



Circular 656: Mandatory Requirements for Scaffolding Inspection Certificates

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Dear Contractors and Consultants,

We would like to bring to your attention a few recent cases where scaffolding inspection certificates issued by third-party inspectors were found to be altered or tampered with on site. Such practices constitute a serious breach of safety requirements and may expose personnel and projects to significant risk.

To ensure everyone's safety and to help streamline inspections, effective immediately, please ensure that all scaffolding inspection certificates submitted to the Consultant for slab casting inspections comply with the following:

1. Accreditation Requirement

- The inspection body must be **accredited by the Emirates International Accreditation Centre (EIAC)**, and the EIAC logo must appear clearly on the certificate.

2. QR Code Mandatory Requirement

- All certificates must include a **unique machine-readable QR code**.
- When scanned the QR code must display or provide a link to a secure database containing, **at a minimum**, the following information: company name, plot number, structural member/area inspected, level/floor, grid reference, date of inspection, validity period (maximum one week from inspection date), scope of inspection, and the name and contact number of the third-party inspector responsible for the inspection.

3. Compliance

- Any scaffolding certificate submitted without a valid QR code, or the required above information will be rejected and considered non-compliant.

- Submission of **falsified, altered, or tampered certificates may result in enforcement action** in accordance with applicable regulations.

All consultants, contractors, and third-party inspection agencies must ensure full compliance with the above requirements.

If you have any questions or wish to give feedback, please call Customer Care on Tel: **800-4-DDA (332)** or via [Connect With Us](#).

Regards,

Dubai Development Authority