

Experienced Practitioner Assessment

for experienced overseas practitioners

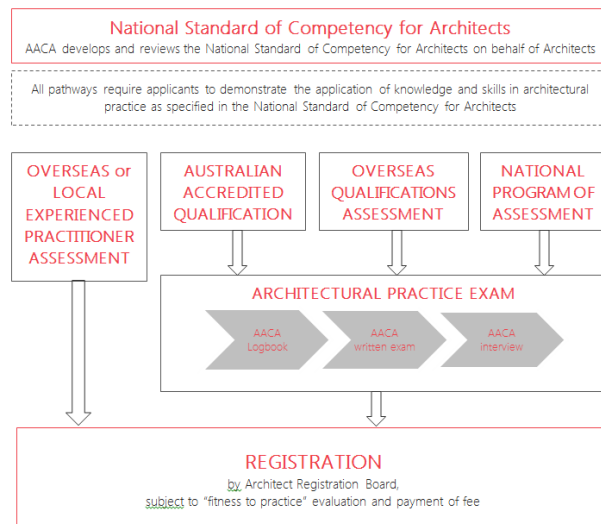
Briefing Session

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Pathways to Registration As an Architect

<https://www.aaca.org.au/registration-as-an-architect/>



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2. Eligibility

- a. Minimum 5-year (or equivalent) professional qualification/s in architecture
- b. 7-years relevant professional postgraduate experience with a minimum of 3 years as an architect practising at Executive Level (Principal decision-maker)
- c. 12 months relevant professional experience in Australia within the last 3 years
- d. Resident in Australia
- e. English language proficiency

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Components:

- Portfolio of Complex Projects to demonstrate appropriate experience and practice of architecture at an Executive Level (principal decision-maker), as well as capacity to exercise professional skill as an architectural practitioner in Australia.
- A face-to-face interview with two experienced architect Assessors to discuss the applicant's Assessable Items and determine the extent to which the required National Standard of Competency for Architects Performance Criteria are met and the applicant's ability to practice to the standard expected of a practicing architect in Australia.

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What is a Complex Project?

Typically a project of medium scale or larger that requires the skill and knowledge to deliver the resolution and integration of complicated aspects including but not limited to: siting, planning, structure, services, materials, composition and configuration. A complex project is demanding in its ordering and organisation of multiple occupancy and/or special purpose user requirements and requires the integration of cultural, social, environmental and technical issues.'

Generally, single dwelling residential projects would not be considered a complex project.

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The National Standard of Competency for Architects establishes the Standard for architectural education and assessment of professional competency prior to registration as an Architect in Australia

<http://competencystandardforarchitects.aaca.org.au/about>

<http://competencystandardforarchitects.aaca.org.au/matrix/index/index/assessment/5>

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	Australia New Zealand Architecture Program Accreditation Procedure	Overseas Qualifications Assessment	National Program of Assessment	Architectural Practice Examination	Overseas Architects Assessment	
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	Level Required	Knowledge Domains				
		Regulatory	Social & Ethical	Environmentally Sustainable	Disciplinary	Communication
*1. Design: Project briefing						
1.1 Preparation & endorsement of an agreement between client and Architect. This agreement will clearly communicate terms, services to be provided, and fees appropriate for the scale and type of project.	A	●	●	●	●	●
1.2 Establishment, analysis and evaluation of client project requirements and objectives.	A	●	●	●	●	●
1.3 Assessment of project budget and timeframe against project requirements and objectives.	A	●	●	●	●	●
1.4 Identification of factors that may impact on client project requirements and objectives.		○	○	○	○	○
1.5 Knowledge of different procurement processes available and evaluation of the impact these have on the project.	A	●	●	●	●	●
1.6 Selection and presentation to clients and relevant stakeholders of procurement method for the project.		○	○	○	○	○
1.7 Preparation of project brief for approval by client and relevant stakeholders.		○	○	○	○	○
*2. Design: Pre-Design						
2.1 Identification, analysis and integration of information relevant to setting of project.		○	○	○	○	○
2.2 Application of principles controlling planning, development and design for the project site.	A	●	●	●	●	●
2.3 Evaluation of factors influencing and impacting	A	●	●	●	●	●

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What are the 'Assessable Items'?

- Brief CV (limited to 4 pages)
- 2 professional references
 - max 2 pages per reference, with minimum 1 from registered Australian architect
- Project Portfolio
 - in specified format, containing min of 4 / max of 6 complex built work projects
- 1 page checklist of the competency standards
 - 27 Performance Criteria from the National Standard of Competency for Architects

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Project Portfolio – (maximum 2 A4 pages per project) of 4-6 Complex Projects (built work only) demonstrating fulfilment of the relevant Performance Criteria of the NSCA. Projects should be chosen to best demonstrate the extent to which the required NSCA Performance Criteria are met, indicating the application of knowledge and skills in architectural practice and the applicant's ability to practice to the standard expected of a practising architect in Australia.

AACA does not provide sample project portfolios.

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For each Project referenced in the Portfolio, include the following information:

- Project Name and number (numbered 1 through to 4,5 or 6 as necessary)
- Location (including suburb, city, state, and country)
- Building type
- Estimated Cost
- Project date of completion
- Statement outlining applicant's role in the project
- Brief description of the project
- Detailed description of applicant's executive level responsibilities (as linked to the required NSCA Performance Criteria)
- Relevant drawings, diagrams or images (noting the limitation of 2 A4 pages per project)

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Matrix: Mapping Performance Criteria (PC) from the National Standard of Competency for Architects (NSCA) 2015 to Applicant Project Portfolio. Each PC must be met by a minimum of 1 project.

Note all PC are to be met at level 'A' - Application of Knowledge & Skills in architectural practice.

Full details of the NSCA found here: <http://competencystandardforarchitects.aaca.org.au/about>.

Note that the relevant NSCA PC on the website refers to 'Overseas Architect Assessment' (as the previous name for this program.) Last reviewed 7 Apr 17

Applicant name:

		Project 1:	Project 2:	Project 3:	Project 4:	Project 5:	Project 6:
E1. Unit 1 - Design: Project briefing.							
1.1	Preparation & endorsement of an agreement between client and Architect. This agreement will clearly communicate terms, services to be provided, and fees appropriate for the scale and type of project.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1.2	Establishment, analysis and evaluation of client project requirements and objectives.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1.3	Assessment of project budget and timeframe against project requirements and objectives.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1.5	Knowledge of different procurement processes available and evaluation of the impact these have on the project.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
E2. Unit 1 - Design: Pre-Design.							
2.2	Application of principles controlling planning, development and design for the project site.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.3	Evaluation of factors influencing and impacting on project cost.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.5	Attainment of approval from client of project budget and timeframe.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
E3. Unit 1 - Design: Conceptual Design.							
3.4	Design response incorporates assessment of relevant legislation, codes and industry standards.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
E4. Unit 1 - Design: Schematic Design.							
4.8	Analysis of schematic design in regard to cost planning and timeframe to comply with client and project requirements.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Applicant must be familiar with **relevant Australian contracts, regulations and legal requirements**, as required across the specified Performance Criteria.

- talk to colleagues
- check Architects Codes of Conduct on Architect Registration Boards
- review AACA documents – *Profile of the Profession, Regulation of Architects in Australia*
- complete relevant continuing professional development seminars eg [Practice of Architecture Learning Series \(PALS\)](#) and [Practicing ARCHitecture \(PARC\)](#)

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Useful Information

[National Standard of Competency for Architects](#)

[Industry Profile: The Profession of Architecture in Australia](#)

[The Regulation of the Architect Profession in Australia](#)

[Architect's Model Statutory Code of Professional Standards and Conduct](#)

Guide for applicants: [The EPA Guide for Applicants for Overseas Practitioners](#)