

NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

ARCHITECTS REGULATIONS 2025

As in force at 26 September 2025

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Regulations under the *Architects Act 1963*

Part 1 Preliminary matters

1 Title

These Regulations may be cited as the *Architects Regulations 2025*.

2 Commencement

These Regulations commence on the day after the day on which they are made.

3 Definition

In these Regulations:

registration year, in relation to an architect, means:

- (a) the 12 month period commencing on the day the architect is registered under section 14(1)(a) of the Act; and
- (b) each subsequent 12 month period, commencing on the anniversary of the day mentioned in paragraph (a), during which the architect is registered.

Part 2 Prescribed matters

4 Application fees

For sections 12(4)(b), 15(4)(c) and 20B(5) of the Act, the fee for an application of a type specified in Schedule 1 is the fee specified opposite in Schedule 1.

5 Prescribed insurance policy requirements

For section 4A(1)(b) of the Act, a prescribed insurance policy must be:

- (a) professional indemnity insurance; and
- (b) for a minimum amount of \$1 000 000.

6 Architects exempt from prescribed insurance policy requirements

- (1) For section 17(4) of the Act, the following classes of registered architect are exempt from the prescribed insurance policy requirements:
 - (a) an architect who is employed by a Commonwealth, State or Territory government;
 - (b) an architect who:
 - (i) is not practising as an architect in Australia or providing architectural services in Australia; and
 - (ii) has notified the Board, in the approved form, that the architect is not practising as an architect in Australia or providing architectural services in Australia.

Examples for subregulation (1)(b)

An architect who is retired, practising overseas, on parental leave, unemployed or employed outside of the architectural sector.

- (2) The exemption under subregulation (1)(a) only applies in relation to work done by the architect in the course of the architect's duties as an employee of the government.
- (3) An architect ceases to be exempt under subregulation (1)(b) if the architect recommences the practise of architecture in Australia or the provision of architectural services in Australia.

7 Continuing professional development requirements

For section 18(1) of the Act, the continuing professional development requirements set out in Schedule 2 are prescribed.

8 Architects exempt from continuing professional development requirements

- (1) For section 18(2) of the Act, an architect who does not practise as an architect in Australia or provide architectural services in Australia for an entire registration year is exempt from the continuing professional development requirements in relation to that registration year.

Examples for subregulation (1)

An architect who is retired, practising overseas, on parental leave, unemployed or employed outside the architectural sector.

- (2) An architect who is exempt under subregulation (1) must, at the end of each registration year in relation to which the architect is exempt under that subregulation, notify the Board, in the approved form, that the architect did not practise as an architect in Australia or provide architectural services in Australia during that registration year.

9 Grounds for cancellation of registration of architect

For section 20(h) of the Act, the following conduct is prescribed:

- (a) conduct that contravenes or fails to comply with any code of professional conduct that is applicable to the architect;
- (b) conduct that renders the architect ineligible for registration as an architect under section 13 of the Act.

Part 3 Repeals**10 Regulations repealed**

The Regulations specified in Schedule 3 are repealed.

Schedule 1 Fees

regulation 4

Item	Application type	Fee (revenue units)
1	An application under section 12(1) of the Act for an individual to be registered as an architect for a period of:	
	(a) 1 year	114
	(b) 3 years	211
	(c) 5 years	313
2	An application under section 12(2) of the Act for a partnership to be registered as an architectural partnership for a period of:	
	(a) 1 year	287
	(b) 3 years	579
	(c) 5 years	889
3	An application under section 12(3) of the Act for a company to be registered as an architectural company for a period of:	
	(a) 1 year	287
	(b) 3 years	579
	(c) 5 years	889
4	An application under section 15(1) of the Act for renewal of an architect's registration for a period of:	
	(a) 1 year	57
	(b) 3 years	154
	(c) 5 years	256

Item	Application type	Fee (revenue units)
5	An application under section 15(2) of the Act for renewal of an architectural partnership's registration for a period of:	
	(a) 1 year	172
	(b) 3 years	464
	(c) 5 years	774
6	An application under section 15(3) of the Act for renewal of an architectural company's registration for a period of:	
	(a) 1 year	172
	(b) 3 years	464
	(c) 5 years	774
7	An application mentioned in section 20B(5) of the Act for variation of the terms of registration of an architectural partnership	28

Schedule 2 CPD requirements

regulation 7

1 Definitions

In this Schedule:

claim, for a CPD point, means count the point towards satisfying an architect's CPD obligation.

competency area means each of the following areas of architectural practise:

- (a) practice management and professional conduct;
- (b) project initiation and conceptual design;
- (c) detailed design and construction documentation;
- (d) design delivery and construction phase services.

CPD means continuing professional development.

CPD activity means a formal CPD activity or an informal CPD activity.

CPD obligation means an architect's obligation under clause 4 to accrue CPD points for a registration year.

CPD point, see clause 2.

formal CPD activity, see clause 3(1).

informal CPD activity, see clause 3(2).

2 CPD points

- (1) An architect accrues points (***CPD points***) for participating in CPD activities.
- (2) An architect accrues CPD points at a rate of 0.5 points per 30 minutes of undertaking CPD activities.

3 CPD activities

- (1) A **formal CPD activity** is, subject to subclauses (3) and (4), any of the following:
- (a) attending (including by videoconference) a talk, seminar, lecture or workshop conducted by a person with practical or academic experience in the subject covered;
 - (b) preparing and conducting (including by videoconference) a talk, seminar, lecture or workshop;
 - (c) developing a course or curriculum of architecture at a tertiary level;
 - (d) writing an article, book or paper for publication;
 - (e) undertaking an assessment task as part of a tertiary-level architectural course.

Examples for subclause (1)(e)

Sitting an exam, writing an essay or designing a structure for assessment.

- (2) An **informal CPD activity** is, subject to subclauses (3) and (4), any of the following:
- (a) self-directed study involving materials specifically aimed at increasing or updating the knowledge or skills of architects;
 - (b) participating in structured visits to building sites, buildings and exhibitions;
 - (c) participating in a mentoring program for architects;
 - (d) tutoring in architecture at a tertiary level;
 - (e) marking work produced by architecture students at a tertiary level;
 - (f) participating as an examiner or assessor for the Architectural Practice Examination or other examination required for registration as an architect;
 - (g) serving on a committee, panel or advisory group of an architectural professional association, regulatory authority or government body.

Examples for subclause (2)(a)

Reading articles, listening to podcasts or watching videos.

- (3) A CPD activity must:
 - (a) be of significant intellectual or practical content; and
 - (b) relate to a competency area; and
 - (c) be relevant to the architect's immediate or long-term professional development needs.
- (4) Engaging in architectural practise and providing architectural services are not CPD activities.

4 CPD obligation

- (1) In each registration year, an architect must accrue 20 CPD points.
- (2) At least 10 CPD points must be accrued from formal CPD activities.
- (3) At least 1 CPD point must be accrued in each competency area.

5 Fraction of CPD point

The only fraction of a CPD point that may be claimed is 0.5 points.

6 Record of compliance

An architect must, by the end of each registration year, give to the Board, in the approved form, a record of the architect's compliance with the architect's CPD obligation for that year.

7 Board may require information

- (1) The Board may, by written notice, require an architect to give it information about the architect's compliance with the architect's CPD obligation.
- (2) The architect must comply with the notice within 14 days after it is given.

Schedule 3 Repealed Regulations

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<i>Architects Regulations 1965</i>	Subordinate Legislation No. 1 of 1965
<i>Amendment of the Architects Regulations 1967</i>	Subordinate Legislation No. 7 of 1967
<i>Amendment of the Architects Regulations 1984</i>	Subordinate Legislation No. 20 of 1984
<i>Amendment of Architects Regulations 1992</i>	Subordinate Legislation No. 51 of 1992

ENDNOTES

1 KEY

Key to abbreviations

amd = amended	od = order
app = appendix	om = omitted
bl = by-law	pt = Part
ch = Chapter	r = regulation/rule
cl = clause	rem = remainder
div = Division	renum = renumbered
exp = expires/expired	rep = repealed
f = forms	s = section
Gaz = Gazette	sch = Schedule
hdg = heading	sdiv = Subdivision
ins = inserted	SL = Subordinate Legislation
lt = long title	sub = substituted
nc = not commenced	

2 LIST OF LEGISLATION

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