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## **Competence Review Application Forms Consultation**

To Registered Architects

Your help please. The NZRAB needs your feedback and guidance. This is in regard to the application form that from next year architects will need to fill out to have their five-year Competence Reviews.

The Registered Architects Act 2005 and the Registered Architects Rules 2006 require that every five years architects must be quality assured to confirm that they are still competent.

The architects being checked next year will be the small group, about 30, who were registered for the first time in the second half of 2006, that being when the NZRAB first got started.

The 1400 architects who came to the NZRAB from the AERB will have their Competence Reviews in the first half of 2012. These architects will recognise the procedure as being very similar to what happened when they came across from the AERB to the NZRAB in 2006/07. In 2013 those who were first registered in 2008 will be reviewed, and so on.

Of course, those who by then have 1000 CPD points, including 100 in each of the four units of competency, will be entitled to automatic ongoing annual registration for the next five years.

Everyone else will have to fill out an application form and then be reviewed, based either on the information provided on the form, or, if need be, a face-to-face interactive assessment with two registration assessors. We hope that face-to-face interactive assessments will seldom be required, but for that architects will need to fill out the application form properly.

It's the application form that we need your help on. You can see what it will look like [here](#).

Please read the draft application form carefully. Then by return email tell us what you think. We need to know:

- does it make sense?
- is there anything confusing in the form?
- will you be able to provide the information required?

Any other comments that you want to make will also be most welcome. If you have any personal concerns, ring me.

One other detail – architects in voluntary suspension when their Competence Reviews would otherwise be due will have to have face-to-face interactive assessments but only when they come out of voluntary suspension later on.

Thanks for your help.

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