

Eligibility Certificate

PATHWAY FIVE – NO RECOGNISED QUALIFICATION 2009

Pathway Five is for applicants who do not hold a tertiary qualification in architecture.

To be considered for registration, these applicants must obtain an Eligibility Certificate. For this, applicants must satisfy the **Equivalency Assessment Panel** that their skills and knowledge are equivalent to the skills and knowledge gained by an applicant who has a recognised qualification in architecture. Applicants must be able to demonstrate and articulate their knowledge of architectural theory and the history of architecture in New Zealand and the Pacific, and their knowledge and experience of structure, construction, professional practice and practice management in New Zealand.

Applicants seeking an Eligibility Certificate under Pathway 5 are often required to meet additional requirements which are specified following the assessment interview.

Applicants must follow the process outlined below.

Step One – Pre-Assessment Information

1. To be considered for the Eligibility Certificate, an applicant must complete a Pathway 5 application form and provide:
 - a. A signed resume or work history that details work experience for at least 15 years, accompanied by a statutory declaration.
 - b. A recent essay expressing the applicant's views on an aspect of architecture with relevance to, or in comparison with, the New Zealand context. The aim is to demonstrate the applicant's understanding of and interest in architecture. The essay must be in English, to a university standard, and be between 3000 and 5000 words. Technical material, specifications or commissioned reports are not acceptable. The essay must be the applicant's own work. Victoria University of Wellington School of Architecture paper *The Art of Writing Architectural Essays* by Patricia McLean and Peter Wood is available on the Board's website.
 - c. Contact details of two independent referees.
 - d. Examples of the applicant's work, see advice below.

Step Two – Assessment Interview

1. The applicant is then required to meet with the **Equivalency Assessment Panel**. The assessment interview will be up to 2 hours in duration, excluding breaks, and will require the applicant to demonstrate:
 - a. That by his or her own efforts the applicant has gained the competencies required by New Zealand universities for graduates in architecture. Potential applicants should consider [The National Competency Standards in Architecture](#) published by the Architects Accreditation Council of Australia Inc (AACAA) and B Arch course information published by the University of Auckland, Unitec and Victoria University of Wellington.

