Registration 2020

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- All this information is available on this website

- https://www.aaca.org.au/architectural-practice-examination/
- Search: ' AACA Architectural practice examination'
- Also if you haven' t already, make contact with Registrar at the Architects Board of WA to confirm dates and all documents required.

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- The [National Standard of Competency for Architects](#) sets out the benchmark competencies against which an applicant for registration as an Architect in Australia is measured.

- The NSCA describes the necessary standards of skill, care and diligence reasonably and widely accepted in Australia being performed by an Architect.

- Registration candidates must be eligible to commence the registration process through successfully completing one of the following pathways;

> an Australian accredited qualification in Architecture
> or
> the AACA's Overseas Qualifications Assessment
> or
> the AACA's National Program of Assessment

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- The registration examination process has 3 stages. Each stage must be passed in order to proceed to the next;

  1. **Logbook**
  Logging required experience in a spreadsheet and submission of this with a statement of practical experience. This will be reviewed by the Architects Board of WA.
  2. National Examination Paper
  A test of knowledge and application of relevant performance criteria in the National Standard of Competency for Architects.
  3. Examination by Interview
  Conducted by two experienced practising architects. The interview runs for 45 minutes to one hour and is informed by the Logbook and Statement of Experience submitted by the candidate in Stage 1, as well as the result report from the NEP and any skills required as an Architect.

- The successful candidate will then be invited by the Architects Board of WA to register as an 'Architect.'

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1. The Logbook.

- This can be downloaded from the AACA website or the WA Architects Registration Board website.

- A reminder to read the How to – Logbook Guidance and the APE FAQs

- All Candidates must log a minimum of 3,300 hours (approximately 2 years) ideally, under the supervision of an architect. – it is strongly suggested this experience is gained under architectural supervision.

- This experience is logged against 15 specific performance criteria in the National Standard of Competency

- The experience gained is at 'Executive', 'Participant or 'Observer ' level, please carefully consider which level of experience you are recording as all the information is required to be accompanied by a statutory declaration attesting to the accuracy of the documentation submitted - It is strongly suggested that the supervising architect review the information contained in the log book.

> *Executive* - experience gained as the principal decision-maker on a project.
> *Participant* - experience gained as a team member or operative working under the instruction or supervision of a responsible person.
> *Observer* - experience gained by careful observation of procedures and practices carried out by others.

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1.The Logbook.

- a minimum of 12 months experience is to be undertaken in Australia.

- The relevant 3,300 hours of experience must be within the last 10 years.

- Some or all experience of candidates may be gained as an employee of an architectural firm, or as an employee in a building design firm, or as an employee in a firm in an allied field in the construction industry, or in government agencies; or gained in a self-employed capacity.

- Experience gained by candidates when working independently in a self-employed capacity, must be gained at an Executive (decision making) level and on projects that display a reasonable amount of complexity.

- E.G. overseeing the design and building of a fence is not regarded as appropriate.

- If your experience is almost completely logged in an allied field, it is strongly suggested that you contact an architectural mentor to review the experience being logged.

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1. Statement of Experience.

- The Statement should begin with a paragraph summary giving an overall view of the Candidate's professional experience from graduation to the present.

- Candidates should select the project, or projects, that best illustrate the application of the logged Performance Criteria and cross reference back to the performance criteria and reference the specific criteria.

- If all experience is logged under the supervision of an Architect the Statement of Practical Experience is a maximum of 2,000 words.

- Where some or all logged experience is not under the supervision of an architect the maximum is 3,000 words.

- Remember this statement will be assessed as a submission of a document by a professional, so should be proof read and presented as such.

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2.National Examination Paper.

- The National Examination Paper is a 70 minute 'closed book' scenario computer-based exam.

- There are 9 scenarios with each scenario having 5 multiple choice questions making a total of 45 questions to be answered.

- Each question is worth one mark. Correct answers are scored as one mark and incorrect answers as a zero mark . There is one correct answer per question.

- all candidates will receive feedback with their results based on the Performance Criteria tested in the exam.

- This resultant exam information is also issued to the interviewing Architects for reference should you be successful in the exam.

- There is a sample question for viewing on the AACA website.

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3. Examination by Interview.

- The aim of the Interview is to enable the Assessors to confirm that the candidate has demonstrated adequate knowledge and/or experience of the National Standards of Competency for Architects sufficient to enable her or him to perform to the standard expected of an architect in Australia.

- The interview runs for 45 minutes to one hour and is informed by the Logbook and Statement of Experience submitted by the candidate in Stage 1 and the NEP report.

- Candidates are examined on their range of work and current experience and are expected to be familiar with topical professional issues.

- The Interview also considers candidates' responses to practice situations that may be outside their personal experience. The Interview may test knowledge and experience in both actual and hypothetical situations.

- Candidates may be examined across a variety of procurement issues and should be able to demonstrate competence in building procurement contracts that may be administered by an Architect.

Registration 2020 Success!

When you pass a test you were sure you failed

- You now apply to the Architects Board of WA to be registered and come to the presentation event – and invite your significant others who have had to put up with you.
- May I suggest you get involved in your industry and consider joining professional groups such as the Institute of Architects or the Association of Consulting Architects.
- Good luck with your architectural careers.