



Consultation 2010.4 – Consultation on General Rule 20 (Maintenance of Competence)

Section 9(1) of the Architects Act 1997 requires the Board to be satisfied as to the competence of those applying to be entered, retained or re-entered in Part 1 of the Register unless they have ‘...such recent practical experience as the Board may prescribe,...’

ARB’s requirements regarding ‘recent practical experience’ are set out in its General Rules under Rule 20.

The current Rule does not reflect recent changes to the Code of Conduct and Practice and the Board’s current position regarding the maintenance of competence. The revised Rule is easier to understand, will facilitate the re-admission of individuals to the Register and align the Rule with recent Board decisions and policy developments.

All responses to the consultation will be considered by ARB’s Prescription Committee. The final draft of the Rule will then be progressed through the appropriate Board processes during early 2011 for approval by ARB’s Board.

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Please complete and return to Architects Registration Board, 8 Weymouth Street, London W1W 5BU, by **5pm on Monday 20 December 2010**.

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| The proposed Rule 20 | Comments |
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| <p data-bbox="94 537 840 716">“Any person who falls within the categories described in section 9 (1)(a), (b) or (c) of the Act and who is engaged in the practice of architecture must have gained such recent practical experience as prescribed by the Board.</p> <p data-bbox="94 756 840 1040">The prescribed practical experience for the purposes of this Rule shall be that they have undertaken activities in the practice of architecture, during the period of two years immediately prior to the application as are sufficient in the opinion of the Board to maintain their competence to practise in accordance with the Board’s guidelines which shall be published from time to time.</p> <p data-bbox="94 1081 840 1268">Where the Board is not satisfied that a person has gained such recent practical experience, they may be required to satisfy the Board of their competence to practice in such manner as the Board may require.”</p> | |