

News Letter



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Chairman's Column

New Act

Practising Categories

Following on from an item in the previous newsletter about Non- Practising Architects since the introduction of the new Architects Act 2004 there has been some confusion in regard to registrations and renewals within the two broad practising categories of Division 1: 'Practising' and Division 2: 'Non-Practising'. Originally the 'Non-Practising' category was intended, as with the old Act, to have been specifically for older architects who had retired from the profession and working life generally, but still wanted the recognition of the title 'Architect' reflecting their long working careers. The Board is therefore endeavouring to have the Regulations to the Act amended to make the categories clearer, and in particular Division 2: 'Non- Practising'.

It has to be remembered that the new Act that the Board has to administer is very much consumer focused with a responsibility of assuring the public that they can be confident that the person they are dealing with is a competent 'Architect'. Under the new Act this public assurance is facilitated, by not only requiring 5 year academic qualifications, but including provisions that may require Professional Indemnity insurance (PI) and Continuing

Professional Development (CPD) as conditions of registration and renewal.

Renewal of registrations under the new Act has seen quite a few individuals opting for the 'Non-Practising' category when clearly they are not 'retired' but are not actively providing their services to the public even although, in the Board's view, the potential remains for them to do so. Accordingly, it has been necessary to broaden the definition of 'Non-Practising' to cover situations where 'Architects' may not be active in practice in Western Australia for various reasons such as being academics, overseas, on parental leave or working in an unrelated field. As such, whilst this doesn't put them in the category of 'retired', their requirements for registration renewal can be considered differently to practising and employed architects in terms of PI & CPD. Accordingly, if these 'Non-Practising' architects are not wanting to resign from the Register altogether it is necessary with renewal of their registration, for them to provide the Board with evidence of fitness to practice should they ever want to become active in the profession on either a part or full time basis.

If 'Non-Practising' architects are not providing architectural services to the public the need for PI is not as essential,

however, on the basis that they may one day want to return to practising architecture they need to be able to demonstrate to the Board that they have maintained their professional knowledge and this can be done through CPD. Depending on the effectiveness and level of CPD undertaken, they may also have to undergo written registration exams and/or oral exams again before being able to change their category of registration from Division 2: 'Non-Practising' back to Division 1: 'Practising'.

Keeping the consumer focus in mind, the Board needs 'Architects' to appreciate that even with a small private commission, their professional responsibility extends to not just their client, or in some cases a family member that they are currently providing services to, but also to the future owners of those properties who could have an issue at some time with an architect's design liability.

The intention with the proposed amendments to the Regulations is to create the following categories within each Division. Each category will have different requirements for PI and CPD and will also attract varying levels of fees for renewal of registration. The proposed amendments to the Regulations for categories of registration are as follows:

Division 1: 'Practising'

(A) Practising Architecture and accepting commissions as an individual

(B) Practising Architecture as an employee

(C) Licensed Corporations

Division 2: 'Non-Practising'

(A) Academics*

(B) Other#

(C) Retired+

Notes/Definitions:

* **'Academics'** - - architects employed within the higher education sector who have met registration requirements, but are not directly active in the profession in providing services to the public.

'Other' - architects who have met registration requirements, but are not directly active in the profession due to circumstances such as extended parental leave or overseas employment/travel. It may also include architects working in areas that are unrelated to architecture and the Board will consider an individual's case if presented to the Board in writing.

+ **'Retired'** - architects who have retired from the profession and working life generally and no longer provide services or professional expertise to the public and have no intention of returning to active work.

(i) Architects in the Non-Practising categories will be required to include the term 'Retired' or 'Non-Practising' in conjunction with reference to themselves as 'architects'.

(ii) If a person qualifies for more than one category of registration, their registration will be on the basis of the category that has the more onerous registration requirements eg: an 'academic' who also wishes to do private commissions will have to be registered in Division 1: 'Practising' and meet all the requirements of PI & CPD.

'Trading As' Names

It has come to the attention of the Board that some architects are using 'trading as' names for their practices that have not been approved by the Board.

Accordingly, it has become Board policy that trading names, whether for licensed corporations or individual architects, must be applied for and approved by the Board for inclusion with information on the Register. This is similar under the old Act where 'trading as' names for firms and partnerships, as well as for companies, had to be included on the Register.

The use of a 'trading as' name will only be approved with a requirement that the architects name and registration number has to be identified on stationery, contracts, advertising and the like. Similarly it will be a requirement of Licensed Corporations to identify the name of the architect in the organisation who has the ultimate responsibility for the architectural work being undertaken.

If you are using a 'trading as' name, that has not been applied for and approved by the Board, you are required to initiate an application to the Board, so that the information can be included on the Register.

Bruce Callow
Chairman
Architects Board of WA

Registrar's Column

Changes to Register

Since the April 2007 Newsletter, the following changes have been made to the Register.

New Registrations

MG Allen (2146)
CC Beale (2125)
MR Bredmeyer (2126)
BS Crowe (2127)
SH Dunlop (2128)
DP Esam (2147)
JD Evans (2129)
SL Fardoe (2130)
CC Hawkey (2131)
DH Jones (2132)
GN Kho (2133)
SJ Kroenert (2148)
BD Ladyman (2134)
J Lim (2135)
CY Ng (2149)
K Pappas (2136)
TJ Paterson (2122)
S Pavone (2137)
RW Pech Eva (2150)
G Pieraccini (2138)
LG Slattery (2139)
GASL Smith (2151)
MB Spartalis (2140)
NR Steele (2141)
PA Stejskal (2152)
SSP Thoo (2142)
TA Volkova (2143)
RJ Wakefield (2144)
JK Wood (2153)

Re-Registrations

T Cop (1554)
DA Lewis (1783)
WM Sankey (1105)
A Temelcos (1154)
DA Tregonning (1399)
NB Zoeb (1791)

Placed on Non-Practising List

P Baczynski (1460)
DA Chandler (944)
M Farrant (1431)

LV Fuhrmann (504)
WEJ Groom (609)
B Hanley (933)
TJ Hanlin (1347)
D Krantz (312)
IM McRobbie (1619)
JA Northover (559)
F Ong (752)
P Peou (1055)
M Piercey (1021)
RA Sergi (1826)
RA Sewell (407)
D Silver (245)
P Walton (1037)
JM Zeck (1142)

Resignations

RC Binet (841)
R de Boni (1863)
AC Dodds (1093)
LC Lorrimer (1800)
NK Windress (1467)

Struck off for Non Payment

SJ Blackbee (759)
G Bogdanich (1951)
ML Cason (1985)
L Chew-Bogdanich (1960)
JE Duffy (406)
RW Hearne (1064)
A Helm (1311)
PJ Jones (1203)
RV Keesing (808)
EA Kordic (2027)
CA Levison (927)
TM Lewis-Jones (1328)
CJ Matson (1206)
CF Melia (1227)
RA Nelson (1040)
NA Pollard (1589)
AW Quin (2050)
JW Ramshaw (1838)
EFE Samec (1088)
WM Sankey (1105)
PJ Sims (1243)
AL Storey (802)
L Tank (1881)
A Temelcos (1154)
J Tsigulis (408)
G Vassiliou (1318)

JB Wardle (2042)
GM White (376)

**Struck off for Non-
Compliance of Act**

MH Richardson (1476)

**Architects Board of WA
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