

# Fair Registration Practices Report

## Architects (2016)

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### 1. Qualitative Information

#### a) Requirements for registration, including acceptable alternatives

##### i. Describe any improvements / changes implemented in the last year.

Architect Registration Examination (ARE) 5.0 implemented in July 2016; 6 sections in total versus ARE 4.0 with 7 sections

OAA Admission Course offered at Conference and 4 consecutive Saturdays in October/November to facilitate attendance for those who could not attend the Conference due to family/job/financial circumstances.

##### ii. Describe the impact of the improvements / changes on applicants.

More alternatives for Admission Course in 2016. Additional alternatives are being explored going forward.

##### iii. Describe the impact of the improvements / changes on your organization.

Interns seemed please with the option related to Admission Course.

#### b) Assessment of qualifications

##### i. Describe any improvements / changes implemented in the last year.

No changes this year

##### ii. Describe the impact of the improvements / changes on applicants.

No changes this year

##### iii. Describe the impact of the improvements / changes on your organization.

No changes this year

**c) Provision of timely decisions, responses, and reasons****i. Describe any improvements / changes implemented in the last year.**

No changes this year

**ii. Describe the impact of the improvements / changes on applicants.**

No changes this year

**iii. Describe the impact of the improvements / changes on your organization.**

No changes this year

**d) Fees****i. Describe any improvements / changes implemented in the last year.**

2016 Examination for Architects in Canada (ExAC) is \$920.00 for 4 sections (\$230.00 per section) (no HST).

Architect Registration Examination (ARE) is \$210 per section / 6 sections in total

Canadian Architectural Certification Board (CACB):

Professional Programs accredited by the NAAB - \$158.00 plus HST

Degree or Diploma not accredited by CACB for graduates of Canadian schools of architecture prior to into of accreditation - \$1,260.00 plus HST

Degree or Diploma not accredited by CACB for graduates of foreign schools of architecture - \$1606.50 plus HST

Graduates of Canberra Accord Signatories since January 1, 2010 - \$1,260.00 plus HST

Architects registered by a provincial association prior to July 1, 1976 - no Fee

Architects registered by a provincial association prior to July 1, 1992 - no Fee

Satisfaction of the Canadian Education Standard through the RAIC Syllabus of Studies - \$1,260.00 plus HST

**ii. Describe the impact of the improvements / changes on applicants.**

The fee increases are modest.

**iii. Describe the impact of the improvements / changes on your organization.**

None, costs go up more than fees.

**e) Timelines****i. Describe any improvements / changes implemented in the last year.**

No changes this year

**ii. Describe the impact of the improvements / changes on applicants.**

No changes this year

iii. Describe the impact of the improvements / changes on your organization.

No changes this year

f) Policies, procedures and/or processes, including by-laws

i. Describe any improvements / changes implemented in the last year.

A project was proposed and voted on at the AGM related to consortiums. The OAA undertook, on behalf of its membership, to support a research project in conjunction with Business Graduate Students at Ryerson. This is ongoing.

The OAA Council adopted a non-voting Intern Seat on its Council.

ii. Describe the impact of the improvements / changes on applicants.

None to date as the research is a work in progress.

The first Intern was elected in the Fall of 2016 to sit on Council as the Non-Voting Intern Representative beginning January 2017.

iii. Describe the impact of the improvements / changes on your organization.

The OAA's goal is to be more inclusive and transparent.

g) Resources for applicants

i. Describe any improvements / changes implemented in the last year.

No changes this year

ii. Describe the impact of the improvements / changes on applicants.

No changes this year

iii. Describe the impact of the improvements / changes on your organization.

No changes this year

h) Review or appeal processes

i. Describe any improvements / changes implemented in the last year.

No changes this year

ii. Describe the impact of the improvements / changes on applicants.

No changes this year

iii. Describe the impact of the improvements / changes on your organization.

No changes this year

i) Access to applicant records

**i. Describe any improvements / changes implemented in the last year.**

No changes this year

**ii. Describe the impact of the improvements / changes on applicants.**

No changes this year

**iii. Describe the impact of the improvements / changes on your organization.**

No changes this year

**j) Training and resources for registration staff, Council, and committee members****i. Describe any improvements / changes implemented in the last year.**

There are two new staff in the office of the Registrar. One attended the ORAC managing cultural differences workshops. the other was hired after the registration date and will attend in 2017.

**ii. Describe the impact of the improvements / changes on applicants.**

Ensuring staff receive the training that is available on managing cultural differences.

**iii. Describe the impact of the improvements / changes on your organization.**

Providing staff with training, resources and the opportunity to meet staff from other regulators helps them see the broader impact of what they do.

**k) Mutual recognition agreements****i. Describe any improvements / changes implemented in the last year.**

Australia and New Zealand Mutual Recognition Agreement has been implemented.  
Tri-National Mutual Recognitions Agreement (Canada, USA and Mexico) has had its first applicant.

**ii. Describe the impact of the improvements / changes on applicants.**

Additional avenues of entry for applicants from foreign jurisdictions.

**iii. Describe the impact of the improvements / changes on your organization.**

None.

**l) Other (include as many items as applicable)****i. Describe any improvements / changes implemented in the last year.**

No changes this year

**ii. Describe the impact of the improvements / changes on applicants.**

No changes this year

**iii. Describe the impact of the improvements / changes on your organization.**

No changes this year

Describe any registration-related improvements/changes to your enabling legislation and/or regulations in the last year

No changes this year

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## 2. Quantitative Information

### a) Languages

Indicate the languages in which application information materials were available in the reporting year.

Language	Yes/No
English	Yes
French	No

Other (please specify)

Additional comments:

We are translating the English language forms into French.

### b) Gender of applicants

Indicate the number of applicants in each category as applicable.

Gender	Number of Applicants
Male	147
Female	137
None of the above	0

Additional comments:

### c) Gender of members

Indicate the number of members in each category as applicable. Select the option that best corresponds to the terminology used by your organization.

Gender	Number of Members
Male	2813
Female	878
None of the above	0

Additional comments:

### d) Jurisdiction where applicants obtained their initial education

Indicate the number of applicants by the jurisdiction where they obtained their initial education<sup>1</sup> in the profession or trade.

Ontario	Other Canadian Provinces	USA	Other International	Unknown	Total
140	39	17	Albania 1 Argentina 2 Australia 1	0	284

Ontario	Other Canadian Provinces	USA	Other International	Unknown	Total
			Bangladesh 1		
			Brazil 3		
			Bulgaria 1		
			China 3		
			Croatia 1		
			Cyprus 1		
			Ecuador 1		
			Egypt 9		
			India 4		
			Iran 23		
			Iraq 3		
			Ireland 1		
			Italy 2		
			Jordan 2		
			Lebanon 3		
			Mexico 1		
			Netherlands 1		
			Pakistan 2		
			Philippines 5		
			Serbia 2		
			Spain 1		
			Sri Lanka 1		
			Sudan 1		
			Syrian Arab Republic 4		
			Ukraine 1		
			United Arab Emirates 4		
			U.K. 2		
			Viet Nam 1		
			Total 88		

<sup>1</sup> Recognizing that applicants may receive their education in multiple jurisdictions, for the purpose of this question, include only the jurisdiction in which an entry-level degree, diploma or other certification required to practice the profession or trade was obtained.

Additional comments:

**e) Jurisdiction where applicants who became registered members obtained their initial education**

Indicate the number of applicants who became registered members in the reporting year by the jurisdiction where they obtained their initial education<sup>1</sup> in the profession or trade.

Ontario	Other Canadian Provinces	USA	Other International	Unknown	Total
106	62	52	Algeria 1	0	262
			Albania 1		
			Belgium 1		
			Bosnia And Herzegovina 1		
			Brazil 1		
			China 3		
			Colombia 1		
			Cuba 1		

Ontario	Other Canadian Provinces	USA	Other International	Unknown	Total
			Egypt 2		
			France 1		
			Germany 1		
			India 4		
			Iran 6		
			Israel 1		
			Italy 1		
			Jordan 1		
			Lebanon 1		
			Mexico 2		
			Netherlands 1		
			Pakistan 1		
			Romania 2		
			Serbia 1		
			Spain 1		
			Switzerland 1		
			Syrian Arab Republic 1		
			Ukraine 2		
			U.K. 1		
			OTHER 1		
			Total 42		

<sup>1</sup> Recognizing that applicants may receive their education in multiple jurisdictions, for the purpose of this question, include only the jurisdiction in which an entry-level degree, diploma or other certification required to practice the profession or trade was obtained.

Additional comments:

**f) Jurisdiction where members were initially trained**

Indicate the total number of registered members by jurisdiction where they obtained their initial education<sup>1</sup> in the profession or trade.

Ontario	Other Canadian Provinces	USA	Other International	Unknown	Total
1855	758	571		14	3827
			Albania 1		
			Algeria 2		
			Argentina 7		
			Armenia 1		
			Australia 7		
			Bangladesh 4		
			Belgium 1		
			Bosnia And Herzegovina 4		
			Brazil 5		
			Bulgaria 10		
			Chile 1		
			China 38		
			Colombia 14		
			Croatia 2		
			Cuba 2		

Ontario	Other Canadian Provinces	USA	Other International	Unknown	Total
			Denmark 1		
			Egypt 45		
			Ethiopia 2		
			France 5		
			Germany 13		
			Greece 1		
			Hong Kong 5		
			Hungary 3		
			India 53		
			Indonesia 1		
			Iran 66		
			Iraq 19		
			Ireland 7		
			Israel 4		
			Italy 7		
			Jordan 7		
			Kenya 2		
			Korea 2		
			Lebanon 13		
			Macedonia, The Former Yug... 4		
			Mexico 8		
			Netherlands 3		
			New Zealand 3		
			Pakistan 9		
			Paraguay 1		
			Peru 2		
			Philippines 16		
			Poland 52		
			Portugal 1		
			Puerto Rico 1		
			Romania 25		
			Russia 12		
			Scotland 8		
			Serbia 8		
			Slovakia 3		
			S. Africa 8		
			Spain 1		
			Sri Lanka 3		
			Sweden 1		
			Switzerland 2		
			Syrian Arab Republic 9		
			Taiwan, Province Of China 2		
			Tunisia 1		
			Turkey 5		
			Ukraine 12		
			United Arab Emirates 1		
			U.K. 50		
			Venezuela 4		
			Viet Nam 2		
			OTHER 12		
			Total 629		



<sup>1</sup> Recognizing that applicants may receive their education in multiple jurisdictions, for the purpose of this question, include only the jurisdiction in which an entry-level degree, diploma or other certification required to practice the profession or trade was obtained.

Additional comments:

**g) Applications processed**

Indicate the number of applications your organization processed in the reporting year:

Jurisdiction where applicants were initially trained in the profession (before they were granted use of the protected title or professional designation in Ontario)

from January 1 <sup>st</sup> to December 31 <sup>st</sup> of the reporting year	Ontario	Other Canadian Provinces	USA	Other International	Unknown	Total
New applications received	140	39	17	88	0	284
Applicants actively pursuing licensing (applicants who had some contact with your organization in the reporting year)	805	163	67	496	0	1531
Inactive applicants (applicants who had no contact with your organization in the reporting year)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Applicants who met all requirements and were authorized to become members but did not become members	0	0	0	0	0	0
Applicants who became FULLY registered members	106	62	52	42	0	262
Applicants who were authorized to receive an alternative class of licence <sup>3</sup> but were not issued a licence	0	0	0	0	0	0
Applicants who were issued an alternative class of licence <sup>3</sup>	0	0	0	0	0	0

<sup>1</sup> An alternative class of licence enables its holder to practice with limitations, but additional requirements must be met in order for the member to be fully licensed.

Additional comments:

**h) Classes of certificate/license**

Indicate and provide a description of the classes of certificate/license offered by your organization.

You must specify and describe at least one class of certificate/license (on line a) in order for this step to be complete.

#	Certification	Description
a)	Architect	Description (a)

The Architects Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. A. 26, s. 1 states as follows:

**Definitions**

1. In this Act,...

“architect” means the holder of a licence, a certificate of practice or a temporary licence; (“architecte”)...

“licence” means a licence to engage in the practice of architecture issued under this Act; (“permis”)...

“practice of architecture” means,

(a) the preparation or provision of a design to govern the construction, enlargement or alteration of a building,

(b) evaluating, advising on or reporting on the construction, enlargement or alteration of a building, or

(c) a general review of the construction, enlargement or alteration of a building; (“exercice de la profession d’architecte”) ...”

Additional comments:

**i) Reviews and appeals processed**

State the number of reviews and appeals your organization processed in the reporting year (use only whole numbers; do not enter commas or decimals).

Jurisdiction where applicants were initially trained in the profession (before they were granted use of the protected title or professional designation in Ontario)

from January 1 <sup>st</sup> to December 31 <sup>st</sup> of the reporting year	Ontario	Other Canadian Provinces	USA	Other International	Unknown	Total
Applications that were subject to an internal review or that were referred to a statutory committee of your governing council, such as a Registration Committee	3	0	0	5	0	8
Applicants who initiated an appeal of a registration decision	0	1	0	0	0	1
Appeals heard	0	1	0	0	0	1
Registration decisions changed following an appeal	0	1	0	0	0	1

Additional comments:

**j) Paid staff**

In the table below, enter the number of paid staff employed by your organization in the categories shown, on December 31 of the reporting year.

When providing information for each of the categories in this section, you may want to use decimals if you count your staff using half units. For example, one full-time employee and one part-time employee might be equivalent to 1.5 employees.

You can enter decimals to the tenths position only. For example, you can enter 1.5 or 7.5 but not 1.55 or 7.52.

Category	Staff
Total staff employed by the regulatory body	28
Staff involved in appeals process	2
Staff involved in registration process	5

Additional comments:

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### 3. Submission

I hereby certify that:

Name of individual with authority to sign on behalf of the organization:

Nedra Brown

Title:

Registrar

Date:

2017/02/06

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