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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.

Currently Accredited Australian Qualifications

| Tertiary Education Provider | Currently Accredited Qualification and Course Code | Previously Accredited Qualification and end date |
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| ACT | | |
| University of Canberra | M Arch 913AA | B Arch (2007) |
| NSW | | |
| University of Sydney | M Arch MAARCHIT-02 B Design Arch (Honours) M Arch (VIM) BHDARARC-01/MADARARC-01 (from December 2024) | B Arch (2007) - - |
| University of New South Wales | M Arch 8143 | B Arch (2007) |
| University of Technology, Sydney | M Arch C04235 | B Arch (2007) |
| University of Newcastle | M Arch 12060 | B Arch (2009) |
| Western Sydney University | M Arch 3761 (from Nov 2021) | - |
| QLD | | |
| Bond University | M Arch SD-93017 (from June 2022) M Arch (Prof) SD-93045 (from June 2022) | B Des. Arch March (2022); B Arch Studies/M Arch (2020) |
| The University of Queensland | M Arch 5429 | B Arch (2008) |
| Queensland University of Technology | M Arch DE83 | M Arch AR49 (2010); B Arch (2009) |
| Griffith University | M Arch 5558 | B.Arc Dsgn (2014); B.EvnDsgn (2014) |
| SA | | |
| University of Adelaide | M Arch 3CM015 M Arch and M Land Arch 3CM021 (from Nov 2022) | B Arch (2008); B Arch Dsgn Studies (2008) |
| University of South Australia | M Arch DMAE | B Arch (2009) |

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| University of Tasmania | M Arch D7C | B Arch (2006) |
| VIC | | |
| Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology | M Arch MC163 | B Arch (2007) |
| Deakin University | M Arch S700 | M Arch (DM) S701 (2023); M Arch (DM) S711 (2020); B Arch (2006) |
| University of Melbourne | M Arch MC-ARCH M Architectural Engineering MC-ARCHENG M Arch and M Urban Cultural Heritage MC-ARCHUP (from Nov 2024) M Arch and M Urban Planning MC-ARCHUCH (from Nov 2024) | B Arch/BPC (2010); B.Arch (2012) |
| Monash University | M Arch F6001 | - |
| Swinburne University of Technology | M Arch MA-ARC (from Jun 2021) M Arch and Urban Design MA-ARCUD (from Jun 2021) | - |

WA

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| University of Western Australia | M Arch 25520 | B Arch (2012) |
| Curtin University | M Arch MC-ARCH | B Arch (2007) |
| 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 (End dates to be obtained from Provider) |
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| New Zealand | | |
| Auckland University of Technology | MArch (Prof) AK1338 | - |
| Unitec Institute of Technology | MArch (Prof) MARCP | BArch |
| University of Auckland | MArch (Prof) MArch (Prof)HerCons * MArch (Prof)UrbDes * MArch (Prof)UrbPlan * MArch (Prof)HousSt ** * from Sep 2016 ** discontinued from Jan 2024 | BArch |
| Victoria University of Wellington | M Arch (Prof) | BArch |

Hong Kong

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| University of Hong Kong | M Arch (Dec 2010-2027) |
| | M Arch (Design) (2022-2024) |
| Chinese University Hong Kong | M Arch (Dec 2010-2025) |
| Chu Hai College of Higher Education | M Arch (2017-2027) |
| Hong Kong Chu Hai College (from 2022) | |

Singapore

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| National University of Singapore | M Arch (Design) (from July 1999 – May 2028) |
| Singapore University of Technology and Design | M Arch (2023-March 2028) |

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.

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| <u>Overseas Qualifications Assessment</u> | For practitioners who have completed an architectural qualification outside Australia |
| <u>National Program of Assessment</u> | A practical examination for experienced practitioners with relevant industry experience but no architectural qualification |
| <u>NSW Portfolio Program of Assessment</u> (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. |
| <u>NSW Built Work Program of Assessment</u> (until 2020) | An accredited qualification from the United Kingdom that has been assessed by the AACA through the UK Qualifications Recognition. |
| <u>UK Qualifications Recognition</u> | |