



Architects Registration Board
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Chair's Message

Dear Reader,

Welcome to the July 2015 eBulletin.

Appointment of Registrar – At our recent Board meeting we were delighted to welcome Karen Holmes in her role of Registrar and Chief Executive following her recent appointment which took effect on 1 July 2015. Karen had been carrying out this role on an interim basis for nearly two years and we know she is a highly capable leader with extensive regulatory experience.

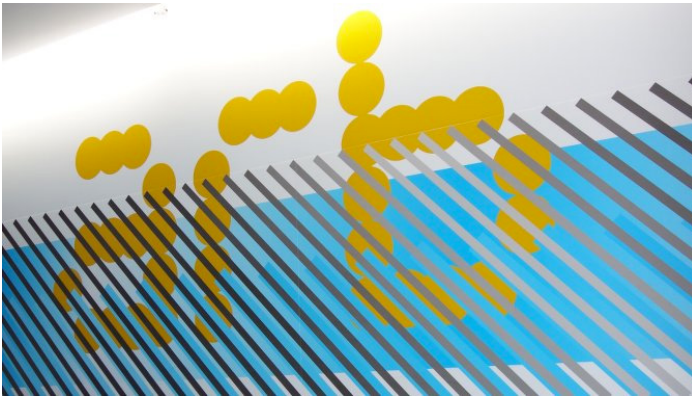
Future work programme – At the meeting the Board discussed our future work programme covering business planning and budgeting arrangements for 2016. The Board also agreed ARB's Investment Strategy for the next 12 months. We received an update on DCLG's periodic review timeline, and it appears that the report is now likely to go to the Minister in September 2015. The Board heard reports from two of the Board's Committees – the [Investigations Oversight Committee](#) and the [Prescription Committee](#) – which both oversee key elements of our regulatory role.

Equality and diversity survey – There has been an excellent response to the Equality and Diversity survey. It was first circulated in May 2015 and over 4500 people have already responded bringing the total number of architects who have provided us with data to 6800. ARB is an inclusive organisation and we are committed to ensuring that the services we offer are free from discrimination and suitable for everyone we deal with. The equality and diversity data will inform our work in this regard. The survey is still open and we are keen to encourage more architects to complete it. If you would like to do this please contact us and we will send you your unique link.

Code of conduct consultation – The Code of Conduct consultation continues and we would urge those of you who have not yet

responded to complete this consultation. You can complete this [here](#).

Please have a read through this eBulletin to find out about what we have been working on recently. As always, if you have any questions we're happy to help. You can contact the staff team via email at info@arb.org.uk or via phone on 0207 580 5861.



2014 Annual Report

We are currently finalising the 2014 Annual Report and we will be publishing this shortly. As well as the audited 2014 Annual Report and Financial Statements, this will contain information about how we delivered on our regulatory remit, including key facts and figures about the Register.

It will be sent to all architects who have said they would like to receive it. If you would like to amend the communications you receive from us please update your communication preferences within [Registrant Services](#).



Prescription of Qualifications

At the last Board meeting on 16 July 2015, the Board considered an application from a body seeking to renew prescription of its qualifications under the Architects Act 1997.

The Board decided that prescription of the following qualifications should continue until September 2020:

Royal Institute of British Architects
RIBA's Part 1 Certificate in Architecture
RIBA's Part 2 Diploma in Architecture

For further details, please see the 'Qualifications' section of ARB's website, www.arb.org.uk/information-prescription-of-qualifications



Misuse of title on planning drawings and social media

On 25 June 2015, Mr Saddle Munthali trading as Kaseka Associates of Enfield, Middlesex was ordered to pay a total of £2,000 in fines and costs after pleading guilty to misusing the title architect. Saddle Munthali continued to use the title on planning drawings which had been submitted to Newham Planning Department and used the RIBA affix on his LinkedIn profile despite no longer being registered. [You can read the full press release here.](#)

Please watch this space for a future eBulletin article on ARB's approach to dealing with misuse of title.



London Build

We spoke at the London Build show to inform client organisations about the work of ARB and to provide them with key information about the Register and the Code of Conduct. Presentations such as these contribute to our objective of supporting clients to make informed choices and informing them about our regulatory role.

We are always happy to consider speaking opportunities so if you are aware of other upcoming conferences please let us know.



Consultation on the Architects Code of Conduct

You may recall that ARB recently issued a news release about the Architects Code of Conduct and whether it remains fit for purpose. The Code is an important document for all architects and ARB is seeking as

much feedback as possible. The deadline for responding is the 11 August 2015, so anyone wishing to submit a response must do so by this date.

You can view the documents and download a response form by clicking [here](#).



Equality and Diversity Survey

Our equality and diversity survey remains open and we are keen to urge those of you who have not yet responded to complete this survey. Please contact us at info@arb.org.uk or call us on 0207 580 5861 and we will send you your unique link.

We are delighted with the responses we have so far received to this survey. Since May 2015, 4500 architects have submitted this information. This together with the 2300 we have collected over the past two years, means that we now hold equality and diversity data for 6800 architects, 16% of the overall Register.

ARB is an inclusive organisation and we are committed to ensuring that our services are free from discrimination and suitable for all. This forms part of the Board's commitment to comply with the Public Sector Equality Duty which was established by the Equality Act 2010.



Dear Architect

In this eBulletin we cover the importance of informing us if you change your name or update your contact details, as well as other notifications required under the Code of Conduct.

Please remember that you are obliged to keep your details on the Register up to date. The information we currently hold for you is reproduced at the top of the eBulletin email. **It's particularly helpful if you provide us with a secondary email address as a backup, which is not made available to the public.**

Below we explain why keeping us updated is important for a number of reasons:

Address and contact details

Other than the fact that incorrect contact details on the Register will leave potential clients unable to contact you, it may also mean that you are not receiving important correspondence ARB needs to send you from time to time. You can update your contact details including your address, telephone number, website and email addresses by logging onto the [Registrant Services](#) area of the website.

If you change your name

If you change your name for any reason, please remember to contact us so we can amend your details on the Register. This is particularly relevant for anyone who has recently married and chosen to change their name. It is important that the name you practice under is the same as that on the Register; a failure in this regard may lead to legal issues surrounding the use of the title 'architect'. You can inform us of a name change via the [Registrant Services](#) site as detailed above. You can also upload the evidence of name change (such as a marriage certificate) via this site, as we will need to see this evidence before we can make any changes.

Other notifications

Under the Architects Code of Conduct you are expected to notify ARB if you are convicted of a criminal offence, become bankrupt, or are a director of a company which goes into liquidation. If this is likely to affect you, please contact our Professional Standards department at

professionalstandards@arb.org.uk for further guidance.

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