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**ARCHITECTS ACT  
(CHAPTER 12)**

**ARCHITECTS (AMENDMENT) RULES 2017**

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 38 of the Architects Act, the Board of Architects, with the approval of the Minister for National Development, makes the following Rules:

**Citation and commencement**

1. These Rules are the Architects (Amendment) Rules 2017 and come into operation on 6 October 2017.

**Deletion and substitution of rules 2 and 3**

2. Rules 2 and 3 of the Architects Rules (R 1) are deleted and the following rules substituted therefor:

**“Application for registration**

2.—(1) An application for registration under section 15(1) of the Act made by a person who satisfies the Board as to the criteria mentioned in section 15(2) of the Act must be —

(a) made to the Board in the form set out at the Internet website of the Board at [http://www.boa.gov.sg/forms/form\\_1\\_application\\_for\\_registration.pdf](http://www.boa.gov.sg/forms/form_1_application_for_registration.pdf);

and

(b) accompanied by —

(i) the appropriate fee specified in the Schedule;

(ii) a copy of the identity card under the National Registration Act (Cap. 201), passport or other similar official document of identity relating to the person; and

- (iii) a copy of the qualification by which the person claims to be entitled to such registration.

(2) An application for registration under section 15(2A) of the Act made by a foreign architect seeking to engage in the practice of architecture in Singapore independently must be —

- (a) made to the Board in the form set out at the Internet website of the Board at [http://www.boa.gov.sg/forms/APEC\\_architect\\_registration\\_form\\_foreign.pdf](http://www.boa.gov.sg/forms/APEC_architect_registration_form_foreign.pdf); and
- (b) accompanied by —
  - (i) the appropriate fee specified in the Schedule;
  - (ii) a copy of the identity card under the National Registration Act, passport or other similar official document of identity relating to the foreign architect;
  - (iii) a copy of any degree, diploma or other qualification obtained by the foreign architect that relates to the practice of architecture;
  - (iv) any document showing the type of training in architecture received by the foreign architect;
  - (v) a document showing that the foreign architect is authorised to practise as an architect, issued by the foreign registration authority of a participating jurisdiction in which the foreign architect is so authorised to practise;
  - (vi) any other document required under the terms of any arrangement mentioned in section 6A(2) of the Act;
  - (vii) any other document that the Board considers to be relevant in assessing the particular application; and
  - (viii) a declaration containing such relevant information as the Board may require which

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relates to the foreign architect or the architectural services to be supplied by the foreign architect in Singapore.

(3) An application for registration under section 15(2A) of the Act made by a foreign architect not seeking to engage in the practice of architecture in Singapore independently must be —

(a) made to the Board in the form set out at the Internet website of the Board at [http://www.boa.gov.sg/forms/ASEAN\\_Architect\\_Registration\\_Form\\_foreign.pdf](http://www.boa.gov.sg/forms/ASEAN_Architect_Registration_Form_foreign.pdf); and

(b) accompanied by —

- (i) the appropriate fee specified in the Schedule;
- (ii) a copy of the identity card under the National Registration Act, passport or other similar official document of identity relating to the foreign architect;
- (iii) a copy of any degree, diploma or other qualification obtained by the foreign architect that relates to the practice of architecture;
- (iv) any document showing the type of training in architecture received by the foreign architect;
- (v) a document showing that the foreign architect is authorised to practise as an architect, issued by the foreign registration authority of a participating jurisdiction in which the foreign architect is so authorised to practise;
- (vi) any other document required under the terms of any arrangement mentioned in section 6A(2) of the Act;
- (vii) any other document that the Board considers to be relevant in assessing the particular application; and

- (viii) a declaration containing such relevant information as the Board may require which relates to the foreign architect or the architectural services to be supplied by the foreign architect in Singapore.

(4) An application for registration under section 15(1)(c) of the Act made by a foreign architect to whom the Architects (Exemption from Experience Requirements) Order 2017 (G.N. No. S 567/2017) applies must be —

- (a) made to the Board in the form set out at the Internet website of the Board at [http://www.boa.gov.sg/forms/form\\_collaboration.pdf](http://www.boa.gov.sg/forms/form_collaboration.pdf); and
- (b) accompanied by —
  - (i) the appropriate fee specified in the Schedule;
  - (ii) a copy of the identity card under the National Registration Act, passport or other similar official document of identity relating to the foreign architect;
  - (iii) a copy of any degree, diploma or other qualification obtained by the foreign architect that relates to the practice of architecture;
  - (iv) any document showing the type of training in architecture received by the foreign architect;
  - (v) any other document that the Board considers to be relevant in assessing the application; and
  - (vi) a declaration containing such relevant information as the Board may require which relates to the foreign architect or the architectural services to be supplied by the foreign architect in Singapore.

(5) Any document produced under paragraph (1), (2), (3) or (4) that is not in English must be accompanied by a certified translation of that document.

(6) Any fee mentioned in paragraph (1), (2), (3) or (4) is non-refundable.

(7) For the purposes of these Rules, a person engages in the practice of architecture in Singapore independently if the person supplies, or offers to supply, architectural services in Singapore without collaborating with a registered architect who has in force a practising certificate.

### **Prescribed examination for purposes of section 15(1)(c) of Act**

3.—(1) The prescribed examination for the purposes of section 15(1)(c) of the Act is the Confirmatory Examination, being an oral examination to test the applicant’s knowledge in architecture and ability to produce creative and innovative architectural designs.

(2) Any person who sits for the Confirmatory Examination must pay the appropriate fee specified in the Schedule.”.

### **Amendment of rule 3A**

3. Rule 3A of the Architects Rules is amended —

- (a) by deleting the words “section 15(2)(c)(ii)” in paragraph (3) and substituting the words “section 15(2)(c)(iii)”; and
- (b) by deleting paragraph (4).

### **Amendment of rule 3B**

4. Rule 3B of the Architects Rules is amended —

- (a) by deleting the words “specified in the Third Schedule” in paragraph (1)(d) and substituting the words “for that examination specified in the Schedule”; and
- (b) by inserting, immediately after paragraph (1), the following paragraph:

“(1A) A person may apply to sit for any of the examinations mentioned in rule 3A(1), (2) or (3) if, and only if, the person has, before the date of the application, obtained the practical experience in