

BRIEF ABOUT NCC

The National Council for Construction (NCC) is a statutory corporate body set up by an Act of parliament to regulate and build capacity for the local Zambian construction industry. The NCC is governed by NCC Act No. 13 of 2003, which sets out the role, mandate and functions of the NCC. The NCC affiliates and represents all trade organisations and professional bodies within the Zambian Construction Industry.

The NCC has two core departments; The Registration and Regulation Department and the Construction School. The Registration and Regulation Department of the NCC was established to carry out regulatory functions of the NCC. As such, the core functions of the Registration and Regulation Department involve registration and affiliation of construction companies and firms; monitoring of construction activities; enforcement of standards; and, promotion of the local construction industry. The Construction School's core function is to provide training, coordinate, improve and facilitate the accessibility to training in the construction industry in Zambia that comprise Building (residential and non - residential) and civil engineering (Roads, bridges, water and sanitation infrastructure, etc) in order to achieve and maintain the highest possible standards in the industry.

The NCC is mandated through Act 13 of 2003 to register all contractors wishing to conduct construction business in Zambia. Contractors are required to demonstrate their capacities in the areas of financial resources, human resources, plant and equipment, their gained practical experience and including references from consultants who supervised them in their previous jobs. The NCC in its roles as the construction regulator, does carry out random countrywide inspections at various construction sites to ensure compliance to various Zambian gazetted construction standards and practices, including safety and health standards.

Defaulting or erring contractors and including clients are immediately punished by the NCC, by a way of a fine, deregistration or downgrading as the case may be. In the case, of consultants, the information is passed on to their respective professional bodies for appropriate action.