ANNUAL REPORT ON 2020 ACCREDITED ARCHITECTURE PROGRAMS IN AUSTRALIA

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OVERVIEW

This is the third Annual Report on Accredited Architecture Programs in Australia published by the Architects Accreditation Council of Australia (AACA).

Data to inform this report has been collected from the following sources:

- Provider Annual Reports submitted to the Accreditation Secretariat
- Accreditation data and reports held by AACA
- The Accreditation Management Committee.

The Report provides a comprehensive summary of accredited architecture programs and accreditation related activity during the reporting period:

- The academic year for accredited architecture programs runs as a calendar year from January to December
- The AACA Financial Year and associated Fee Schedule and invoicing arrangements run from July to June.

2020 KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

In 2020, an increased use of digital technology facilitated the completion of **1** Accreditation Review Panel, resulting in a new qualification being accredited by the approving authority. The Accreditation Standing Panel was formed by **7** members participated in the Accreditation Review Panel.

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12 new members joined the Accreditation Standing Panel in July 2020, resulting in a total of **96** panel members.

In addition to this Annual Report, **2** Stakeholder Update Reports were released and **1** Accreditation Fee Schedule was published for the FY 2021. The fee schedule is included at the end of this report.

ACCREDITATION MANAGEMENT REPORT

BACKGROUND

The Accreditation Management Committee (the Committee) is responsible for providing advice on the management and implementation of the Procedure and providing strategic, high quality advice to the Architects Accreditation Council of Australia (AACA) Board in order to implement a transparent and fair Procedure in Australia. The Committee does not accredit programs. Architects registration boards are the accrediting bodies for programs in their respective jurisdiction.

The Committee was established in late 2017, with membership including one nominee from each stakeholder group noted below and drawing upon expertise across the architecture profession, accredited schools of architecture and regulatory bodies. A representative membership structure and balance of particular expertise is optimised across the Committee as a whole.

Committee membership during 2020:

- Mr Dean Wood – nominee of the Australian Institute of Architects
- Dr Michael Jasper – nominee of the Australian Deans of the Built Environment and Design
- Professor Sandra Kaji-O'Grady – nominee of the Association of Architecture Schools of Australasia
- Ms Rebecca Naughtin – nominee of the Australian state and territory architect registration boards
- Mr Stephen Ward (Chairperson) – nominee of the Architects Accreditation Council of Australia.

During 2020 the Committee met four times. Due to the impacts of COVID-19, all meetings were conducted online. All members were present for all meetings.

At the end of 2020, three of the five members of the Committee reached the end of their terms of appointment. The contributions of Mr Dean Wood, Prof Michel Jasper and Ms Rebecca Naughtin as three of the inaugural members of the Committee from establishment in 2017 are greatly appreciated by the other Committee Members and the Board and Management of the AACA.

COMMITTEE STATEMENT

Key matters addressed by the Committee during 2020 have been:

- Consideration of a number of policy and procedural matters, including:
  - Impact of COVID-19 on Providers and factors influencing the conduct of Accreditation Review Panels during the pandemic
  - Volume of evidence to be reviewed when two different qualifications are assessed as part of a single Accreditation Review Panel, and/or when a Provider uses a 'vertical' structure for the delivery of design studios (with multiple studio options that must be assessed by the Panel)
  - Procedural adjustments and other implications relating to the conduct of Site Visits incorporating alternative arrangements
  - Advice to architects registration boards regarding lack of apparent progress by Providers to address action items as specified in Accreditation Assessment Reports
  - Guidance for Provider Annual Reporting and the Provider Annual Report Template
  - Amendments to the Accreditation Procedure

- Review and analysis of 2020 Provider Annual Reports, with summary analysis provided to each architects registration board
- Selection of provisional Accreditation Review Panel membership for five panels scheduled for 2021.

Stephen Ward
AMC Chair, September 2021

SECRETARIAT REPORT

With the default period of accreditation being five years, and five years accreditation being held by the majority of Providers, key aspects of the accreditation of architecture programs - including the underpinning financial model - are based on a five-year planning cycle.

Accreditation Review Panels for Providers are scheduled for the last teaching term before the end of the Provider's period of accreditation. The volume of Accreditation Review Panels to be conducted in any given year varies, so the Secretariat must be structured to support higher volumes of Accreditation Review Panels in certain years. At the start of 2020 the Secretariat prepared to support the busiest period of Accreditation Review Panels across the five-year planning cycle, with 13 panels due to be conducted in 2020 and 2021.

However, from March 2020 attention was re-focussed from scheduling panels to assessing the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on Providers and the feasibility of continuing with scheduled Accreditation Review Panels in 2020. Noting the significant impact on resourcing and uncertainty in regard to the ability to proceed with site visits involving interstate panellists, the seven impacted state and territory architects registration boards (as the Accreditation Authorities) approved a "pause" in most accreditation activities. Providers with accredited architecture programs had their accreditation period extended by one year, and the term of appointment for all members of the Accreditation Standing Panel was extended by one year.

The Secretariat developed a COVID-19 Risk Mitigation Strategy to support the conduct of Accreditation Review Panels and associated three-day site visit, should COVID-19 prevent the conduct of the site visit in person. The key aspects of the COVID-19 Risk Mitigation Strategy include:

- Appointment of a local academic as a 7th panel member

- Support arrangements to allow for panel members to participate remotely should travel to the Provider's campus not be possible

- The provision of a fully digital Exhibition of Student Work by the Provider.

These one-off changes to the Procedure have ensured that the accreditation assessment remains fair and valid, without posing undue risk to panellists.

2020 saw the conduct of a single Accreditation Review Panel for the assessment of a new architecture program where the COVID-19 Risk Mitigation Strategy was used to conduct an effective and fair assessment.

Michelle Breen
Manager Accreditation, AACA, September 2021

ACCREDITED ARCHITECTURE PROGRAMS

As at December 2020 there were:

	No of Providers delivering accredited programs	No of accredited programs
19 Australian Providers delivering **21** Accredited Architecture Programs	**STATE/TERRITORY**	**STATE/TERRITORY**
	ACT 1	ACT 1
	NSW 4	NSW 4
	NT 0	NT 0
	QLD 4	QLD 4
	SA 2	SA 2
	TAS 1	TAS 1
	VIC 4	VIC 5
	WA 3	WA 4

Volume of accredited programs delivered by an individual Provider

17 Providers delivering a single accredited program

2 Providers delivering 2 accredited programs each

Method of program delivery

20* accredited programs delivered via traditional campus-based study

1 accredited program delivered online through Open Universities Australia

Note:
* Due to the impacts of COVID-19 most Providers had to adjust their normal delivery modes, including incorporating periods of online teaching, mixed-mode delivery and adjustments to their schedules.

Entry points to the accredited Master's program for 2020 enrolments

1

Provider relied on incoming Bachelor graduates from other Australian institutions due to only offering a Master's program

6

Providers reported an alternative intake (1 via VET awards, 1 via a non-cognate, international pathway, others are unknown)

2

Providers reported at least 95% of enrolments to their accredited Master's being graduates from their own 4 years Bachelor program

2

Providers reported that more than half of their Master's students were international students who graduated from an overseas Bachelor program in Architecture

Completion timeframes for accredited programs

18[**]

accredited programs can be completed in 2 years based on standard terms (semester/trimester)

3[***]

accredited programs had a different completion period

Notes:
[**]   Providers reported that two of the accredited programs could be completed in less than two years via additional summer/ winter terms and electives:
-    Master of Architecture delivered by the University of Melbourne
-    Master of Architecture delivered by the University of New South Wales

[***]   The accredited programs with different completion periods were:
-    Master of Architecture delivered by Bond University
-    Master of Architecture (Design Management) delivered by Deakin University
-    Master of Architecture at the Queensland University of Technology

2020 Entry points to the accredited Master's						
	ACT / TAS	**NSW**	**QLD**	**SA**	**VIC**	**WA**
Previously completed a Bachelor degree in Architecture from the same institution (recognised academic pathway)	93 87.7%	393 56.6%	239 63.6%	137 59.8%	291 54.0%	132 45.2%
Previously completed a Bachelor degree in Architecture from a recognised academic pathway at another Australian institution	4 3.8%	106 15.3%	45 12.0%	24 10.5%	67 12.4%	83 28.4%
Previously completed a Bachelor degree in Architecture from an international institution	3 2.8%	182 26.2%	90 23.9%	66 28.8%	137 25.4%	62 21.2%
Non-cognate pathway from the same institution	0 0.0%	3 0.4%	1 0.3%	1 0.4%	12 2.2%	8 2.7%
Non-cognate pathway from another Australian institution	0 0.0%	1 0.1%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	21 3.9%	7 2.4%
Other	6 5.7%	9 1.3%	1 0.3%	1 0.4%	11 2.0%	0 0.0%
TOTAL	**106**	**694**	**376**	**229**	**539**	**292**

Note: Data from Providers in ACT and TAS has been combined as to protect the anonymity of Providers.

1 Provider from ACT/TAS has not reported a detailed breakdown for the five entry points categories but listed a summary under the first category, 1 Provider from NSW has listed an estimated breakdown, and 1 Provider from QLD has not entered any data and is excluded in the above table.

ACCREDITED ARCHITECTURE PROGRAMS IN AUSTRALIA AS AT DECEMBER 2020

University	Accredited Program and Course Code
ACT	
University of Canberra	Master of Architecture, M Arch 913AA
NSW	
University of New South Wales	Master of Architecture, M Arch 8143
University of Newcastle	Master of Architecture, M Arch 12060
University of Sydney	Master of Architecture, M Arch MAARCHIT-02
University of Technology, Sydney	Master of Architecture, M Arch C04235
QLD	
Bond University	Master of Architecture, M Arch SD-93017
Griffith University	Master of Architecture, M Arch 5558
Queensland University of Technology	Master of Architecture, M Arch DE80
University of Queensland	Master of Architecture, M Arch 5429
SA	
University of Adelaide	Master of Architecture, M Arch 3CM015
University of South Australia	Master of Architecture, M Arch DMAE
TAS	
University of Tasmania	Master of Architecture, M Arch D7C
VIC	
Deakin University	Master of Architecture, M Arch S700 Master of Architecture (Design Management), M Arch (DM) S701/S711
Monash University	Master of Architecture, M Arch F6001
Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology	Master of Architecture, M Arch MC163
University of Melbourne	Master of Architecture, M Arch MC-ARCH
WA	
Curtin University	Master of Architecture, M Arch MC-ARCH
Curtin University delivered online through Open Universities Australia (OUA)	Master of Architecture, M Arch OM-ARCH (from Nov 2018)
University of Notre Dame Australia	Master of Architecture, M Arch 5152 (from Nov 2020)
University of Western Australia	Master of Architecture, M Arch 25520

PROFESSIONAL CONNECTIONS

The following information has been collected from 2021 Provider Annual Reporting where Providers were asked to report on various methods that were in place during the previous 12 months to facilitate industry connections to their accredited architecture program. Below is a summary of the reported data:

ADVISORY GROUPS[1]

- 14 Providers had an Advisory Group in place, indicating an increase of 2% in comparison to 2019
- 1 Provider were planning to convene the Advisory Group during 2019 and 2020, but the committee did not meet due to COVID-19
- 2 Providers were planning to re-establish an Advisory Group, one as part of their program review
- 1 Provider re-composed an Advisory Group in 2020 with new membership

INDUSTRY ADJUNCTS

- All 19 providers had industry adjuncts

AUSTRALIAN RESEARCH COUNCIL (ARC) LINKAGE RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

- All 19 Providers were undertaking ARC Linkage research activities

INDUSTRY CONFERENCES[2]

- 8 Providers hosted an industry conference in 2020, indicating a decrease of 8% compared to 2019

INDUSTRY PUBLICATIONS

- 10 Providers released industry publications by the school or individual staff, indicating a decrease of 8% compared to 2019

PUBLIC LECTURE PROGRAMS

- 17 Providers delivered public lecture programs

SHORT COURSES[3]

- Only 7 Providers were delivering short courses, a decrease of 13% compared to 2019

DESIGN COLLABORATIONS

- 17 Providers were involved in design collaborations with industry

The majority of Providers reported a variety of **ADDITIONAL INDUSTRY CONNECTIONS** including:

- Contact through sessional staff, guest lecturers, studio jurors and professors of practice
- Collaboration with government agencies and local community
- Collaboration with the membership bodies such as the Australian Institute of Architects
- Hosting of public events
- Creative design and practice research
- Internship placements
- Scholarship opportunities and industry awards
- Mentoring and alumni programs
- Student exhibitions via digital online environments due to COVID-19

Notes:
1   As noted in the Reporting Template, Advisory Groups should be supported by documented Terms of Reference, or similar, and be aimed at informing review and development of the architecture program.
2   As noted in the Reporting Template, Industry Conferences as delivered by the Provider to the broader community.
3   As noted in the Reporting Template, Short Courses as delivered by the Provider to the broader community.

ENROLMENT AND GRADUATE DATA

The data presented in this section is a collection of Equivalent Full Time Student Load (EFTSL) enrolment numbers as reported by Providers in the 2021 Annual Reporting and graduate data as reported by Providers between 2019 and 2021. Student numbers are presented on the following pages by state, gender and domestic/international breakdown, and their annual growth rate. Note that to de-identify student numbers of Providers from states or territories with a single institution – such as ACT and TAS – values are presented as a total. One Provider has reported estimated graduate numbers for 2020. Three Providers have included – whilst not requested in the Annual Reporting template – unidentified student numbers when reporting data by gender, therefore these numbers are included on the following pages.

A comparison of EFTSL enrolment numbers on a national level indicates an increase of student numbers in 2019 for both the Bachelor's (+5.5%) and accredited Master's programs (+18.2%). However, in 2020 the numbers decreased by a smaller percentage (-4.0% for the Bachelor's and -13.9% for the Master's programs) compared to 2019.

Providers related the decreasing enrolment numbers to economic factors and the impacts of COVID-19. One Provider referred also to higher admission requirements for the Academic International English Language Testing System (IELTS), raised from 6.5 to 7.0 in 2019, as a reason for lower numbers of international students. Two Providers reported that more students studied part-time.

Two Providers reported an increase of enrolment numbers to the Bachelor's as their programs have been launched only recently. One Provider reported for 2019 a significant increase of about two thirds of enrolments to the Master's program, however, the numbers returned to normal after two terms. Two other Providers have reported an attrition after the Bachelor program, while one Provider reported a higher intake into their accredited Master's due to tertiary transfers.

EFTSL Enrolment numbers to Bachelor's programs (recognised pathway)

	NATIONAL 2018 6507.4		NATIONAL 2019 6865.6 (+5.5%)		NATIONAL 2020 6589.0 (-4.0%)	
MALE	3413.7	52.46%	3506.4	51.07%	3269.5	49.62%
FEMALE	3091.7	47.51%	3506.4	48.89%	3269.5	50.36%
UNIDENTIFIED	2.0		2.4		1.2	
DOMESTIC	4593.9	70.60%	4697.6	68.42%	4680.7	71.04%
INTERNATIONAL	1913.5	29.40%	2168.0	31.58%	1908.2	28.96%

EFTSL Enrolment numbers to accredited Master's programs

	NATIONAL 2018		NATIONAL 2019		NATIONAL 2020	
	3202.2		**3783.4** (+18.2%)		**3257.3** (-13.9%)	
MALE	1686.5	52.67%	1957.8	51.75%	1694.5	52.02%
FEMALE	1515.7	47.33%	1825.6	48.25%	1562.7	47.98%
UNIDENTIFIED	2.0		2.4		1.2	
DOMESTIC	1694.8	52.93%	1909.2	50.46%	1644.9	50.50%
INTERNATIONAL	1507.4	47.07%	1874.2	49.54%	1612.4	49.50%

Graduate numbers of Bachelor's programs (recognised pathway)

	NATIONAL 2018		NATIONAL 2019		NATIONAL 2020	
	1873		**1785** (-4.7%)		**1884** (+5.5%)	
MALE	727	43.64%	753	47.54%	745	43.75%
FEMALE	939	56.36%	830	52.40%	968	56.25%
UNIDENTIFIED	0		1		0	
DOMESTIC	1173	62.63%	1164	62.21%	1257	66.72%
INTERNATIONAL	700	37.37	621	34.79%	627	33.28%

Graduate numbers of accredited Master's programs

	NATIONAL 2018		NATIONAL 2019		NATIONAL 2020	
	1301		**1435** (+10.3%)		**1586** (+10.5%)	
MALE	584	49.58%	598	46.25%	639	45.16%
FEMALE	594	50.42%	695	53.75%	776	56.84%
DOMESTIC	763	58.65%	767	53.45%	797	50.25%
INTERNATIONAL	538	41.35%	668	46.55%	789	49.75%

The ratio of female students in the Bachelor's programs has increased over years from 47.51% in 2018, to 48.89% in 2019, leading to a balanced percentage of 50.36% in 2020. In the accredited Master's programs, the numbers of male students are still higher, but can be described as 'a balanced ratio' with 52.02% of male students in 2020.

When comparing domestic to international enrolment numbers of the Bachelor's programs, no significant trend can be reported as the percentage of international students increased from 29.4% in 2018 to 31.58% in 2019, but then decreased to 28.96% in 2020. For the accredited Master's programs the ratio of domestic to international students became more balanced over years, with the percentage of international students increasing from 47% in 2018, to 50% in 2019 and 2020. However, the overall graduate numbers of accredited Master's programs increased in 2019, leading to 24% more international graduates and only 13% more domestic students. Some of the Providers commented that as international students were stranded in Australia and also couldn't work part-time, they enrolled in more subjects and summer/winter terms. In 2020 the enrolment numbers for both domestic and international Master's students declined by 14%, leading to a drop of 526 students of which 261 were international students.

A comparison of graduate numbers on a national level indicates no trend over years as the numbers declined by 4.7% in 2019 to 1785, and returned to 1884 in 2020 (+5.5%). The graduate numbers of accredited Master's programs increased every year by about 10%, leading from 1301 graduates in 2018 to 1586 in 2020.

A comparison of graduate numbers on a national level for both the Bachelor's and Master's programs indicates a somewhat balanced ratio with more female graduates. On average there were 55% of female graduates from Bachelor's and 53% from Master's programs during the past three years. In 2020, the numbers reached a total of 958 female graduates from Bachelor's programs compared to 745 male graduates, and 776 female graduates from Master's programs compared to 639 male graduates.

A comparison of domestic to international graduates of the Bachelor's programs indicates that in 2020 two thirds (1257, 66.72%) were domestic students compared to only 627 international graduates. During the past three years this ratio was steady with on average 65% of domestic students. The graduate numbers for the Master's programs indicate a trend to a more balanced ratio of domestic to international students, with international student numbers rising from 538 (41.35%) in 2018, to 668 (46.55%) in 2019 to a balanced ratio of 49.75% in 2020 with 789 international compared to 797 domestic graduates. This is a growth of 24% in 2019 and 18% more international graduates in 2020, compared to a very little increase of 1% and 4% for domestic graduates. Since 2019, more international students graduated from an accredited Master of Architecture program in comparison to those graduating from a Bachelor's degree (recognised pathway).

Dr Annemarie Dosen,
AACA, October 2021

EFTSL Enrolment numbers to Bachelor's programs (recognised pathway) by state/territory

STATE/TERRITORY	2018		2019		2020	
ACT / TAS	272.0	43.64%	296.9	4.32%	324.4	4.92%
NSW	1671.8	56.36%	1786.7	26.02%	1700.8	25.81%
QLD	1223.8	43.64%	1234.8	17.98%	1228.1	18.64%
SA	614.2	56.36%	603.8	8.79%	602.1	9.14%
VIC	1781.0	43.64%	2000.9	29.14%	1892.3	28.72%
WA	944.6	56.36%	942.7	13.73%	841.2	12.77%
TOTAL	6507.4		6865.6	(+5.5%)	6589.0	(+5.5%)

EFTSL Enrolment numbers to accredited Master's programs by state/territory

STATE/TERRITORY	2018		2019		2020	
ACT / TAS	100.1	3.13%	120.3	3.18%	118.0	3.62%
NSW	770.5	24.06%	1094.4	28.93%	808.4	24.82%
QLD	371.3	11.59%	397.9	10.52%	415.6	12.76%
SA	291.8	9.11%	327.8	8.66%	292.1	8.97%
VIC	1335.4	41.70%	1472.4	38.92%	1238.4	38.02%
WA	333.1	10.40%	370.8	9.80%	384.8	11.81%
TOTAL	**3202.2**		**3783.4**	**(+18.2%)**	**3257.3**	**(-13.9%)**

Graduate numbers of Bachelor's programs (recognised pathway) by state/territory

STATE/TERRITORY	2018		2019		2020	
ACT / TAS	132	7.05%	108	6.05%	82	4.35%
NSW	399	21.30%	643	36.02%	598	31.74%
QLD	273	14.58%	260	14.57%	302	16.03%
SA	175	9.34%	157	8.80%	140	7.43%
VIC	653	34.86%	428	23.98%	566	30.04%
WA	241	12.87%	189	10.59%	196	10.40%
TOTAL	**1873**		**1785**	**(-4.7%)**	**1884**	**(+5.5%)**

Graduate numbers of accredited Master's programs by state/territory

STATE/TERRITORY	2018		2019		2020	
ACT / TAS	53	4.07%	49	3.41%	42	2.65%
NSW	325	24.98%	326	22.72%	42	25.60%
QLD	194	14.91%	182	12.68%	204	12.86%
SA	119	9.15%	138	9.62%	141	8.89%
VIC	488	37.51%	604	42.09%	639	40.29%
WA	122	9.38%	136	9.48%	154	9.71%
TOTAL	**1301**		**1435**	**(+10.3%)**	**1586**	**(+10.5%)**

EFTSL Enrolment numbers to Bachelor's programs by state/territory and gender

STATE/ TERRITORY		2018		2019		2020	
ACT / TAS	M	173.0	5.07%	171.3	4.88%	183.1	5.60%
	F	99.0	3.20%	125.6	3.74%	141.3	4.26%
NSW	M	843.6	24.71%	877.3	25.02%	810.3	24.78%
	F	828.2	26.79%	909.3	27.09%	890.5	26.84%
QLD	M	621.3	18.20%	645.1	18.40%	623.8	19.08%
	F	601.5	19.45%	588.7	17.54%	604.3	18.21%
	U	1		1		0	
SA	M	327.4	9.59%	308.1	8.79%	309.9	9.48%
	F	286.8	9.28%	295.6	8.81%	292.3	8.81%
VIC	M	900.6	26.38%	978.6	27.91%	885.6	27.09%
	F	879.4	28.44%	1021.0	30.42%	1006.0	30.32%
	U	1		1.3		0.8	
WA	M	547.8	16.05%	526.0	15.00%	456.8	13.97%
	F	396.8	12.83%	416.6	12.41%	384.0	11.57%
	U	0		0.1		0.4	
TOTAL	**MALE**	**3413.7**		**3506.4**	**(+2.72%)**	**3269.5**	**(-6.76%)**
	FEMALE	**3091.7**		**3356.8**	**(+8.58%)**	**3318.4**	**(-1.15%)**
	UNIDENTIFIED	**2.0**		**2.4**		**1.2**	

EFTSL Enrolment numbers to Master's programs by state/territory and gender

STATE/ TERRITORY		2018		2019		2020	
ACT / TAS	M	55.0	3.26%	74.0	3.78%	73.0	4.31%
	F	45.1	2.98%	46.26	2.53%	45.0	2.88%
NSW	M	408.8	24.24%	567.3	28.98%	411.5	24.28%
	F	361.8	23.87%	527.1	28.87%	396.9	25.40%
QLD	M	221.0	13.10%	213.0	10.88%	223.5	13.19%
	F	150.3	9.92%	184.8	10.12%	192.1	12.29%
SA	M	169.1	10.03%	193.6	9.89%	160.4	9.46%
	F	122.6	8.09%	134.1	7.35%	131.8	8.43%
VIC	M	652.1	38.67%	709.5	36.24%	619.9	36.58%
	F	683.3	45.08%	762.9	41.79%	618.5	39.58
WA	M	547.8	16.05%	200.4	10.24%	206.2	12.17%
	F	152.6	10.70%	170.4	9.33%	178.5	11.42%
TOTAL	**MALE**	**1686.5**		**1957.8**	**(+16.09%)**	**1694.5**	**(-13.45%)**
	FEMALE	**1515.7**		**1825.6**	**(+20.45%)**	**1562.7**	**(-14.40%)**

Graduate numbers of Bachelor's programs by state/territory and gender

STATE/TERRITORY		2018		2019		2020	
ACT / TAS	M	86	11.83%	43	5.71%	51	6.85%
	F	46	4.90%	65	7.83%	31	3.24%
NSW	M	197	27.10%	356	47.28%	278	37.32%
	F	202	21.51%	287	34.58%	320	33.40%
QLD	M	140	19.26%	132	17.53%	151	20.27%
	F	133	14.16%	127	15.30%	151	15.76%
	U	0		1		0	
SA	M	84	11.55%	94	12.48%	75	10.07%
	F	91	9.69%	63	7.59%	65	6.78%
VIC	M	304	41.82%	221	29.35%	265	35.57%
	F	349	37.17%	207	24.94%	301	31.42%
WA	M	123	16.92%	108	14.34%	106	14.23%
	F	118	12.57%	81	9.76%	90	9.39%
TOTAL	MALE	727		753	(+3.6%)	745	(−1.1%)
	FEMALE	939		830	(−11.6%)	958	(+15.4%)
	UNIDENTIFIED	0		1		0	

Graduate numbers of accredited Master's programs by state/territory and gender

STATE/TERRITORY		2018		2019		2020	
ACT / TAS	M	31	5.31%	27	4.52%	27	4.23%
	F	22	3.70%	22	3.17%	15	1.93%
NSW	M	180	30.82%	183	30.60%	203	31.77%
	F	145	24.41%	143	20.58%	203	26.16%
QLD	M	117	20.03%	107	17.89%	101	15.81%
	F	77	12.96%	75	10.79%	103	13.27%
SA	M	63	10.79%	73	17.89%	83	12.99%
	F	56	9.43%	65	10.79%	58	7.47%
VIC	M	256	43.84%	281	46.99%	308	48.20%
	F	232	39.06%	323	46.47%	331	42.65%
WA	M	60	10.27%	69	11.54%	88	13.77%
	F	62	10.44%	67	9.64%	66	8.51%
TOTAL	MALE	584		598	(+2.4%)	639	(+6.9%)
	FEMALE	594		695	(−17.0%)	776	(+11.7%)

EFTSL Enrolment numbers to Bachelor's programs by state/territory and domestic/international

STATE/ TERRITORY		2018		2019		2020	
ACT / TAS	D	220.0	4.79%	227.4	4.84%	246.1	5.26%
	I	52.0	2.72%	69.5	3.21%	78.3	4.10%
NSW	D	1036.2	22.56%	1135.2	24.16%	1170.5	25.01%
	I	635.6	33.22%	651.5	30.05%	530.4	27.79%
QLD	D	1019.6	22.19%	995.2	21.19%	1005.7	21.49%
	I	204.2	10.67%	239.6	11.05%	222.4	11.66%
SA	D	390.4	8.50%	366.6	7.80%	398.0	8.50%
	I	223.8	11.70%	237.1	10.94%	204.1	10.70%
VIC	D	1127.9	24.55%	1154.3	24.57%	1126.7	24.07%
	I	653.1	34.13%	846.6	39.05%	765.7	40.13%
WA	D	799.9	17.41%	819.0	17.43%	733.8	15.68%
	I	144.7	7.56%	123.7	5.71%	107.4	5.63%
TOTAL	DOMESTIC	4593.9		4697.6	(+2.26%)	4680.7	(-0.36%)
	INTERNATIONAL	939		830	(-11.6%)	958	(+15.4%)

EFTSL Enrolment numbers to accredited Master's programs by state/territory and domestic/international

STATE/ TERRITORY		2018		2019		2020	
ACT / TAS	D	64.14	3.78%	69.6	3.65%	67.9	4.13%
	I	36.0	2.39%	50.6	2.70%	50.1	3.11%
NSW	D	394.8	23.29%	560.4	29.35%	361.7	21.99%
	I	375.8	24.93%	534.0	28.49%	446.7	27.70%
QLD	D	255.3	15.06%	250.9	13.14%	246.9	15.01%
	I	116.0	7.70%	146.9	7.84%	168.7	10.46%
SA	D	142.9	8.43%	136.4	7.14%	123.5	7.51%
	I	148.9	9.88%	191.4	10.21%	168.6	10.46%
VIC	D	592.1	34.94%	633.6	33.19%	580.9	35.31%
	I	743.3	49.31%	383.8	44.75%	657.5	40.78%
WA	D	245.6	14.49%	258.3	13.53%	264.1	16.05%
	I	87.5	5.80%	112.5	6.00%	120.7	7.49%
TOTAL	DOMESTIC	1694.8		1909.2	(+12.66%)	1644.9	(-13.84%)
	INTERNATIONAL	1507.4		1874.2	(+24.33%)	1612.4	(-13.97%)

Graduate numbers of Bachelor's programs by state/territory and domestic/international							
STATE/ TERRITORY		2018		2019		2020	
ACT / TAS	D	87	7.42%	72	6.19%	63	5.01%
	I	45	6.43%	36	5.80%	19	3.03%
NSW	D	236	20.12%	403	34.62%	391	31.11%
	I	163	23.29%	240	38.65%	207	33.01%
QLD	D	223	19.01%	207	17.78%	249	19.81%
	I	50	7.14%	53	8.53%	53	8.45%
SA	D	108	9.21%	89	7.65%	88	7.00%
	I	67	9.57%	68	10.95%	52	8.29%
VIC	D	380	32.40%	252	21.65%	315	25.06%
	I	273	39.00%	176	28.34%	251	40.03%
WA	D	139	11.85%	141	12.11%	151	12.01%
	I	102	14.57%	48	7.73%	45	7.18%
TOTAL	**DOMESTIC**	**1173**		**1164**	**(-0.8%)**	**1257**	**(+8.0%)**
	INTERNATIONAL	**700**		**621**	**(-11.3%)**	**627**	**(+1.0%)**

Graduate numbers of accredited Master's programs by state/territory and domestic/international							
STATE/ TERRITORY		2018		2019		2020	
ACT / TAS	D	37	4.85%	26	3.39%	22	2.76%
	I	16	2.97%	23	3.44%	20	2.53%
NSW	D	177	23.20%	161	20.99%	208	26.10%
	I	148	27.51%	165	24.70%	198	25.10%
QLD	D	143	18.74%	139	18.12%	130	16.31%
	I	51	9.48%	43	6.44%	74	9.38%
SA	D	67	8.78%	88	11.47%	70	8.78%
	I	52	9.67%	50	7.49%	71	9.00%
VIC	D	256	33.55%	248	32.33%	263	33.00%
	I	232	43.12%	356	53.29%	376	47.66%
WA	D	83	10.88%	105	13.69%	104	13.05%
	I	39	7.25%	31	4.64%	50	6.34%
TOTAL	**DOMESTIC**	**763**		**767**	**(+0.5%)**	**797**	**(+3.9%)**
	INTERNATIONAL	**538**		**668**	**(+24.2%)**	**789**	**(+18.1%)**

ACCREDITATION STANDING PANEL

Stakeholders approved **12** new members to join the Accreditation Standing Panel in July 2020 leading to a total of **96** members on the Australian Accreditation Standing Panel. The majority of panel members are recognised as practitioner (46%), followed by academics (34%) and those recognised as both academic and practicing architect (20%).

Seven members of the Accreditation Standing Panel were selected to form the required Accreditation Review Panel conducted in 2020. Panel selection was based on the following documented criteria:

- The majority of membership have prior experience on an Accreditation Review Panel (or equivalent)
- Panels are generally comprised of three academic and three practitioner members (including two practitioner members from the relevant jurisdiction)
- Membership as far as possible reflects the diversity of the Australian population considering gender and state/territory representation
- Ideally, the panel includes at least one member that participated in the previous panel and Accreditation Site Visit for that provider.

	Member expertise				
	STATE/TERRITORY	TOTAL NUMBER	ARCHITECTURE ACADEMIC	ARCHITECT PRACTITIONER	BOTH ARCHITECTURE ACADEMIC AND ARCHITECT
	ACT	4 (4%)	0	1	3
	NSW	22 (23%)	9 (+3)	8 (+1)	5
NATIONAL **96**	NT	1 (1%)	0	1	0
	QLD	24 (25%)	8 (+1)	15 (+3)	1 (-1)
	SA	10 (10%)	2	6	2
	TAS	3 (3%)	2	1	0
	VIC	14 (15%)	4 (+2)	5	5
	WA	18 (19%)	8	7 (+2)	3
	TOTAL	96	33 (34%)	44 (46%)	19 (20%)

Compared to the previous year, the number of male panel members has increased from 46 to 53, while the number of female panel members increased only by 5 new members to 43, leading to a group slightly unbalanced by gender.

Gender

MALE	STATE/TERRITORY		FEMALE	STATE/TERRITORY	
NATIONAL **53** (55%)	ACT	2	**NATIONAL** **43** (45%)	ACT	2
	NSW	12 (+3)		NSW	10 (+1)
	NT	1		NT	0
	QLD	9 (+1)		QLD	15 (+3)
	SA	8		SA	2
	TAS	1		TAS	2
	VIC	10 (+1)		VIC	4 (+1)
	WA	10 (+2)		WA	8
	TOTAL	53 (+7)		TOTAL	43 (+5)

Professional representation on 2020 Accreditation Review Panel

	STATE/ TERRITORY	TOTAL	ARCHITECTURE ACADEMIC	ARCHITECT PRACTITIONER	BOTH ARCHITECTURE ACADEMIC AND ARCHITECT PRACTITIONER
MEMBERS IN 2020 PANELS **NATIONAL** **7**	ACT	0	0	0	0
	NSW	2	0	0	2
	NT	0	0	0	0
	QLD	1	1	0	0
	SA	0	0	0	0
	TAS	0	0	0	0
	VIC	1	1	0	0
	WA	3	1	1	1
	TOTAL	7	3 (43%)	1 (14%)	3 (43%)

Gender representation on 2020 Accreditation Review Panels

MALE
NATIONAL
57%

FEMALE
NATIONAL
43%

STATE/ TERRITORY	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE
ACT	0	0	0
NSW	2	1	1
NT	0	0	0
QLD	1	0	1
SA	0	0	0
TAS	0	0	0
VIC	1	1	0
WA	3	2	1
TOTAL	7	4 (57%)	3 (43%)

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Architects Accreditation Council of Australia (AACA) is responsible for all aspects of the financial management of the Accreditation Procedure. The Accreditation Procedure is funded equally by these stakeholders:

- The Architects Accreditation Council of Australia on behalf of the architects registration boards
- The Providers of accredited architecture programs.

The Accreditation Procedure is administered on a cost recovery basis and incorporates transparent financial accounting and reporting on an annual basis. Cost recovery from identified stakeholders incorporates all direct Accreditation Procedure costs, inclusive of the costs incurred in running the Secretariat, operation of required management systems, maintenance of the website and other resources, and training of Accreditation Standing Panel Members.

Annual Fees are based on a funding model with costs amortised over five years, representing the default period of accreditation, and incorporating the cost of the conduct of the Accreditation Review Panel required prior to the end of each accreditation period for each accredited qualification. Fees for additional accreditation activities (such as an Initial Accreditation Review) are charged on a cost recovery basis.

The Accreditation Fee Schedule for the financial year 2021 (July 2020 to June 2021) was prepared and published in November 2020 and is included on the following page. Due to the implication of COVID-19, AACA only charged the Base Accreditation Fee. The Accreditation Review Panel Fee was also waived. The Annual Fees were invoiced to Providers in two six-monthly instalments.

The architects registration boards (ARBs), as the Accrediting Authorities, fund 50% of the procedural costs. Fees to the ARBs are issued annually in December based on the number of practicing architects in each jurisdiction as at 1st of December. The ARB Fee for the FY 2021 was reduced because Accreditation Review Panels were postponed due to COVID-19.

ARCHITECTURE PROGRAM ACCREDITATION PROCEDURE

2020/21 Accreditation Fee Schedule

Item	Notes	Amount $ (exc. GST)
Fees For Providers with accredited programs	Note 1	
Base Accreditation Fee (Annual)	Note 2	$2,318
Accreditation Review Panel Fee (Annual) – adjusted for the period of accreditation of the accredited program	Note 3	NA
Program with 2 years accreditation		$5,406
Program with 3 years accreditation		$3,604
Program with 3.5 years accreditation	Note 3	$3,089
Program with 4 years accreditation		$2,703
Program with 5 years accreditation		$2,162
Additional Accredited Program – Annual Loading Administration Fee	Note 4	$464
Additional Accredited Program – Accreditation Review Panel Fee	Note 5	To be determined based on specific Provider circumstances
Fees For Providers seeking an initial Accreditation Review Panel for their architecture program		
Notification of Intent for Initial Accreditation Review Panel Fee	Note 6	$5,000
Initial Accreditation Review Panel Fee	Note 7	To be calculated on cost recovery basis
Fees For Architects Registration Boards		
Architects Registration Boards Fee	Note 8	TBA in Dec 2020
Sitting Fee Rates		
Sitting Fee (Daily Rate) – for Panel or Committee Member	Note 9	$420
Sitting Fee (Daily Rate) – for Chair	Note 9	$495

Notes

1. **Fees for Providers:** Annual fees to Providers with accredited programs are generally invoiced to Providers in two instalments, in approximately April and October.
2. **Base Accreditation Fee:** This fee includes all costs related to running the Accreditation Procedure, excluding the costs of Accreditation Review Panels. Due to the implication of COVID-19, AACA will only charge the Base Accreditation Fee for the financial year 2021 (from July 2020 to June 2021) as no Accreditation Review Panels will be conducted for accredited programs during this period. Note: this amendment does not affect the initial Accreditation Review Panel Fee.
3. **Accreditation Review Panel Fee:** Based on the average cost of an Accreditation Review Panel, amortised over the period of accreditation. The majority of Providers will have a five-year period of accreditation. For Providers with more than one accredited program, should the programs have different periods of accreditation, the fee associated with the shorter period of accreditation will be applicable. For Providers with more than one program to be assessed as part of an Accreditation Review Panel, an additional fee may be charged (see Note 5). Due to the implication of COVID-19, the Accreditation Review Panel Fee is waived and AACA will only charge the Base Accreditation Fee for the financial year 2021 (from July 2020 to June 2021) as no Accreditation Review Panels will be conducted for accredited programs during this period. Note: this amendment does not affect the initial Accreditation Review Panel Fee.

4. **Additional Accredited Program – Annual Loading Administration Fee:** Charged when a Provider has an additional accredited program. The fee is 20% of the Base Accreditation Fee.

5. **Additional Accredited Program – Accreditation Review Panel Fee:** This fee is applied when a Provider has more than one accredited program. The fee is calculated on a cost recovery basis to cover any additional costs related to the conduct of the Accreditation Review Panel for the second accredited program. This is dependent upon specific Provider circumstances and in some cases there will be no additional fee.

6. **Notification of Intent for Initial Accreditation Review Panel Fee:** This non-refundable fee is required approximately 18 months prior to the initial Accreditation Review Panel. This fee will be credited towards the Initial Accreditation Review Panel Fee final invoice.

7. **Initial Accreditation Review Panel Fee:** Calculated on a cost recovery basis. A final invoice is issued after the completion of the activity.

8. **Architects Registration Boards Fee:** Architects Registration Boards, as the Accrediting Authorities, fund 50% of the costs of administering the Procedure. Fees to the Boards are issued annually in December based on the number of practicing architects in each jurisdiction as at 1st of December. Due to the implications of COVID-19, the total fee per architect will be reduced this financial year 2021 (from July 2020 to June 2021) as no Accreditation Review Panels will be conducted for accredited programs.

9. **Sitting Fee:** The Sitting Fee reflects AACA's daily fee to panelists on AACA assessment programs.

General Notes

1. All fees should be paid to AACA following the issue of a tax invoice to the Provider or Architects Registration Board for the specified fee/s.

2. Accreditation is funded equally by Providers and Architects Registration Boards.

3. Accreditation costs are based on amortised costs over five calendar years.

4. The costing model is reviewed on an annual basis, and the fees are adjusted accordingly, with an updated Fee Schedule generally published by the end of September annually.

5. Queries on invoicing or the Fee Schedule should be sent to the AACA Accounts Officer to accounts@aaca.org.au

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