

# ARB's Consultation Process



Architects Registration Board

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## **Consultation paper 2009/02**

### **Amendments to the Board's Procedures for the Prescription of Qualifications**

#### **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 Procedures for the Prescription of Qualifications.

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 proposals. Please let us have these by no later than **5pm on 18 December 2009**.

Copies of the Consultation Paper are available to download from our website, [www.arb.org.uk/news/consultations](http://www.arb.org.uk/news/consultations). 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

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## 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 the 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 formal Procedures for this purpose.

The Procedures set out the requirements that must be met in order for qualifications in architecture to be prescribed by the ARB. In addition, they set out the processes under which qualifications will be considered for prescription and are intended to provide helpful guidance for institutions seeking prescription/seeking to renew prescription of their qualifications.

The Procedures have been reviewed and amended after being in operation for six years, with a view to making them more up to date and more reflective of best practise which has emerged over that period.

The amended Procedures have been developed by a Working Group which included representatives of the Standing Conference of Heads of Schools of Architecture and the Association of Professional Studies Advisers in Architecture. We are grateful to those involved for their participation in the review. All responses to the consultation will be considered by the Working Group. The final draft of the Procedures will then be progressed through the appropriate ARB processes during early 2010 for approval by the ARB's Board.

You are now invited to comment on the proposed amendments to the ARB's Procedures for the Prescription of Qualifications. The amended Procedures are set out in the response documents provided. Notes are included where relevant to identify any particularly significant changes, whilst minor amendments have not been commented on in these documents.

As well as any detailed comments/proposals in relation to the drafting of the Procedures, we have also identified some key questions on which we would particularly welcome your responses.

You are invited to submit your response/s no later than **5.00pm on 18 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](http://www.arb.org.uk/news/consultations).

Access Association  
ACCA UK (Association of Chartered Certified Accountants)  
Affinity  
Age Concern England  
APEAS  
APSAA (Association of Professional Studies Advisers in Architecture)  
ARCHAOS  
Architects for Change  
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 at Bournemouth  
Association of Consultant Architects  
Association for Disabled Professionals  
Birmingham City University  
Black and Ethnic Minority Community Organisation  
Bristowe Project  
British Institute of Human Rights  
British Youth Council  
CentreLGS  
Centre for Alternative Technology  
Chartered Institute of Architectural Technologists  
Cardiff University  
Capability Scotland  
Central Scotland Racial Equality Council  
Centre for Alternative Technology  
Centre for Education in the Built Environment  
Change the Face of Construction  
Chartered Institute of Building  
Chartered Institute of Building Services Engineers  
Chinese Information and Advice Centre  
Coalition on Sexual Orientation  
Confederation of Indian Organisations  
Consortium of LGTB VCOs  
Construction Industry Council  
Council of Ethnic Minority Voluntary Organisations  
Council for British Pakistanis  
De Montfort University  
DisabilityLIB  
Disability Wales  
Edinburgh College of Art  
Engender  
Engineering Council UK  
Equalities National Council of Disabled People and Carers for Black and Ethnic Communities  
Equality and Diversity Forum  
Ethnic Minority Foundation  
Fawcett Society  
Federation of Black Housing Organisations  
Federation of Private Residents' Associations

Gay and Lesbian Humanist Society  
General Consumer Council for Northern Ireland  
General Dental Council  
General Medical Council  
General Optical Council  
Group for Solicitors with Disabilities  
Health Professions Council  
Hestia Housing Association  
Housing Associations Charitable Trust  
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  
Interfaith Network  
Islamic Society of Great Britain  
Joint Council of the Welfare of Immigrants  
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  
MIND  
Muslim Womens Network UK  
National Consumer Council  
National Centre for Independent Living  
Network of Black Professionals  
Network of Buddhist Organisations  
Network of Sikh Organisations  
Northumbria University  
Nottingham Trent University  
Office for Disability Issues  
Oxford Brookes University  
Places Matter  
Policy Research Institute on Ageing and Ethnicity  
Positive Action in Housing  
Quality Assurance Agency  
Quality Assurance Agency (Scotland)  
Queen's University Belfast  
Race on the Agenda  
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

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Sandra Manley (University of West of England)  
Scottish Consumer Council  
Scottish Council of Jewish Communities  
Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations  
Scottish Interfaith Society  
SCALA (Serving Construction and Architecture in Local Authorities)  
SCHOSA (Standing Conference of Heads of Schools of Architecture)  
Shaw Trust  
Sheffield Hallam University  
SKILL: National Bureau for Students with Disabilities  
Society of Black Architects  
Society of Environmental Engineers  
Solicitors Regulatory Authority  
Stephen Lawrence Charitable Trust  
Stonewall  
The Bar Council  
The Law Society  
The Law Society of Northern Ireland  
The Law Society of Scotland  
Wales Council for Voluntary Action  
Windsor Fellowship  
Women and Manual Trades  
Women in Architecture  
Women into Science, Engineering and Construction  
Women's Resource Centre  
Worshipful Company of Chartered Architects  
Union of Jewish Students  
United Kingdom Disabled People's Council  
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  
University of Plymouth  
University of Portsmouth  
University of Sheffield  
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