

The Architecture Program Accreditation Procedure in Australia and New Zealand sets out the peer review process through which all architecture programs in Australia are assessed against the accreditation standard over five years or ten semester equivalence of learning cycle. This assessment is made by an independent Accreditation Review Panel, composed of practicing architects and academics, which then makes a recommendation on whether and for how long a program should be accredited.

The Procedure is administered by the Architects Accreditation Council of Australia (AACAA) on behalf of the State and Territory architect registration boards who are responsible for the regulation of architects via the State and Territory Architects Acts. The New Zealand Architects Registration Board licences the Accreditation Procedure from the AACAA for the purpose of accrediting architecture programs in New Zealand.

The [eight state and territory architect registration boards](#) have statutory responsibility for the accreditation of architectural programs of study within their jurisdictions. Accredited programs are recognised in all other states and territories (and New Zealand and Hong Kong). By agreement, architect registration boards are guided by the recommendations of the Accreditation Review Panel, however they are not bound to accept those recommendations.

All Australian qualifications accredited for the purpose of entry to the [Architectural Practice Examination](#) are listed in the table below, and continued on page 2.

Currently Accredited Australian Qualifications

Tertiary Education Provider	Currently Accredited Qualification and Course Code	Previously Accredited Qualification and Course Code
ACT		
University of Canberra	M Arch 913AA	B Arch
NSW		
University of Sydney	M Arch MAARCHIT-02	B Arch, MAARCHIT2000
University of New South Wales	M Arch 8143	B Arch
University of Technology, Sydney	M Arch C04235	B Arch; Advanced Dip in Arch (NSWIT)
University of Newcastle	M Arch 12060	B Arch
Western Sydney University	M Arch 3761 (from Nov 2021)	
QLD		
Bond University	M Arch SD-93017 M Arch (Prof) SD-93045 (from June 2022)	
The University of Queensland	M Arch 5429	B Arch (M Arch Studies, General Practice Stream – 1997)
Queensland University of Technology	M Arch DE80 M Arch DE83 (from Mar 2023)	M Arch AR49; B Arch; (Grad Dip Arch): Dip Arch)
Griffith University	M Arch 5558	
SA		
University of Adelaide	M Arch SATAC 3CM015 M Arch M Land Arch SATAC 3CM021 (from Nov 2022)	B Arch; (Dipi Tech [Arch])
University of South Australia	M Arch DMAE	B Arch; (Dipi Tech [Arch])
TAS		
University of Tasmania	M Arch D7C	B Arch; (Grad Dip Arch); (Dip Arch)

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Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology	M Arch MC163	B Arch; (assoc & Fellowship Dips in Arch)
Deakin University	M Arch S700 M Arch (DM) S701	M Arch (DM) S711 (2018-2020)
University of Melbourne	MC-ARCH MC-ARCHENG (from Nov 2021)	A05-DA or MC-ARCH2Y; M Arch A05-DB or MC-ARCH3Y M Arch – Option C (052)*; BArch. (*Students who have completed the 150 M Arch are advised to contact the Faculty of Architecture, Building & Planning to ascertain whether they meet the requirements for OptionC)
Monash University	M Arch F6001 (from 2016)	M Arch 3120 (until 2015)
Swinburne University of Technology	MA-ARC (from Jun 2021) MA-ARCUD (from Jun 2021)	

WA

University of Western Australia	M Arch 25520	
Curtin University	M Arch MC-ARCH	MC-ARCH 310460 B-ARCH; (assoc in Arch)
Curtin University delivered online through Open Universities Australia	M Arch OM-ARCH (from Nov 2018)	
University of Notre Dame, Australia (Fremantle Campus)	M Arch 5152 (from Nov 2020)	

Currently Accredited International Qualifications

There are also a number of international academic qualifications in architecture or Board examinations from countries with which AACA has a mutual recognition agreement that allow entry to the Architectural Practice Examination. They are listed in the table below.

Tertiary Education Provider	Currently Accredited Qualification and Course Code	Previously Accredited Qualification and Course Code
New Zealand		
Auckland University of Technology	M Arch (Prof) AK1338	N/A
UNITECH Institute of Technology	M Arch (Prof) MARCP	B Arch
University of Auckland (University of New Zealand)	MArch(Prof) MArch(Prof)HerCons * MArch(Prof)UrbDes * MArch(Prof)UrbPlan * MArch(Prof)HousSt ** * from Sep 2016 ** from Jan 2023	B Arch; (Dip Arch)
Victoria University of Wellington	M Arch (Prof)	B Arch
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Hong Kong		
University of Hong Kong		M Arch (from Dec 2010 to 2022)
Chinese University Hong Kong		M Arch (from Dec 2010 to 2020)
Chu Hai College of Higher Education Master of Architecture		M Arch (from 2017 to 2022)

Singapore

National University of Singapore

Nil

M Arch (Design) (from July 1999 to August 2020)

Alternative Pathways to the Architectural Practice Exam

In addition to the accredited architecture qualifications listed in the earlier tables, there are a number of alternative pathways to the Architectural Practice Examination described below.

Overseas Qualifications Assessment

For practitioners who have completed an architectural qualification outside Australia

National Program of Assessment

A practical examination for experienced practitioners with relevant industry experience but no architectural qualification

NSW Portfolio Program of Assessment (from 2020)

Offered by the NSW Architect Registration Board, this is a competency based “assessment by portfolio” process that provides a pathway to the Architectural Practice Examination for those who have exemplary skills and substantial ‘Executive’ level industry experience in the architectural services profession, but no approved architectural qualification.

NSW Built Work Program of Assessment (until 2020)

An accredited qualification from the United Kingdom that has been assessed by the AACA through the UK Qualifications Recognition.

UK Qualifications Recognition
