

NZRAB staff members are often asked about obtaining architectural work in New Zealand and related advice on correct titles. We hope that the following information is helpful.

- The practice of architecture is not protected in New Zealand. The titles Registered Architect and architect are protected under law to those people who have been registered by the NZRAB.
- A person who is registered as an architect in an overseas jurisdiction can use the title Registered Architect, however, this must be accompanied by the country of registration e.g. Registered Architect (Argentina). Registration should be kept up to date, so that people are not misled.

The correct titles for people wanting to practice architecture, who are not registered architects, are *Architectural Designer* and *Building Designer*.

- The Registered Architects Act 2005 and Registered Architects Rules 2006 are central to architects registration. They can be found on the Board's website.
- There are two separate organisations in New Zealand which feature in the working lives of architects:

The New Zealand Institute of Architects (NZIA) The institute is New Zealand's professional association for architects. The NZIA has a similar role to the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA).

The New Zealand Registered Architects Board (NZRAB). The Board registers people as architects and runs a complaints service for the public. The NZRAB has similar responsibilities to the Architects Registration Board in the UK (ARBUK).

- There are three schools of architecture in New Zealand: University of Auckland, Unitec (Auckland) and Victoria University of Wellington.

Note: It would be very helpful for someone trained overseas in architecture to complete a professional practice paper at the University of Auckland (ARCHPRM 701), Unitec-Auckland (Professional Studies ARCH 7511) or Victoria University of Wellington (SARC 461 Professional Practice).

- Below are some websites which may be helpful:

www.nzia.co.nz (There is an Employment Section on this website see under The NZIA)

www.ipenz.co.nz

www.archistaff.co.nz

www.seek.co.nz

www.cvb.co.nz

www.immigration.govt.nz

www.migrationnews.com

www.newzealandnow.govt.nz

www.dbh.govt.nz

www.govt.nz

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