather conditions;

'Digital Level' means an advanced levelling instrument that reads bar-coded staffs electronically to provide precise elevation data and to ensure minimal human error;

'dumpy Level' means a traditional optical levelling instrument with a fixed telescope used to establish horizontal planes and measure elevation differences;

'Electronic Distance Meter' or 'EDM' means a device that measures the distance between two points using electromagnetic waves, typically light or radio waves, with high precision and speed;

'GIS' refers to Geographic Information System;

'GNSS' refers to Global Navigation Satellite System;

'GNSS Receiver comprising base and rover units' means a high-precision GNSS receiver used in Real-Time Kinematic or static mode to determine precise location;

'GPS' refers to Global Positioning System;

'handheld GPS Units' means a portable Global Positioning System device that is used for navigation and data collection in the field, often equipped with mapping software and satellite connectivity;

'Laser Level' means a levelling tool that projects a visible laser beam to establish a straight horizontal or vertical reference line;

'Laser rangefinder' means a device that uses a laser beam to measure the distance to a target by calculating the time it takes for the beam to return;

'mobile GIS Device' means smartphones, tablets or rugged handhelds equipped with GIS software and GPS, used for collecting, editing and analysing geospatial data in the field;

'prism' means a reflective target used with total station to measure distance;

'prism pole' means a graduated pole that holds the prism at a known height for accurate positioning;

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'Real time Kinematic (RTK) GPS' means a high-precision Global Positioning technique that uses carrier-phase measurements and real-time corrections from a base station to achieve centimeter-level accuracy;

'Reflector less total station' means a total station capable of measuring distances without a prism, using laser or infrared technology to reflect off surfaces directly;

'surveyor's compass' means a magnetic compass mounted on a base that is used to measure magnetic bearings;

'Tachometer' means an instrument used in tacheometric surveying to measure horizontal distances indirectly by observing angles and stadia intervals through a theodolite or total station; and

'Theodolite' means an instrument with a rotating telescope that measures horizontal and vertical angles.

PART 2 – QUALIFICATION OF SURVEYORS

4 Qualifications of a Surveyor

In addition to the requirement provided under Section 11 of the Act, a person shall have the following qualifications to be eligible to be registered as a surveyor:

- (a) a minimum of a graduate diploma or bachelor degree in surveying from a tertiary institution approved by the Secretary; or
- (b) qualifications, or qualifications and experience, accredited as being equivalent to the qualifications referred to in paragraph (a) by an institution of surveyors recognised by the Secretary.

PART 3 – EQUIPMENTS, TOOLS AND SOFTWARE

5 Measuring Equipment

In addition to equipment already provided under the Act, in conducting a survey, a surveyor or field officer shall use the following equipment to measure distance and angles:

- (a) total station;
- (b) theodolite;
- (c) tachometer;
- (d) Electronic Distance Meter (EDM);
- (e) steel tape and measuring tape;
- (f) chain (gunter's chain or engineer's chain);
- (g) surveyor's compass;
- (h) prism & prism pole;
- (i) reflector less total station;
- (j) laser rangefinder;

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- (k) tripod for mounting total stations, theodolites, levels and GNSS receivers;
- (l) tribrachs and adapters for precise mounting and centering of equipment and instruments; and
- (m) such other equipment or instrument as approved by the Secretary.

6 Leveling Equipment

In conducting a survey, a surveyor or field officer shall use the following equipment to ensure precise levelling:

- (a) dumpy level;
- (b) auto level;
- (c) digital level;
- (d) laser level;
- (e) barometer; and
- (f) such other levelling equipment as approved by the Secretary.

7 GPS and GNSS Equipment

A surveyor or field officer may use the following equipment for geospatial positioning:

- (a) GNSS Receiver comprising of the base and rover;
- (b) handheld GamePad Digital Units;
- (c) Real-time Kinematic (RTK) GPS;
- (d) Drones; and
- (e) such other equipment as approved by the Secretary.

8 Data Collection and Recording Devices

A surveyor or field officer shall use the following devices and tools for data collection:

- (a) field controller or data logger;
- (b) survey software for instance Trimble Access and Leica Captivate);
- (c) mobile GIS Device;
- (d) surveyor's field book;
- (e) data collector (rugged tablet or handheld device); and
- (f) such other device or tool as approve by the Secretary.

9 Marking and Setting out tools

In addition to tools provided under Section 49 of the Act, a surveyor or field officer in conducting a survey shall use the following to mark points on the ground or to assist with making the markings:

- (a) survey pegs, stakes, or pins;
- (b) chalk, spray paint;

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- (c) plumb bob;
- (d) hammer or mallet;
- (e) bush knife, chain saw, or brush cutter; and
- (f) such other tools as approve by the Secretary.

10 Aerial Survey Tools

- (1) A surveyor or field officer shall use drones for aerial photography and photogrammetry.
- (2) A surveyor or field officer shall use drone GPS for accurate positioning.

11 Mapping and Processing Software

For the purposes of the Act and these Regulations, a person shall use the following software programs for mapping and processing of data:

- (a) Computer-Aided Design software for instance AutoCAD or LISCAD;
- (b) GIS software for instance, ArcGIS or QGIS;
- (c) survey processing software for instance Trimble Business Center and Leica Infinity; and
- (d) such other software or program approved by the Secretary.

12 Safety and Support Equipment

The following tools and equipment shall be used by surveyors, field officers and any other person involved in the conduct of the survey to ensure fieldwork safety, assist with measurements and protection of equipment:

- (a) safety gear, that is vests, boots and helmets;
- (b) two-way radios or walkie-talkies;
- (c) weather-proof cases & bags;
- (d) levelling rod;
- (e) surveying rod or levelling rod;
- (f) range poles and staffs; and
- (g) such other equipment or tool as approved by the Secretary.

PART 4 – FORMS AND FEES

13 Application to register as a surveyor

- (1) For the purposes of Section 11 of the Act, an application form to register as a surveyor is in Form 1 of Schedule 1.
- (2) The person applying to be registered as a surveyor shall pay the prescribed fee and provide the following information:
 - (a) personal and contact details of the applicant;

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- (b) Certificates for qualifications;
 - (c) years of experience as a surveyor (if applicable);
 - (d) evidence to demonstrate ability to undertake independent cadastral and topographic survey of the applicant;
 - (e) evidence to demonstrate familiarity with the use, interpretation and analysis of any data or information of the total station of the applicant;
 - (f) evidence to demonstrate knowledge and capacity to use, interpret and analyse information using Liscad program of the applicant;
 - (g) copy of identification, either bio page of passport or drivers licence or birth certificate of the applicant; and
 - (h) copy of police clearance certificate of the applicant.
- (3) A person shall not provide false or misleading information in the application.
- (4) A person who contravenes this provision, commits an offence and shall be liable upon conviction to an imprisonment term of 5 years or his or her application being declined.

14 Form of Certificate of annual practice

For the purpose of Sections 13 and 14 of the Act, the Secretary shall issue a certificate of annual practice in Form 2 of Schedule 1.

15 Renewal form

- (1) For the purpose of Section 15 of the Act, a person shall make an application for renewal of certificate of annual practice at least 1 month prior to the expiry date of the licence in Form 3 of Schedule 1.
- (2) A person shall not provide false or misleading information in the application.
- (3) A person who contravenes this provision, commits an offence and shall be liable upon conviction to an imprisonment term of 5 years or his or her application being declined.

16 Suspension and cancellation of registration as a surveyor

- (1) The Secretary may suspend or cancel a surveyor's certificate of annual practice where the surveyor:
- (a) contravenes a provision of this Act and these Regulations;
 - (b) falsifies a survey or a survey plan;
 - (c) is convicted of a criminal offence; or
 - (d) has not paid the prescribed fee.
- (2) Where the Secretary has suspended or cancelled the certificate of annual practice of a surveyor, the Secretary shall advise the surveyor in writing of the Secretary's decision and the reasons for such decision.

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17 Form of field officer licence

For the purpose of Section 19 of the Act, the Secretary shall issue a licence in Form 4 of Schedule 1 and any condition prescribed under the Act and these Regulations.

18 Drone survey

(1) A person may apply to the Secretary for his or her land to be surveyed using a drone.

(2) An application under subregulation (1) shall be:

(e) in Form 5 of Schedule 1; and

(f) accompanied by the prescribed fee in Schedule 2.

(3) An application made under this regulation shall provide the following information:

(a) personal and contact details of the applicant;

(b) description and location of land to be surveyed; and

(c) statement of reason for request.

19 Fees

(1) The prescribed fees to be paid for the purposes of the Act and these Regulations are set out in the Schedule 2.

(2) The Secretary may exempt persons from paying the fees provided under the Schedule.

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SCHEDULE 1

FORM 1



REPUBLIC OF NAURU

SURVEY ACT 2025

Survey Regulations 2026

[Section 11 & Regulation 13]

APPLICATION FORM FOR REGISTRATION AS A SURVEYOR

To: the Secretary, Republic of Nauru

I hereby apply to be registered as a registered surveyor in the Republic of Nauru and to be issued a certificate of annual practice to conduct surveys within the Republic of Nauru:

Personal details, contact, experience and character details of the applicant:

Applicant's name:	
Business name (if any)	
Principal place of business (if applicable):	
Telephone number:	
Email address:	
Years of Experience as a surveyor (if applicable)	
Any previous criminal convictions	

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Required Documents

Please attach to this application the following documents:

- (a) evidence to demonstrate ability to undertake independent cadastral and topographic survey;
- (b) evidence to demonstrate familiarity with the use, interpretation and analysis of any data or information of the total station of the applicant;
- (c) evidence to demonstrate knowledge and capacity to use, interpret and analyse information using Liscad program;
- (d) copy of identification, either bio page of passport, drivers licence or birth certificate; and
- (e) copy of police clearance certificate.

Declaration:

I(*applicant's name*)
of.....(*address*), do solemnly and sincerely declare that information provided on or with this form, and attachments, are true and correct.

And I make this solemn declaration by virtue of the *Oaths, Affirmations and Statutory Declarations Act 1976* conscientiously believing in the statement contained therein to be true in every particular.

Signature

Printed Name:*

Date:.....

Declared before me:

Commissioner for Oaths

NOTE: A person making a false statement is guilty of an offence and liable to imprisonment for 5 years or his or application being declined.

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FORM 2



REPUBLIC OF NAURU
SURVEY ACT 2025
Survey Regulations 2026

(Sections 13 and 14 & Regulation 14)

CERTIFICATE OF ANNUAL PRACTICE

I **HEREBY CERTIFY** that *(NAME OF SURVEYOR)* of *(ADDRESS)* is hereby certified as a registered **SURVEYOR** to carry out surveying in the Republic of Nauru and is registered as a registered surveyor under the Register of Surveyors.

This certificate is valid for one year from date of issue and is subject to the *Survey Act 2025* and the following conditions:

- (a) ...
- (b)
- (c)

Certificate is valid from: _____ to _____

GIVEN under my hand and sealed on thisday of

.....
SECRETARY
DEPARTMENT OF LAND MANAGEMENT

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FORM 3



REPUBLIC OF NAURU

SURVEY ACT 2025

Survey Regulations 2026

[Section 15 & Regulation 15]

APPLICATION FORM FOR RENEWAL OF REGISTRATION AS A SURVEYOR

To: the Secretary, Republic of Nauru

I hereby apply for renewal of registration as a registered surveyor in the Republic of Nauru and to be issued a certificate of annual practice to conduct surveys within the Republic of Nauru:

Person, contact, experience and character details of the applicant:

Applicant's name:	
Business name (if any)	
Principal place of business (if applicable):	
Telephone number:	
Email address:	
Years of Experience as a surveyor (if applicable)	
Any previous criminal convictions since most recent registration	

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Variation of particulars

If there has been any variation of particulars please state the change at least 1 month prior to the expiry date of the licence:

Former particulars	New particulars

Declaration:

I(*applicant's name*)
of.....(*address*), do solemnly and sincerely
declare that information provided on or with this form, and attachments, are true and correct.

And I make this solemn declaration by virtue of the *Oaths, Affirmations and Statutory Declarations Act 1976* conscientiously believing in the statement contained therein to be true in every particular.

Signature

Printed Name:*

Date:.....

Declared before me:

Commissioner for Oaths

NOTE: A person making a false statement is guilty of an offence and liable to imprisonment for 5 years or his or application being declined.

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FORM 4



REPUBLIC OF NAURU
SURVEY ACT 2025
Survey Regulations 2026

(Regulation 17)

LICENCE FOR FIELD OFFICERS

I **HEREBY CERTIFY** that *(NAME OF FIELD OFFICER)* of *(ADDRESS)* is hereby licenced as a **FIELD OFFICER** to carry out surveying in the Republic of Nauru, subject to any provisions of the *Survey Act 2025*.

This certificate is valid for one year from date of issue.

Certificate is valid from: _____ to _____

GIVEN under my hand and sealed on thisday of

.....
SECRETARY
DEPARTMENT OF LAND MANAGEMENT

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FORM 5



REPUBLIC OF NAURU

SURVEY ACT 2025

Survey Regulations 2026

[Regulation 18]

APPLICATION FORM FOR DRONE SURVEY

To: the Secretary, Republic of Nauru

I hereby apply for the use of the drone to survey the land listed below:

Personal, contact and land details:

Applicant's name:	
Address:	
Telephone number:	
Email address:	
Description and location of land requested to be surveyed	

Reason for request

Please provide below reason for request:

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Signature

Printed Name:*

Date:.....

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SCHEDULE 2

FEEES

(Regulation 13, 18, 19)

Item	Quantity or period	Fee
Records	Land Map	\$10
Field Survey	For every plotting	\$15
Field Drafting	For every plotting	\$15
Plan	Per Portion – A4	\$15
Plan	Per Portion – A3	\$25
Proposed Subdivision Scheme Plan	Per Drawing – A4	\$50
Proposed Subdivision Scheme Plan	Per Drawing – A3	\$75
Plan (Auto CAD edited)	Per Drawing – A4	\$40
Plan (Auto CAD edited)	Per Drawing – A3	\$75
Detailed Survey (LisCad map)	Per copy	\$150
Survey report	Per copy	\$50
Topography survey	Per 4067square meter	\$450
Drone survey	Per flight	\$250
Land Card	Per card	\$10
Portion listing	Per list	\$10
Gazette & other	Per gazette	\$10
Application for Registration of surveyors	Per registration	\$150
Annual practising certificate – Surveyor	Per year	\$50
Application for Registration – Field Officer	Per registration	\$50
Annual license – Field Officer	Per year	\$50