



ASSESSED ROUTES TO REGISTRATION

Persons who have distinguished themselves by their achievements in the field of architecture.

The ARB recognises that for certain individuals of high renown the Prescribed Examination may not be the appropriate mechanism to determine whether they possess the competence required by the Act for registration (note 1).

Persons who have particularly distinguished themselves by their achievements may seek registration by the process for assessment described in this note. This route is potentially available to persons from any country.

1. Who may apply?

Applicants will be renowned individuals who have received general recognition as outstanding contributors to architecture.

2. What evidence will be required?

Applicants will be required to produce substantial evidence of both eligibility to apply by this route and the required competence to be registered.

Evidence of eligibility is likely to be drawn from the following: peer review; published work; exhibitions devoted to the applicant's work; major awards or prizes; success in prestigious competitions; relevant testimonials and other relevant evidence.

Evidence of competence is likely to be based on lengthy and extensive personal practice in architecture from which the competence required to be registered is clear. The evidence will be expected to be based on particular work and be referable to the ARB's criteria for prescribed qualifications.

3. Who will consider the application?

The application will be considered by a special Panel consisting of the President of the RIBA, two other architects appointed by the Board (who may or may not be Board members) and a lay member of the Board as Chair.

The Panel's recommendation will be determined by the decision of the majority. The Chair will have a casting vote and will settle the wording of any written explanation required.

4. Assessment

The Panel will consider firstly whether the applicant is eligible for consideration by this route and secondly whether the applicant has a standard of competence which is equivalent to that demonstrated by architects on the Register holding prescribed qualifications.

The Panel may invite any applicant to attend an interview in relation to either or both parts of the consideration required.

5. The Panel's Recommendation

The Panel will recommend either

That the applicant should be registered; or

That the applicant should be asked to produce further evidence; or

That the applicant should not be registered.

The Panel will provide a brief written explanation of its recommendation which will be provided to the applicant.

6. Board Decision

The Board will consider a recommendation that the applicant should be registered. If the Panel recommends either that further evidence should be provided or that the applicant should not be registered the Board will not consider the application unless the applicant asks that the Board does so. This may be done by written representations which must be received by the Board within 28 days of the dispatch of the Panel's written explanation referred to above. The Board will provide brief written reasons to the applicant for any decision other than that the applicant should be registered.

An unsuccessful application will not be reconsidered within three years other than in exceptional circumstances.

7. Registration

The professional and other obligations of persons registered through this route are the same as for any other registered person.

NOTE 1: Registration by this route does not, of itself, entitle a person to registration in any other European country. This route does not apply to an individual who holds an EEA Certificate issued by a Competent Authority that the person concerned is, by reason of his distinguished achievements entitled to use the title architect because a specific route exists for such a person under Section 4(2A)(b) of the Architects Act 1997.