



# ARCHITECTS BOARD OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

## Newsletter

24 June 2010

Dear Architect

The new renewal of registration and licence period is just around the corner, so keep your eye out for the renewal forms in the mail.

### Renewal of Registration and Licence

#### Deadline

Renewal of registration and licence forms for the period 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011 will be sent out in mid July, which is a bit later than previous years. The Board has delayed issuing renewals in an attempt to improve the return rate from architects. As renewals are due by 30 September 2010, issuing invoices on 1 July 2010 provides a three month payment window. This period is so long that many architects miss the payment deadline as they put the renewal notice aside when they first receive it, and then forget about it completely. This results in substantial rework for the Board either through sending out reminder letters or removing people from the register for non payment and then restoring them back to the register a month later. Last year, an abysmal 27% of practising architects and 25% of licensed corporations had not returned their renewal notices by the due date.

This year, fully completed renewal forms and payment must be returned to the Board by **30 September 2010**. If payment is not received by the due date your name **will** be removed from the register. In previous years the Board has been very lenient with those architects paying their renewal fee after the due date. This will no longer be the case, so make sure you pay by the due date. You have been warned.

Please note that reminder notices will not be issued this year.

#### Continuing Professional Development

Continuing professional development records **do not** have to be provided unless you have been selected as part of the audit. If you were selected in the audit, you would have received a letter from the Board notifying you of this in March.

#### Professional Indemnity Insurance

Evidence of professional indemnity insurance must be provided by practising architects and licensed corporations. Failure to do so may result in you being removed from the register. Earlier this year the Board made application to the State Administrative Tribunal to have an architect removed from the register because they did not provide evidence of professional indemnity insurance cover to the Board.

Non practising architects are not required to provide evidence of professional indemnity insurance.

#### Yellow Pages Advertising

Each year the Board reviews the listings under the heading "Architects" in the hard copy and on-line versions of the Yellow Pages. Recently the Board has investigated numerous entries that were not in the register. These were either people or businesses that are not registered or licensed, or architects and licensed corporations trading under a different name to the name that is recorded in the register.

Please make sure that your entries in the Yellow Pages, and any other advertising you undertake, are correct. If you have changed your business or trading name please contact the Board.

## **Board Members**

Each year five positions become vacant on the Board; two elected member positions and three appointed member positions.

Two architects, Simon Bodycoat and John Taylor, nominated for the elected member positions. As the number of nominations did not exceed the number of vacancies, Simon and John were taken to be elected for a 2 year term.

The appointed member positions are still to be finalised by the Minister.

## **Architectural Practice Examinations**

The next round of Architectural Practice Examinations (APE) will be starting soon. The Board is holding an APE briefing session on 14 July 2010 at 5:00 pm. Please pass this information on to any graduates in your practice who are contemplating undertaking the APE.

If you do employ graduates, please give them diverse opportunities and exposure to projects that meet the required levels of practical experience across all competencies necessary for registration.

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