

# **Architects (Amendment) Rules 2005**

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### ARCHITECTS ACT (CHAPTER 12)

#### ARCHITECTS (AMENDMENT) RULES 2005

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, hereby makes the following Rules:

#### **Citation and commencement**

**1.** These Rules may be cited as the Architects (Amendment) Rules 2005 and shall come into operation on 1st December 2005.

#### **New rule 3A**

**2.** The Architects Rules (R 1) are amended by inserting, immediately after rule 3, the following rules:

“Prescribed examinations for purposes of section 15 (2) of Act

**3A.**—(1) The following examinations shall be the prescribed examinations for the purposes of section 15 (2) (a) (ii) of the Act:

- (a) the Law and the Architect Examination, which tests the applicant’s technical knowledge on the various Acts, by-laws, rules and regulations, limitations, codes of practice, submission and application procedures relating to the practice of architecture in Singapore;
- (b) the Professional Practice Examination, which tests the applicant’s understanding of and his abilities in Contract Administration and Project Management; and
- (c) the Oral Interview Examination (to be conducted only after the applicant has sat for and passed the examinations referred to in sub-paragraphs (a) and (b)), which covers the following areas:
  - (i) the topics set out in sub-paragraphs (a) and (b);

(ii) the data recorded in the applicant's Professional Case Study, Practical Experience Record Book and Log Book; and

(iii) the mentoring process of the applicant.

(2) The prescribed oral examination for the purposes of section 15 (2) (b) (ii) of the Act shall be the Professional Practice Interview Examination, which covers the following areas:

(a) the topics set out in paragraph (1)(a) and (b); and

(b) the data recorded in the applicant's Professional Case Study, Practical Experience Record Book and Log Book.

(3) The prescribed oral examination for the purposes of section 15 (2) (c) (ii) of the Act shall be the Professional Interview, in which the applicant will be asked to elaborate on his aspirations in relation to his practice of architecture in Singapore, his professional opinion on improving the architectural practice and standards in Singapore and his achievements in the architectural profession.

(4) The Board shall —

(a) appoint a Committee of Examiners to conduct the examinations referred to in paragraphs (1), (2) and (3);

(b) determine the date, time and place for the examinations to be held;

(c) determine the number of such examinations to be conducted in a year (not being less than one examination per year);

(d) determine the scope and duration of such examinations;

(e) determine the procedure for the conduct of such examinations; and

(f) notify each applicant of the result of his examination as soon as practicable.

### **Application to sit for prescribed examinations**

**3B.**—(1) Every application to sit for an examination referred to in rule 3A(1), (2) or (3) shall be —

(a) made in such form and manner as the Board may determine;

(b) submitted not less than 60 days before the date of the examination;

(c) accompanied by a copy of the applicant's Professional Case Study, Practical Experience Record Book and Log Book; and

(d) accompanied by the appropriate fee specified in the Third Schedule.

(2) Where a person who has applied to sit for any of the examinations referred to in rule 3A(1), (2) or (3) is unable to sit for the examination, the Board may, in

its discretion, refund any fee or part thereof paid by that person under this rule.”.

### **Deletion and substitution of rules 6 and 7**

3. Rules 6 and 7 of the Architects Rules are deleted and the following rules substituted therefor:

#### **“Further evidence and other requirements**

6.—(1) The Board may require an applicant to furnish such other evidence or particulars as the Board considers necessary to determine whether the applicant is entitled to registration under the Act.

(2) The Board may further require an applicant to submit a project report to demonstrate his experience in the different areas of architectural practice.

#### **Fee for registration**

7. Every application for registration under the Act shall be accompanied by the appropriate fee specified in the Third Schedule, and such fee shall not be refundable.”.

### **Amendment of rule 9**

4. Rule 9 of the Architects Rules is amended by deleting paragraph (1) and substituting the following paragraph:

“(1) A registered architect shall, on payment of the appropriate fee specified in the Third Schedule, be issued a certificate of registration duly signed by the Registrar.”.

### **Deletion of rule 10B**

5. Rule 10B of the Architects Rules is deleted.

### **Deletion and substitution of rule 12**

6. Rule 12 of the Architects Rules is deleted and the following rule substituted therefor:

#### **“Fee for application**

12. For the purposes of section 18(3)(c) of the Act, every application for a practicing certificate shall be accompanied by the appropriate fee specified in the Third Schedule, and such fee shall not be refundable.”.

### **Amendment of rule 13**

7. Rule 13 of the Architects Rules is amended by deleting paragraph (1) and substituting the following paragraph:

“(1) Where an application for a practising certificate authorising the holder thereof to engage in the practice of architecture during any year or part thereof is made on or after 1st January of that year or after 1st December of the previous year, a late application fee specified in the Third Schedule shall, in addition to the fee payable under rule 12, accompany and be payable in respect of that application, and such late application fee shall not be refundable.”.

### **Deletion of rule 13D**

8. Rule 13D of the Architects Rules is deleted.

### **Deletion and substitution of heading to Part III**

9. The Architects Rules are amended by deleting the heading to Part III and substituting the following heading:

“LICENCES, REGISTER OF LICENSEES  
AND NAMES OF PRACTICES”.

### **Deletion and substitution of rule 17**

10. Rule 17 of the Architects Rules is deleted and the following rule substituted therefor:

#### **“Fee**

17. Every application for a licence shall be accompanied by the appropriate fee specified in the Third Schedule, and such fee shall not be refundable.”.

### **Amendment of rule 18**

11. Rule 18 of the Architects Rules is amended by deleting paragraph (3) and substituting the following paragraphs:

“(3) For the purposes of section 20(4)(b) of the Act, the type of limited liability partnership which may apply for a licence is one where its partners are either —

- (a) registered architects or allied professionals who each has in force a practising certificate;
- (b) corporations each of which has in force a licence issued under