

Eligibility Certificate

PATHWAY 4 – EQUIVALENT QUALIFICATIONS 2010

Pathway 4 is for applicants with architectural qualifications that are not recognised qualifications from New Zealand or Australia. These applicants must first obtain an **Eligibility Certificate** to then apply for registration under Pathway 1. For this applicants must satisfy the NZRAB that their qualifications are equivalent to a recognised New Zealand or Australian degree in Architecture.

You may need to complete a New Zealand university school of architecture professional practice course to achieve equivalency. The options include University of Auckland (ARCHPRM 701), Unitec-Auckland (Professional Studies ARCH 7511) or Victoria University of Wellington (SARC 461 Professional Practice)*.

The Board can require an applicant to be assessed by interview, should that be considered necessary.

Step One – Application

Each applicant is required to:

1. Submit an application using the Pathway 4 application form with the appropriate fee.
2. Provide a certified, translated copy of his or her qualification, including transcripts of course material that record the papers or courses taken and the grades achieved. (Note: provide evidence of passing any NZ university architectural courses or papers)
3. Provide evidence of competence in the English language, where the applicant has **not** studied at a New Zealand university or where the medium of instruction for the applicant's Architecture degree was **not** English. The options are:
 - a test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) 575 with, preferably, a TWE of 5; or 237 on the computer-based test; or 90 on the internet-based test with (preferably) a writing score of 20; or
 - an International English Language Testing System (IELTS) (general) overall band of 6.5, with no sub-score below 5.5 in the four test modules (Listening, Reading, Writing, Speaking); or
 - a Certificate in Advanced English (CAE) grade B / CPE grade C; or
 - a letter from the applicant's employer confirming that his or her English is satisfactory in the context of architectural practice.

Step Two – Assessment of the Qualification

1. Once the application has been received, the NZRAB¹ determines if the applicant's overseas qualification is equivalent to a recognised degree in architecture. This takes approx 10 working days.
2. If the applicant's qualification is assessed as **not** being equivalent, the applicant is advised what additional study is required.

* The university course information was correct as at 10 May 2010.

¹ NZRAB Overseas Architecture Qualifications Adviser