

Registered Architects Amendment Rules 2010

Pursuant to section 67 of the Registered Architects Act 2005, the New Zealand Registered Architects' Board makes the following rules.

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Schedule
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Rules

- 1 Title**
These rules are the Registered Architects Amendment Rules 2010.
- 2 Commencement**
These rules come into force on the day after the date of their notification in the *Gazette*.
- 3 Principal rules amended**
These rules amend the Registered Architects Rules 2006.
- 4 How to apply for initial registration**
- (1) Rule 8(2)(d) is amended by omitting “charge for application for registration” and substituting “applicable charge for application for initial registration”.
- (2) Rule 8(2) is amended by revoking paragraph (c) and substituting the following paragraph:
- “(e) if the applicant’s academic or other relevant qualifications or work history and practical experience are not of a kind recognised by the Board, be accompanied by the equivalency assessment charge as set out in Schedule 2.”
- 5 Information that must be provided to support application**
Rule 9(a) is amended by inserting the following subparagraph after subparagraph (ii):
- “(iia) previous registration as a registered architect or as an architect in New Zealand under the Act or the Architects Act 1963; and”.
- 6 Way in which assessment panel must evaluate application**
Rule 13(1) is amended by revoking paragraph (b) and substituting the following paragraph:

“(b) if the applicant’s academic or other relevant qualifications or work history and practical experience are not of a kind recognised by the Board, carry out an equivalency assessment, which may include an interactive assessment with the applicant by any meeting method; and”.

7 Board must notify successful applicants and implement decision

- (1) Rule 15(1)(b)(iii) is amended by inserting “applicable” before “charge”.
- (2) Rule 15(1)(c) is revoked.

8 How to apply for certificate of registration

Rule 17 is amended by inserting “applicable” before “charge”.

9 New rule 19 substituted

Rule 19 is revoked and the following rule substituted:

“19 Term for which certificates of registration issued

- “(1) Certificates of registration are issued for a year, or part of a year, that—
 - “(a) begins on 1 July in a particular year or, if the applicant is not currently registered on 1 July of that year, the applicant’s registration date under subclause (2); and
 - “(b) ends on 30 June in the following year.
- “(2) The **applicant’s registration date** is the date on which the person is registered under section 8 of the Act or on which the applicant’s registration is revived after a period of suspension.”

10 Information that must be provided to demonstrate current competence

- (1) Rule 24(2) is amended by inserting “to the extent that the Board does not already hold it” after “supporting information”.
- (2) Rule 24(3) is amended by omitting “applicant” and substituting “candidate”.

11 New rule 24A inserted

The following rule is inserted after rule 24:

“24A Charges for assessment for continued registration

The applicable charge or charges for assessment for continued registration set out in Schedule 2 are payable by the candidate.”

12 New rule 25AAA inserted

The following rule is inserted before rule 25:

“25AAA Assessment without evaluation panel

- “(1) If the Board is satisfied, on the basis of the information provided under rule 24 and the information described in rule 24 that it holds, that the candidate has demonstrated that he or she meets the minimum standard for continued registration, the Board must decide to renew the candidate’s registration.
- “(2) If the Board assesses a candidate as meeting the minimum standard for continued registration under subclause (1), rules 25 to 29 do not apply.”

13 New rule 25 substituted

Rule 25 is revoked and the following rule substituted:

“25 Evaluation of continued registration by evaluation panel

- “(1) This rule and rules 26 to 29 apply if for any reason the Board is not satisfied in accordance with rule 25AAA that a candidate has demonstrated that he or she meets the minimum standard for continued registration.
- “(2) If this rule applies, an evaluation panel must evaluate the candidate to assess whether the candidate has demonstrated that he or she meets the minimum standard for continued registration.”

14 Way in which evaluation panel must evaluate continued registration

Rule 26(1) is amended by revoking paragraph (c) and substituting the following paragraphs:

- “(c) if the panel considers it necessary, carry out an interactive assessment with the candidate by any meeting method; and

“(d) evaluate the information provided and the results of any interactive assessment.”

15 Board must notify and implement decision

Rule 30 is amended by revoking subclause (1) and substituting the following subclause:

“(1) The Board must—

- “(a) notify the candidate of the Board’s decision under rule 25AAA or 27 and the reasons for that decision; and
- “(b) if the decision is, under rule 25AAA or 27, to renew the candidate’s registration, inform the candidate of the next date for assessment for continued registration; and
- “(c) if the decision is, under rule 27, that the candidate does not meet the minimum standard for continued registration, suspend the candidate’s registration.”

16 How to voluntarily suspend registration

- (1) Rule 41(b) is amended by omitting “; and”.
- (2) Rule 41(c) is revoked.

17 New Schedule 2 substituted

Schedule 2 is revoked and the Schedule 2 set out in the Schedule of these rules substituted.

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New Schedule 2 substituted

Schedule 2

rr 8, 15, 17, 24A, 35

Charges for services

Initial registration

Charge	Amount (incl GST) (\$)
Application for initial registration, if there is an interactive assessment	2036.25
Application for initial registration, if there is no interactive assessment	618.75

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Schedule

Schedule 2—continued

Charge	Amount (incl GST) (\$)
Application for initial registration, if the applicant was previously registered as a registered architect or as an architect under the Act or the Architects Act 1963	618.75
Equivalency assessment	1687.50
Equivalency assessment, if there is no interactive assessment	506.25

Certificates of registration

Charge	Amount (incl GST) (\$)
Certificate of registration issued for a period of 1 year, or a period less than 1 year but greater than 6 months	551.25
Certificate of registration issued for a period of 6 months or less	275.62

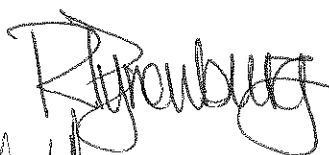
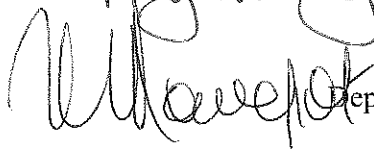
Continued registration

Charge	Amount (incl GST) (\$)
Assessment for continued registration in accordance with rules 25 to 29 if there is no interactive assessment	112.50
Interactive assessment under rule 26	506.25

*Review of registration assessment
procedures*

Charge	Amount (incl GST) (\$)
Review of registration assessment procedures	843.75

Dated at Wellington this 2nd day of March, 2010.

 Chairperson.
 Deputy Chairperson.

Explanatory note

This note is not part of the rules, but is intended to indicate their general effect.

These rules, which come into force on the day after the date of their notification in the *Gazette*, amend the Registered Architects Rules 2006 (the **principal rules**).

The amendments—

- make changes relating to charges for initial registration, assessment for continued registration, and certificates of registration:
- abolish the charge for voluntary suspension of registration:
- provide for an equivalency assessment to be made in relation to an application for registration where the academic or other relevant qualifications or work history and practical experience of an applicant are not of a kind recognised by the Board:
- make changes to the procedure for assessing whether a registered architect continues to meet the minimum standard for continued registration.

Rule 4 amends rule 8 of the principal rules, which sets out requirements for application for initial registration. The revised schedule of charges (*see rule 17*) provides for the applicable charge for application for initial registration. These charges are unchanged, but are now set out as total amounts depending on whether an interactive assessment is required.

Rule 5 amends rule 9 of the principal rules, which relates to the information that must be provided to support an application for initial registration. If an applicant has previously been registered under the

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Registered Architects Act 2005 or the Architects Act 1963, the application must provide evidence of that previous registration.

Rule 6 amends rule 13 of the principal rules, which sets out the way an assessment panel must evaluate an application. The amendment provides that an equivalency assessment may be made where the academic or other relevant qualifications or work history and practical experience of an applicant are not of a kind recognised by the Board. The amendment also provides that this may include an interactive assessment. The principal rules currently provide for a qualification equivalency assessment only.

Rule 7 amends rule 15 of the principal rules, which relates to notification and implementation of decisions. The requirement for the Board to rebate a certain portion of an application fee if there was no interactive assessment is revoked.

Rule 8 amends rule 17 of the principal rules, which sets out how to apply for a certificate of registration. The rule is amended to reflect the fact that a lesser charge is payable for a certificate of registration that is current for 6 months or less (*see rule 17*).

Rule 9 revokes rule 19, which relates to the term for which certificates of registration are issued, and substitutes a new rule. The new rule provides that certificates may be issued for a year or part of a year.

Rule 10 amends rule 24 of the principal rules, which sets out the information that must be provided to demonstrate current competence. Rule 24 is amended to provide that a candidate for assessment for continued registration must provide the information required by that rule (to demonstrate current competence) only to the extent that the Board does not already hold it.

Rule 11 inserts *new rule 24A*, which provides that the new charges for assessment for continued registration are payable by the candidate. Those charges are set out in *new Schedule 2* (*see rule 17*).

Rule 12 inserts *new rule 25AAA*. The new rule provides that if the Board is satisfied on the basis of the information described in rule 24 that the candidate meets the minimum standard for continued registration, the Board may make a decision on that basis. If so, rules 25 to 29, requiring an evaluation panel, do not apply. There is no charge prescribed for this assessment.

Rule 13 revokes rule 25 of the principal rules and substitutes a new rule. The new rule provides that rules 25 to 29 (about evaluation

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panels) do not apply if a candidate is assessed as meeting the standard for continued registration under *new rule 25AAA*.

Rule 14 amends rule 26 of the principal rules, which sets out the way in which an evaluation panel must evaluate continued registration. The amendment provides that the panel may carry out an interactive assessment if it considers it necessary.

Rule 15 amends rule 30 of the principal rules, which relates to notification and implementation of the Board's decision. This rule is amended to include procedures for notifying and implementing decisions under *new rule 25AAA*.

Rule 16 amends rule 41 of the principal rules, which sets out how to voluntarily suspend registration. The requirement to accompany the application with a charge for voluntary suspension is revoked.

Rule 17 revokes Schedule 2, which sets out charges, and substitutes a new schedule.

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