



AACA ARCHITECTURAL PRACTICE EXAMINATION (APE) REVIEW

AACA is pleased to announce that the Working Group commissioned to undertake the Review has confirmed that *'the APE, in its current form, is an effective, efficient and equitable process in determining the standard of competence for those seeking entry into the profession of architecture in Australia'*.

However as a result of the Review some APE procedures have been modified, for example:

- from **1 January 2014** Candidates will be required to identify, in their Statements of Practical Experience, the jurisdiction in which their experience has been gained ie in Australia or overseas.
This information will also be required in Candidates' Logbooks from 1 January 2015 – Log Sheets will be amended to provide a facility for the provision of this information
- from **1 January 2014** Candidates will not be required to have a supervising Architect sign off on information contained in their Statement of Practical Experience
- From **1 January 2014** the grievance and appeal procedures will be modified
- From **1 January 2015** the minimum number of logged hours of experience will be increased to 3300 to ensure that Candidates meet the required two years of experience. The Log Book will be amended accordingly.

In addition, APE documentation has been updated to reaffirm the following procedures:

- the APE is a nationally consistent competency based assessment process, and has no educative role
- it is Candidates' responsibility to adequately prepare for the APE and in so doing, for establishing the veracity of the information sourced
- Candidates may be examined in a variety of contract types – experience is not necessarily confined to ABIC forms of contract or to AS 2124 contracts. However Candidates should be able to demonstrate competency in contracts that may be administered by an architect
- Candidates are not permitted to take any equipment, notes, reference materials, cell phones, recording or other devices into any Part of the APE examination.
- Architects registration boards will not provide reference material for use by the candidate i.e. the Examination by Interview will be conducted 'closed book'
- The time allocated to the Part 3 Examination by Interview will be between 45 minutes and one hour.

Detailed information can be found in APE documentation on the [AACAA Publications](#) page. All participants in the APE are expected to access the documentation to inform their understanding of the process.