



Architects Act 1997

1997 CHAPTER 22

PART IV

USE OF TITLE “ARCHITECT”

20 Use of title “architect”.

- (1) A person shall not practise or carry on business under any name, style or title containing the word “architect” unless he is a [^{F1}registered person] .
- (2) Subsection (1) does not prevent any use of the designation “naval architect”, “landscape architect” or “golf-course architect”.
- (3) Subsection (1) does not prevent a body corporate, firm or partnership from carrying on business under a name, style or title containing the word “architect” if—
 - (a) the business of the body corporate, firm or partnership so far as it relates to architecture is under the control and management of a [^{F1}registered person] who does not act at the same time in a similar capacity for any other body corporate, firm or partnership; and
 - (b) in all premises where its business relating to architecture is carried on it is carried on by or under the supervision of a [^{F1}registered person].
- (4) The Board may by rules provide that subsection (3) shall not apply in relation to a body corporate, firm or partnership unless it has provided to the Board such information necessary for determining whether that subsection applies as may be prescribed.
- ^{F2}(5)
- (6) For the purposes of this section a person is not treated as not practising by reason only of his being in the employment of another person.
- (7) In this section “business” includes any undertaking which is carried on for gain or reward or in the course of which services are provided otherwise than free of charge.
- (8) Nothing in this section affects the validity of any building contract in customary form.

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Architects Act 1997, Section 20. (See end of Document for details)

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 20 substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Architects Act 1997 \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/717), regs. 1(2), **15(a)** (with regs. 22-47) (as amended by S.I. 2019/810, regs. 1(3), 4 and S.I. 2020/1038, regs. 1(3), Sch. 3 para. 4); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F2** S. 20(5) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Architects Act 1997 \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/717), regs. 1(2), **15(b)** (with regs. 22-47) (as amended by S.I. 2019/810, regs. 1(3), 4 and S.I. 2020/1038, regs. 1(3), Sch. 3 para. 4); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

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