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# BULLETIN 13: RECIPROCITY AGREEMENT OF CANADIAN ARCHITECTURAL LICENSING ASSOCIATIONS

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The reciprocity agreement signed by the Canadian architectural licensing associations took effect January 1, 1992.

Such agreement is based upon the following:

1. **Reciprocating Associations** - Each association which is signatory to this Agreement agrees that it shall be a reciprocating association to every other association using this Agreement. Each association agrees to cooperate to the extent possible with the other reciprocating associations in facilitating the fulfillment of their statutory registration/licensing responsibility.
2. **Reciprocating Rights and Obligations** - In this Agreement, the term "membership" shall be used to refer to the granting of professional status of architect by a reciprocating association in its jurisdiction. Subject to article 4, each reciprocating association agrees to provide membership in its association for resident and non-resident architects with equal privileges and obligations, specifically as follows:
  1. The right to attend all general meetings of the association.
  2. Eligibility to sit on general committees and receive such benefits of membership as publications and bulletins of the association.
  3. The obligation to pay identical annual fees for membership and firm practice as applicable.
  4. The obligation to conduct one's affairs in a competent and professional manner as prescribed in the Act/Regulations/ Bylaws/Code of Ethics of the association. **Canadian Architectural Admission Standards\*** - To facilitate portability of architect's memberships, each reciprocating association adopts the following Admission Standards which may be amended from time to time by unanimous agreement of the reciprocating associations.
  5. Canadian Architectural Certification Board certification or equivalent certification by the Ordre des architectes du Quebec (if registered prior to 1992) or other educational equivalent as agreed by the respective councils from time to time.
  6. Completion of three cumulative years (or recognized equivalent) of work experience meeting specific requirements for training exposure in an acceptable architectural situation

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and in a recognized jurisdiction, all to be recorded in the Canadian Experience Record Book (or similar format) and certified by at least one architect.

7. Standardized written examinations and pass grades.\*
  8. Evidence of good character.
3. \* See Attachment "Canadian Architectural Admission Standards"
4. **Terms of Reciprocation** - Each reciprocating association agrees to grant a reciprocating membership to an applicant member of a reciprocating association, without examination or interview, if the applicant member:
1. properly completes the required application;
  2. pays the required fees;
  3. provides evidence of
    1. compliance with the Canadian Architectural Admission Standards specified in article 3; (see attachment) and
    2. current membership in good standing in the reciprocating province of origin; and
  4. provides a written undertaking that he/she has acquired knowledge of and will abide by the Architects Act, Regulations and Bylaws, Code of Conduct, Lien Act and other standards identified by the province pertaining to the practice of architecture in the province of application; and
  5. in British Columbia, provides evidence of practice experience as defined under the Architects Act, that being engaged for two years in the practice of architecture in that province or employed in the office of a practicing member of the Institute or a practicing architect approved by the council.
5. **Exception** - If an applicant member of a reciprocating association referred to in article 4 fails to satisfy articles 4(c), (d), or (e), the association to which application is made may require the applicant member to be interviewed and/or pass examinations before granting reciprocating membership.

How a member chooses subsequently to operate an architectural business, is subject to such regulations as may apply in that province; and to being sufficiently accessible to clients and the public.

#### **Canadian Architectural Admission Standards**

The Admission Standards for Canada adopted by the CCAC as the standards which must be met by a Registered Person seeking reciprocal registration from another Association under **The Reciprocity Agreement of Canadian Architectural Licensing Associations** consist of the following:

**A. Education Standard**

Canadian Architectural Certification Board certification based on the document *A Canadian Education Standard for Admission to Provincial Architectural Associations in Canada - Revised June, 5, 1993*.

**B. Experience Requirements**

Completion of 3 cumulative years (or recognized equivalent) of work experience meeting specific requirements for training exposure in an acceptable architectural situation and in a recognized jurisdiction, all to be recorded in the Canadian Experience Record Book (or similar format) and certified by at least one architect.

1. 3 year experience requirement

In those circumstances where the requirement for three cumulative years of work experience after Certification by the Canadian Architectural Certification Board (or equivalent) are exempted by a province by regulation, acceptance of pre-certification experience, or partial waiver upon individual review of a Syllabus candidates experience; the three year experience requirement will be satisfied by presentation of an equivalent 3 years of training exposure which may be partly obtained prior to certification or after registration or licensing. Experience gained prior to registration or licensing must be presented in the form of the Canadian Experience Record Book (or in the OAQ Rapport de Stage). Experience gained after registration must be obtained by practicing architecture either alone or with other registered architects.

2. Current practice experience requirement

A province may require a review by interview or further examination of applicants under reciprocity who do not appear to meet that province's requirement for current practice experience if the provincial association requires an active practice record for all candidates for admission.

**C. Examinations**

Standardized written examinations equivalent to the following:

1. For individuals registered or licensed in any province after January 1, 1992.\*

Architectural Registration Examination (ARE)

1. Pre-Design A
2. Site-Design - written and graphic B
3. Building Design C
4. Structural Technology D/F

5. Structural Technology - Lateral Forces E
  6. Mechanical, Plumbing and Electrical Systems G
  7. Materials and Methods H
  8. Construction Documents and Services I
2. For individuals registered or licensed in any province from September 1, 1989 to December 31, 1991.\*

Canadian Architectural Practice Examination (CAPE)

1. Profession of Architecture
2. Legal Aspects of Practice
3. Management of the Practice

Architectural Registration Examination (ARE)

4. Pre-Design A
  5. Site-Design - written and graphic B
  6. Structural Technology D/F
  7. Structural Technology - Lateral Forces E
  8. Mechanical, Plumbing and Electrical Systems G
  9. Materials and Methods H
  10. Construction Documents and Services I
3. For individuals licensed in a provincial association prior to September 1, 1989, any requirements for admission in a province.
4. Examinations in the province of Quebec prior to the administration of the French language version of the Architectural Registration Examination.

Revisions incorporate CCAC Motion November 1989 \*Candidates active in the 1990 examinations who successfully complete the section 2 requirements by December 31, 1991 are exempt from passing Division C.

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*The foregoing is published as a convenient summary to assist the candidate. It does not supersede the **Architects Act**, the AIBC Bylaws, and/or the rules and regulations governing the profession of architecture in British Columbia. These are subject to change and it is the candidate's obligation to be familiar with their nature and detail.*