

Council of Architecture

(Incorporated under the Architects Act, 1972)

MINIMUM STANDARD OF ARCHITECTURAL EDUCATION REGULATIONS, 2016

In exercise of the powers conferred by clauses (e), (g), (h) and (i) of sub-section (2) of section 45 read with section 21 of the Architects Act, 1972 (20 of 1972), the Council of Architecture, with the approval of the Central Government, hereby makes the following regulations, namely:-

1. Short Title and Commencement

- (1) These regulations may be called the Council of Architecture (Minimum Standards of Architectural Education) Regulations, 2016.
- (2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

2. Definitions

In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires

- (1) “Act” means the Architects Act, 1972(20of1972);
- (2) “Council” means of Council of Architecture constituted under Section3;
- (3) Executive Committee” means the Executive Committee constituted under Section3;
- (4) “Faculty” means the full-time teaching staff members in the service of the institution;
- (5) “Institutions” means the departments of Universities/ colleges/schools of architecture in India imparting instructions for recognized qualifications;
- (6) “Recognized qualifications” means any qualification in architecture for the time being included in the Schedule or notified under section15of Act.
- (7) “Architecture course” means an undergraduate course in Architecture approved by the Council leading to a B. Arch Degree.
- (8) “Registrar” means Registrar of the Council
- (9) “Chairman, Executive Committee” means the President, Council of Architecture.
- (10) “President” means the elected President under Section (4) of the Act.
- (11) ‘Core faculty’ means full time regular faculty with CoA registration.

3.0Duration and Stages of the Architecture Course

- (1)The architecture course shall be of minimum duration of 5 academic years or 10 semesters of approximately 16 to 18working weeks each inclusive of six months/one semester of approximately 16 to 18working weeks of practical training after the first stage in a professional office.
- (2) The architecture course may be conducted in two stages.

(3) The first 3 academic years / 6 semesters of approximately 16 to 18 working weeks each of the course shall be a basic standard course and shall be the first stage.

Provided that candidates admitted to the course shall complete the first stage within 6 years of admission to the course.

(4) The second stage of the course shall be of 2 academic years / 4 semesters of approximately 16 to 18 working weeks each semester

(5) The Architecture course (Stage One + Stage 2) shall be completed within maximum period of 10 years of admission. Successful completion of both stages of study leading to a B. Arch Degree from an institution approved by the Council is the eligibility criteria for registration as an Architect by the Council under Section 25 of the Act.

4.0 Admission to the Architecture Course

(1) A candidate shall be eligible for admission if he/she has obtained minimum 50% marks in aggregate at the end of the 10+2 scheme of Senior School Certificate Examination or equivalent in the Science stream, and has secured pass marks in each of Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics.

OR

10+3 Diploma recognized by the Central/ State Governments with 50% aggregate marks and pass marks in each of Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics.

OR

International Baccalaureate Diploma, *after 10 years of schooling, with not less than 50% marks in aggregate* and pass marks in each of Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics.

(2) In addition to the above, the candidate needs to qualify in an Aptitude Test in Architecture conducted by the Council or by the competent authority of the Central Government or the respective State Government, complying with the Admission Norms prescribed above and in Appendix-A.

(3) The Institutions shall follow the reservation policy of respective Government in granting relaxation in percentage of marks obtained in the qualifying examination for admission in the institutions.

(4) No lateral admission is allowed at any stage of the course.

5.0 Intake and Migration

(1) The institutions shall admit students at first year level of the architecture course as per the intake sanctioned by the Council, from time to time. Admissions in the course over and above the intake of the Council shall not be made by institutions under any circumstances.

- (2) The number of students shall not exceed a maximum of 40 in a class. If more than 40 students are admitted as per the sanctioned intake, classes for batches of 40 students each shall be conducted concurrently by the institution.
- (3) The seats under supernumerary quota as notified by the Government of India shall be over and above the sanctioned intake.
- (4) The institutions may permit, at their discretion, migration of students from one institution to another subject to the maximum number of students not exceeding the permitted maximum intake in a class.
- (5) The Council shall issue Student Enrollment number to students admitted to the Architecture Course by the various competent authorities provided all eligibility norms for admission as prescribed by the Council are satisfied.

6.0 Courses and periods of studies

- (1) The guidelines for the courses and are provided in Appendix- B.
- (2) The guidelines for the Conduct of Architectural Thesis / Project & Practical Training are provided in Appendix – B1.

7.0 Examination, Standards of proficiency and qualification of examiners

- (1) The University or an independent examining body shall conduct the examinations at the end of each semester.
- (2) All courses of study shall have internal sessional mark and end semester examination/ viva voce examination. The viva voce examination for studio based courses shall be assessed by a Jury / Panel of internal and external examiners.
- (3) The weightage of marks for various courses of study shall preferably have equal weightage for internal sessional mark and end semester/ viva voce examination.
- (4) The pass percentage shall not be less than 45% in each course and shall not be less than 50% in the aggregate (internal sessional marks + end semester/ viva voce examination)
- (5) An examiner for any of the subjects of examination shall have a minimum of 3 years teaching / professional experience in his/her field of study

8.0 Standards of staff, equipment, accommodation, training and other facilities for technical education.

- (1) The institutions shall maintain a teacher/student ratio of 1:10
- (2) The institutions shall have a minimum number of 20 faculty members for student strength of 200.

- (3) All institutions shall maintain strength of full-time faculty based on sanctioned intake as prescribed in Appendix - C
- (4) The minimum qualifications, experience and structure for teaching posts in Degree level Institutions shall be as prescribed in Appendix - C1.
- (5) Selection/ recruitment of full time teaching faculty of Architecture shall be made in a transparent manner through Interview Board / Selection Committee as prescribed by the Institution / University Selection Process. The Interview Board / Selection Committee set up for Recruitment(s) / Promotion(s) and shall have a nominee of the Council who shall act as a full-fledged member.
- (6) The Retirement Age including Superannuation for Teaching posts of Assistant Professor, Associate Professors and Professors, including Professor (Design Chair) shall be 65 years or as stipulated by the Central/ State Government from time to time. After superannuation the faculty can seek reemployment against sanctioned vacancies and may continue to serve until the age of 70 but no administrative post can be held.
- (7) All institutions shall be required to create space and infrastructure requirements in relation to sanctioned intake as prescribed in Appendix-D for imparting architecture course.

9.0 Commencement of architecture course

- (1) An Institution intending to set up and commence the architecture course shall do so only with the approval of the Council
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- (3) The procedure to be followed to commence Architecture course (new institutions)/ for extension of approval of architecture course/ for application for additional intake for architecture course and the approval process is prescribed in Appendix 'E' to this regulation
- (4) The institutions shall follow the academic calendar published by the Council every year

10 Sanctions:

Any violation of these Regulations by an Institution / University may attract action as listed below. In case of continuous failure to maintain the standards, the Council may initiate process for de-recognition of the qualification awarded by the particular College / Institution / University or any such other action as the Council deems necessary in such cases.

A. Unapproved Institutions:

Any Institution offering Architecture course, without approval of Council shall be treated as an unapproved Institution.

B. Action in case of violation of Required Standards:

The following actions may be initiated by the Executive Committee based on the report of the Inspectors and/or observations/recommendations of Scrutiny committee or any other committee appointed by Council:

- (1) Any Institution running an Architecture course in violation of the Minimum Standards shall be liable for appropriate action including withdrawal of recognition under Section 20 of the Act.
- (2) Where the recognition of an Institution has been withdrawn, the restoration shall be as per the procedure for setting up a new Institution as defined in this regulation.
- (3) Appropriate action above means and includes any of the following:
 - i) Issuance of Warning Letter.
 - ii) Reduction of the duration of Grant of Approval including Re-Inspection.
 - iii) Reduction of Intake.
 - iv) Suspension of admission status.
 - v) Any other appropriate Legal Action.

Provided that no action under Regulation 16 (B) (3) (ii) to (v) shall be taken without granting pre-decisional hearing to the institution before the Executive Committee.

Provided further that nothing in this Regulation shall prevent an Institution which claims to have remedied the deficiencies to seek review of the decisions of the Executive Committee under Regulation 16 (B) (3) (ii) to (v) if such representation is made within the prescribed period as per the calendar of the Council

Nothing in this Regulation shall prevent the Council to devise a Competency Test/ Remedial Teaching/ undertake Comprehensive Academic Audit/ Review or devise a mentoring programme or any such other measures, to enable students who have undergone deficient courses in Architecture, to evaluate their suitability for Registration as an Architect

11.0 Repeal of Regulation 29 and 30 of Council of Architecture Regulations, 1982 and Council of Architecture Minimum Standards of Architectural Education Regulations, 1983 and Saving.

The Regulation 29 and 30 of Council of Architecture Regulations, 1982 and Council of Architecture Minimum Standards of Architectural Education Regulations, 1983 are hereby repealed.

Notwithstanding such repeal, any action taken or anything done in pursuance of any provision of the Regulations 1982 or Regulations of 1983 shall be deemed to have been made, done or taken under the provisions of these Regulations.

Place: **New Delhi**

Date:

Registrar

APPENDIX A

1.0 | ADMISSIONS

- (1) The candidates admitted to 1st year of a 5-year course without fulfilling the eligibility prescribed by the Council shall not be deemed to have attained recognized qualification listed in the schedule of qualifications appended to the Architects Act, 1972. Such candidates will not be eligible for registration as an architect with the Council of Architecture.
- (2) No admission shall be made under the Central Government Nominee / Minority Institution / Management / Non-Resident Indian / Persons of Indian Origin or any another Quota unless a candidate has passed an Aptitude Test in Architecture.
- (3) Lateral admission shall not be made to any stage / semester of the 5-year course in Architecture.

2.0 ELIGIBILITY FOR ADMISSION

- (1) No candidate, other than a candidate possessing 50% marks in aggregate and with Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry as subjects of examination at the end of 10+2 scheme of Senior School of Certificate Examination or equivalent examination, shall be admitted to the architecture course;

Explanation –

- (a) Equivalent examination shall mean any 10+2, 10+3 Diploma or any such examination, duly recognised by the Central / State Government, which has been declared equivalent to 10+2 examination by Central / State Government or its designated authority. In case of Diploma, Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry shall be the subjects of examination during the course of study.
 - (b) The candidate should have obtained minimum passing marks in Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry in case any of these subjects are taken as additional/ optional subjects at the qualifying examination.
- (2) The Institutions shall follow the reservation policy of respective Government in granting relaxation in percentage of marks obtained in the qualifying examination for admission in the institutions. However, no relaxation is applicable for qualifying the Aptitude Test in Architecture.
 - (3) The Institutions shall give weightage of 50% marks for aptitude test in the matter of admissions.

3.0 COMPETENT AUTHORITY FOR ADMISSION

- (1) The admissions shall be carried out by the Competent authority duly formulated / recognised by State /Central Government which may include the Government or University, or such authorities / institution concerned [School / College of Architecture] / Association or Federation of Institutions [Schools or Colleges of Architecture], based on the marks obtained in the Aptitude Test in Architecture and the qualifying examinations as mentioned above, in the ratio of 50:50. Admissions shall be made in fair, transparent, non-exploitative and based on merit.
- (2) All architectural institutions in the country shall be required to submit a list of students admitted in the B.Arch. degree course, mentioning the total score in an Aptitude Test in Architecture, marks secured and total marks in the qualifying examination, to the Council in prescribed format.

- (3) The Council shall issue Student Enrollment number to students admitted by the various competent authorities provided all eligibility norms for admission as prescribed by Council vide Clause 3.0 of this Appendix are satisfied.

4.0 ADMISSION COUNSELING

The Admission counseling for the candidates who have applied for admission to the 5-year Degree Course in Architecture should be held independent of and not combined with the counseling for Engineering, Pharmacy and / or Medicine and other disciplines.

5.0 FEE STRUCTURE, PERCENTAGE AND RESERVATION OF SEATS

The fee structure and admission of students to architecture course under various categories / admission quota, shall be as determined by the concerned Government/competent authority.

6.0 COMMENCEMENT OF COURSE

Admissions to 1st year/Semester shall comply with the calendar published by the Council every year.