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# Structural Engineers

## #12 Structural Engineers' Qualifications

Following on from [Fact Sheet #11 \(Opting-in or Opting Out of SI No.9\)](#) this fact sheet covers the suitability/qualifications of the appointment of Structural Engineers for your residential construction project (ie a House or extension >40m<sup>2</sup> for example).

The four organisations that represent the design professionals that can act as Assigned Certifier and Design Certifier under S.I. No. 9 are:

- The Association of Consulting Engineers of Ireland (ACEI) (Chartered Engineer)
- Engineers Ireland (Chartered Engineer)
- The Royal Institution of Architects of Ireland (RIAI) (Registered Architect Member)
- The Society of Chartered Surveyors of Ireland (SCSI) (Chartered Surveyor).


In order to be a Chartered Structural Engineer then he/she MUST be Chartered with Engineers Ireland. You can check whether this on the link below:

<http://www.engineersireland.ie/membership/search-members.aspx>

The key word then in the search results is 'Chartered':

### Search Results

Your search produced 1 result | [Refine your search.](#)

NAME	GRADE	LOCATION
 Paul Cuddy	<u>Chartered Engineer</u>	Dublin 7

The Chartership with Engineers Ireland comes first and then you can also become a member of the ACEI.

On an architect led project for example (such as mine), I would call upon the services of a Structural Engineer to provide Ancillary Certification for the Structural Engineering aspects.

The Ancillary Certificates have been agreed, approved and recommended by the organisational bodies described above and are available [HERE](#). Although they can be signed by the Principal or Director of the Structural Engineering Company; the certificate requires the supervision and direction to be undertaken by a Chartered Engineer.

The relationship of the above to whether you Opt-In or Out of SI No.9 of 2014 is the following:

- Although not Statutory, they are recommended to be included in the upload of an Opt-in BCMS Commencement Notice; this ensures that the process for inspecting & certifying the works is in accordance with the Code of Practice. The minimum requirements for a valid Commencement Notice (not including the Statutory documents) for an 'Opt-in' are:

#### Select at least one from the following

- General Arrangement Drawings
- Plans
- Sections
- Elevations

#### And at least one of the following

- Schedule of Plans
- Calculations
- Specifications and Particulars

#### And at least one of the following

- Inspection Plan
- Inspection Notification Framework

- You still have the ability to upload Ancillary Certificates if you decide to opt-out from SI9 but my guess is that the majority of 'opt-outs' would not be uploading any more information than they have to. The minimum requirements for a valid Commencement Notice (not including the Statutory documents) for an 'Opt-out' are:

#### Select at least one from the following

- General Arrangement Drawings
- Plans
- Sections
- Elevations

#### And also:

- A Schedule of Documents in the prescribed format

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