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Dear

Welcome to the NZRAB's June 2016 Newsletter

You may have seen recent email advice that a new registration pathway has been created for offshore architects who are living and working in New Zealand.



The key thing is that these applicants don't have to present a case study, unlike graduates. Instead they have to provide a much simpler Project Portfolio.

We've introduced this because there seems to be many architects from overseas working in New Zealand though they are not registered here. This is lawful so long as they always make clear that their registration or license is not a New Zealand one. The law requires for example that an architect from the UK working in New Zealand identifies him or herself as UK registered.

However, it would be great to have these architects working alongside us as New Zealand architects, particularly in terms of collegiality, professional development and support.

Best wishes



Warwick Bell
Chair

NZRAB News

Fast track to the USA

As of next year, New Zealand and Australian architects will be able to access a new fast-track procedure for registering as architects in the United States of America. The same fast-track procedure will be available to US architects wanting to register in New Zealand or Australia.

This follows the New Zealand Registered Architects Board and the Architects Accreditation Council of Australia signing a Mutual Recognition Arrangement (MRA) with the US National Council of Architectural Registration Boards. The actual coverage in the US will depend on the number of US state registration boards that sign up, but a majority are expected to do so in the next few months, the MRA becoming active on 1 January 2017.

Cross-border registration between Australia/New Zealand and participating US states and territories will be as of right for architects of good standing with at least three years professional experience post registration or licensing, though some participating US states and territories may want to do some additional checks.

Correcting CPD claims

As advised recently, a new facility has been created on each architect's CPD webpage so that any CPD points claimed incorrectly can be redacted. This has been introduced following an

architect being disciplined for claiming CPD points falsely. If there is anything doubtful about any recorded CPD, this should be corrected immediately.

Ethics Review

The NZRAB has been reviewing the architects' code of ethics. A working party has looked at the issue carefully, especially in terms of the way the practice of architecture has changed in recent years. As a result, a number of changes have been agreed to by the NZRAB Board. However, for these to be enacted as regulations, a consultation is required with architects and the NZRAB's other stakeholders. This will be taking place shortly. From past experience, feedback from architects on these kinds of things is comprehensive, thoughtful and very helpful.

Disciplinary Proceedings

Back in May 2015, the NZRAB's disciplinary procedures were reformed. Some trends are now emerging. Our processing times for complaints are now much reduced, which is what we wanted. However, interestingly, we are getting more complaints than we used to, so we now budget for eight complaints received a year and of these two complaints a year that lead to actual formal disciplinary hearings. One change we have noticed is more complaints now are about technical competence. We try to use complaints as a basis for helping other architects to avoid the same mistakes. You can read our advice on this at

<https://www.nzrab.nz/c/Services>.

Registration and Continuing Registration

We've just completed our first initial registration round for 2016. In total, 33 applications were received, which was slightly up on average. Of these, 24 were successful. We have also completed almost all of our 2016 mandatory five-yearly competence reviews for 475 architects. Overall, we budget for a growth in the total number of Registered Architects of slightly over 40 a year.

Board appointments

A number of changes have taken place to the Board of the NZRAB. Tony van Raat and Christina van Bohemen have completed their terms. Diane Brand and Marc Woodbury have been appointed to the Board and Kimberly Browne will join the Board in October when Callum McKenzie completes his term.

That's our news to date. If you have any issues or concerns, do get in touch at 04 471 1336 or info@nzrab.org.nz

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