

ARB's Consultation Process



Architects Registration Board

Consultation paper 2009/03

Further amendments to the Board's Criteria at Part 1, Part 2 and Part 3

Consultation Policy

ARB is committed to consulting with a wide range of key stakeholders, consumer bodies and other organisations, to assist in developing its policies.

This consultation process provides the opportunity for interested parties to participate in formulating strong, robust strategies and policies for discharging our statutory responsibilities under the Architects Act 1997.

The Architects Registration Board is holding a consultation exercise on amendments to the Board's Criteria at Part 1, Part 2 and Part 3.

It is important that we have as wide a range of views as possible to assist the Board in its final consideration and implementation of these changes.

We would therefore appreciate any views or comments you might have on the proposal. Please let us have these by no later than **5pm on 21 December 2009**.

Copies of the Consultation Paper are available to download from our website, <http://www.arb.org.uk/consultations/default.php> Response forms are also available, and can be printed or submitted by email. Alternatively, you can post your response to:

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Responses may also be returned by fax to 020 7436 5269

Background

The Architects Registration Board (ARB) maintains the UK's Register of Architects. The Architects Act 1997 places a duty upon the Board to prescribe qualifications and practical training experience. Section 4(1)a states that 'a person who has applied to the Registrar in the prescribed manner for registration in pursuance of this section is entitled to be registered if he (a) holds such qualifications and has gained such practical experience as may be prescribed.'

Individuals must hold the appropriate qualifications in architecture in order to enter ARB's Register. To determine whether qualifications in architecture cover the relevant areas which are necessary to practise as an architect, the ARB prescribes (recognises) such qualifications. The ARB uses a set of Criteria at three different levels (Part 1, Part 2 and Part 3) for this purpose.

The Criteria set out the threshold learning outcomes that must be achieved by those successfully gaining the qualifications in architecture that ARB prescribes at Part 1, Part 2 and Part 3 level.

ARB is also the UK's Competent Authority for architects and is responsible for ensuring that the qualifications it prescribes also meet the relevant European requirements. Therefore, the proposed amendments to the Criteria at Part 1 and Part 2 level aim to additionally reflect the requirements which are set out in Article 46 of the Mutual Recognition of Professional Qualifications Directive (EC/2005/36) more clearly than was previously the case.

The Criteria at all three levels were reviewed and amended with a view to making them more up to date and learning-outcomes based earlier this year and ARB undertook a consultation between February and May in order to gain feedback on the proposed changes to the Criteria. A significant amount of feedback was received and was then taken into account by the Working Group convened to review the Criteria, as well as ARB's Prescription Committee. On the basis of the feedback received, a number of further changes have been made to the original proposals.

You are now invited to comment on the additional amendments to the ARB's Criteria for the Prescription of Qualifications at Part 1, Part 2 and Part 3. The amended Criteria are set out in the response documents provided. Notes are included where relevant to highlight any significant changes that have been made since the last consultation took place, whilst minor amendments, have not been commented on in these papers.

The papers are also available to download from our website, www.arb.org.uk. Details of how to respond to the consultation are included within the Consultation Policy.

Given that ARB has already consulted on the proposals this year, ARB has opted to conduct a shorter consultation on this occasion. You are therefore invited to submit your response no later than **Monday, 21 December 2009**.

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List of consultees

Please see below the list of those organisations we have consulted. Following the close of the consultation, you will be able to read the responses of those who replied by visiting our website, www.arb.org.uk/news/consultations.

ACCA UK (Association of Chartered Certified Accountants)
APSAA (Association of Professional Studies Advisers in Architecture)
ARCHAOS
Architects Professional Examinations Authority in Scotland Ltd
Architectural Association School of Architecture
Architects Registration Board's Panel of Examiners and Independent Examiners
Arts University College Bournemouth
Association of Consultant Architects
Birmingham City University
Black and Ethnic Minority Community Organisation
Bristowe Project
Chartered Institute of Architectural Technologists
Cardiff University
Centre for Alternative Technology
Centre for Education in the Built Environment
Chartered Institute of Building
Chartered Institute of Building Services Engineers
Construction Industry Council
De Montfort University
Edinburgh College of Art
Engineering Council UK
General Consumer Council for Northern Ireland
General Dental Council
General Medical Council
General Optical Council
Health Professions Council
Hestia Housing Association
ICAEW (Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales)
Institute of Acoustics
Institute of Structural Engineers
Institution of Civil Engineers
Institution of Engineering and Technology
Institution of Mechanical Engineers
Kingston University
Landscape Institute
Leeds Metropolitan University
Liverpool John Moore's University
London Metropolitan University
London South Bank University
Mackintosh School of Architecture
Manchester School of Architecture
National Consumer Council
Northumbria University
Nottingham Trent University
Oxford Brookes University
Quality Assurance Agency
Quality Assurance Agency (Scotland)
Queen's University Belfast
Robert Gordon University, Aberdeen
Royal College of Art

Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons
Royal Incorporation of Architects in Scotland
Royal Institute of British Architects
Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors
Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain
Royal Society of Architects in Wales
Royal Society of Ulster Architects
Royal Town Planning Institute
Scottish Consumer Council
SCALA (Serving Construction and Architecture in Local Authorities)
SCHOSA (Standing Conference of Heads of Schools of Architecture)
Sheffield Hallam University
Society of Environmental Engineers
Solicitors Regulatory Authority
The Bar Council
The Law Society
The Law Society of Northern Ireland
The Law Society of Scotland
Worshipful Company of Chartered Architects
University of Bath
University of Brighton
University of Cambridge
University of Central Lancashire
University for the Creative Arts
University College London
University of Dundee
University of East London
University of Edinburgh
University of Huddersfield
University of Greenwich
University of Kent
University of Lincoln
University of Liverpool
University of Newcastle
University of Nottingham
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