



BOSSI Update

Guideline – Terrestrial Laser Scanning (TLS) for Cadastral Surveys

BOSSI, via the Land and Mining Committee, has developed a draft guideline document covering the use of terrestrial laser scanners for cadastral surveys. The document can be found at [BOSSI Guideline - TLS draft_200715](#).

With the increasing popularity of TLS as a measurement tool in the profession, it is inevitable that its functionality will increasingly be applied in the cadastral field. The purpose of this document is to provide guidance on using TLS in a cadastral environment, including general requirements, verification methodologies and best practice operations. The document is not intended to specify mandatory operational requirements (as you might find in a Surveyor General's Direction), but rather to provide a higher-level set of recommended practices to assist in achieving consistency and outcomes necessary for cadastral practice.

The Board is seeking feedback on the draft document from registered surveyors. Feedback should be forwarded to the Registrar at bossi@customerservice.nsw.gov.au by 31 August 2020.

CPD - Webinars Point Cap – Removed for FY20-21

BOSSI has determined that due to the ongoing situation with COVID-19 that the current unlimited cap on CPD points that can be obtained from viewing webinars will continue for a further 12 months.

Please note a Surveyor can only claim CPD points from viewing a webinar once, even if that webinar is viewed in different CPD years

CPD - Conditional Compliances for the 2020/2021 CPD Year

Conditional Compliance requests should only be used when a surveyor due to legitimate medical or personal reasons cannot obtain the total required CPD points.

Valid reasons do not include COVID-19, not being aware of the number of points that have been obtained (i.e. not being aware that all CPD points have not been obtained by attending the one CPD event) or that work has been too busy.

None of these will be accepted as valid reasons to grant a conditional compliance in the 2020/2021 CPD year and surveyors who have not met their BOSSI CPD requirements and have not been granted an exemption or conditional compliance will be removed from the register.

Reminder – Payment of Annual Registration fees by 31 August 2020

Thank you to those of you who have already paid their annual registration fees. For those of you who haven't yet we would like to remind you that as per Section 10A of the Surveying and Spatial Information Act 2002, if payment is not made by 31 August your name will be removed from the Register of Surveyors (no exceptions).

To make your payment please click on the link provided in your renewal notice (required details will be automatically entered). Alternatively, you can access the 'Renew your Registration' tile on the BOSSI payments website and manually enter your licence and transaction number. As part of the process you will need to upload your CPD certificate(s) from ratified organisations.

If you are choosing to not renew your registration this year and would like to be removed at your own request instead of for non-payment of fees please notify the Registrar by sending an email to bossi@customerservice.nsw.gov.au

Feedback Received on BOSSI Implementation of GLS

The feedback received on the new system has been overwhelmingly positive. We are aware that there have been some issues and we are working with the provider to resolve these and add additional services to the platform. These will come online during this FY.

Payments has been one area of complaint. Unfortunately, the BPAY option failed and there has been some negative feedback about the credit card payment option. We are working with the provider to offer a variety of payment options in the future and will keep you up to date with their implementation. Merchant fees for all options will continue to be passed on as BOSSI is unable to absorb these costs.

There has been some feedback that companies would like the ability to pay fees as a bulk transaction. Surveyor registration is an individual licence similar to a driver's licence and BOSSI does not register companies, so we are unable to implement payments for multiple licences on the GLS platform.

BOSSI Examinations

It is our intent to proceed with BOSSI examinations at the following dates and venues:

- 26 August 2020 - Mining Project Assessments - DCS Spatial Services, Bathurst
- 16 September 2020 - Mining Legislation Exam - DCS Spatial Services, Bathurst
- 19-22 October 2020 - Land Project Assessments - DCS McKell Office, Sydney
- 20 October 2020 - Mining Oral Assessments – To Be Confirmed

The COVID-19 situation is changing regularly, and we are working with building management in these locations to put relevant safety plans and protocols in place to ensure we implement the required safety requirements and manage social distancing for both candidates and examiners. There is a risk that if the situation escalates in NSW the government may put in place restrictions that will prohibit us from conducting the exams, but we will keep everyone updated.

Strategic Plan Progress Update



Board of Surveying and Spatial Information

Strategic Plan 2019–2021 +

Our Plan On A Page helps us clearly identify the contribution of our focus areas and action agenda towards meeting our strategic challenges, achieving our strategic goals and delivering on our purpose.

BOSSI PURPOSE	Protecting the integrity of the State Cadastre, public interest & fostering professional behaviour			
VALUES	Service	Integrity	Accountability	Trust
STRATEGIC CHALLENGES	<p>INTEGRITY OF CADASTRE & MINING</p> <p>ENSURING THAT ONLY SUITABLY QUALIFIED PROFESSIONALS CONDUCT LAND & MINING SURVEYS. MAINTAIN PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS OF PROFESSION.</p> <p>FOCUS AREAS</p> <p>A. Investigation and discipline of Registered Surveyors for matters relating to professional incompetence & misconduct</p> <p>B. Investigation and prosecution of unregistered surveyors performing land & mining surveys</p>	<p>ENGAGEMENT & COMMUNICATION</p> <p>BUILDING STRONGER RELATIONSHIPS WITH STAKEHOLDERS AND THE PUBLIC</p> <p>FOCUS AREAS</p> <p>A. Proactive stakeholder engagement and education</p> <p>B. Inclusive public communication</p> <p>C. Outreach to related professions / industries</p>	<p>GROWTH OF THE PROFESSION</p> <p>INCREASE THE DIVERSITY OF THE SURVEYING & SPATIAL INFORMATION PROFESSION</p> <p>FOCUS AREAS</p> <p>A. Support the NSW Surveying Taskforce</p> <p>B. Increase the number of graduates applying to become candidates</p> <p>C. Increase the number of candidates gaining Certificate of Competency (CoC)</p>	<p>GOVERNANCE</p> <p>THE AUTHORITATIVE POINT OF CONTACT FOR MATTERS RELATING TO SURVEYING & SPATIAL INFORMATION IN NSW</p> <p>FOCUS AREAS</p> <p>A. Review the Surveying & Spatial Information Act & Regulation</p> <p>B. Aligned & effective Board</p> <p>C. Efficient, consistent and documented approval workflows and processes</p>
STRATEGIC GOALS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduce the number of complaints received Be more responsive to complaints Reduce the time it takes to resolve complaints Eliminate land/mining surveys being conducted by unqualified people Strong relationship with ORG and LRS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clear understanding by stakeholders & the public of the role & functions of BOSSI Members of the public have a clear understanding of the difference between a surveyor and a registered surveyor Improve engagement with the Spatial Information Industry Improve engagement with other related professions / industries 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase the number of CoCs issued each year Increase the number of female Registered Surveyors Continuation of undergraduate SG Scholarship for Women in Surveying Track and report on changes in diversity profile of profession Maintain diversity on the Board 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reputable, Reliable, Robust & Viable Transparent decision making process Stable financial management Ensure that the Government see the value and relevance of BOSSI
ACTION AGENDA	<p>Within 12 months (2019)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create a dedicated investigator role Review complaints policy & procedures Publish summaries of investigations Promote & deliver "What is a land survey?" presentation to stakeholders Utilise information sharing agreement with Fair Trading <p>Within 3 years (by end of 2021)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Analyse trends in complaints Review CPD policy to address common gaps in surveyor knowledge Work with ORG and NSW LRS to transition the profession to 100% digital survey plans Strengthen BOSSI's audit powers <p>3+ years</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with Resources Regulator to influence Mining Regulation review and submission of mine survey plans as a digital data set 	<p>Within 12 months (2019)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Issue a brief email newsletter within 2 weeks of each board meeting covering key matters discussed and decisions made Review & update website content Publish board member profiles on the website Highlight and promote the work being conducted by each committee Board to speak to students at UNSW, UoN & USQ annually Board to present at a minimum of 6 industry events annually Develop a stakeholder matrix and review annually Interact with 4 new stakeholders each year <p>3+ years</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interact with each stakeholder at least once every 3 years 	<p>Within 12 months (2019)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review Candidate examination statistics to identify trends and barriers Work with professional bodies to educate and support Candidates Develop a policy for the recognition of candidate competencies gained in other ANZ jurisdictions 60 new candidates each year Develop clearer communication of process for overseas assessments Participation and promotion of the national Diversity & Inclusion Initiative <p>Within 3 years (by end of 2021)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 40 female registered surveyors 100 new registered surveyors Review examination process and competencies <p>3+ years</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 50% of 2019 candidates have gained their CoC 	<p>Within 12 months (2019)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implementation of Government Licensing System platform Digitisation of records Prepare for 1, 3 & 5 year renewals Establish review cycle for all Determinations, Policies and Guidelines Commence review of S&SI Act & Regulation Complete audit of CPD ratified organisations <p>Within 3 years (by end of 2021)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implement succession plan for Board, examiners & committees Complete review of the S&SI Act Revise governance & staff structures Revise funding arrangements & fees <p>3+ years</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Audit of Board compliance with policies and procedures Review Board every 5 years

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