



# Professional Qualifications Act 2022

## 2022 CHAPTER 20

### *Architects*

#### **11 Amendments to the Architects Act 1997**

(1) The Architects Act 1997 is amended as follows.

(2) In section 2 (the Registrar), after subsection (3) insert—

“(3ZA) The Registrar may delegate any of those functions to a member of the staff of the Board who is nominated by the Board for the purpose of this subsection.”

(3) In section 3 (the Register), after subsection (4) insert—

“(4A) The Board may exclude the whole or any part of the regular business address of a registered person from the published version of the Register if—

- (a) the registered person has applied in the prescribed manner requesting the address or part of it to be excluded from the published version, and
- (b) the Board is satisfied that the address is also a residential address of the registered person.”

(4) In section 4 (registration: general)—

(a) after subsection (1) insert—

“(1A) But the Board may by rules provide that a person who satisfies subsection (1)(a) by reason of holding overseas qualifications or gaining overseas practical experience is entitled to be registered only if the person has undertaken such training, passed such test or met such other condition as is prescribed.”,

(b) in subsection (3)—

- (i) in the words before paragraph (a) omit “prescribing”,
- (ii) in paragraph (a) at the beginning insert “prescribing”,
- (iii) after paragraph (a) (but before “or”) insert—

“(aa) making rules under subsection (1A);”, and
- (iv) in paragraph (b) at the beginning insert “prescribing”, and

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(c) after subsection (7) insert—

“(8) In this section—

“overseas practical experience” means practical experience obtained mainly outside the United Kingdom;

“overseas qualification” means a qualification issued by a body that is based outside the United Kingdom.

(9) For the purposes of subsection (8) a body is based—

(a) where its registered office is,

(b) if it does not have a registered office, where its head office is, or

(c) if it does not have a registered office or a head office, where its principal place of operation is.”

(5) In Schedule 1 (the Board and its Committees) in paragraph 18(2)(b) (functions which may not be discharged by a committee) [<sup>F1</sup>for “4(2)” substitute “4(1A) or (2)”].

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#### Textual Amendments

**F1** Words in s. 11(5) substituted (28.6.2022) by [Building Safety Act 2022 \(c. 30\)](#), ss. 159(3), 170(3)

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#### Commencement Information

**I1** S. 11(1)-(3) in force at 28.7.2022, see s. 21(2)

**I2** S. 11(4)(5) in force at 31.12.2022 by S.I. 2022/1384, reg. 2

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