



Important Information for Candidates

Changes to Architectural Practice Examination Part 2, National Examination Paper

The Architects Accreditation Council of Australia has a policy of continuous improvement to all assessment programs.

In 2017 the AACA, with the support of the Architect Registration Boards, engaged the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER) to review the National Examination Paper (Part 2 of the Architectural Practice Examination).

In a nutshell, the Review found that the examination of knowledge is an important part of the Architectural Practice Examination as a whole, and the use of scenarios relevant to architectural practice in Australia is a valid basis for the assessment of architectural knowledge on the path to registration as an architect.

The main changes are:

- From 2018, the National Examination Paper will be computer based conducted by the Boards in test centres nominated by the Architects Accreditation Council of Australia in each state or territory;
- Each scenario, written by experienced architects, has 5 multiple choice questions hence increasing the number of assessable items in the exam;
- Each multiple choice question is worth one mark, incorrect zero marks, negative marking removed
- All candidates receive feedback with their results based on the Performance Criteria.

What you need to know:

What does the exam look like?

The updated Architects Accreditation Council of Australia National Examination Paper comprises 9 scenarios:

- Each scenario has 5 multiple choice questions
- Each multiple choice question has one correct answer
- Each multiple choice question is worth one mark
- Correct answers score as one mark - incorrect answers score as zero marks;
- Negative marking has been removed;
- Candidates have 70 minutes to complete the exam (which includes ten minutes reading time) – a count-down timer will be visible on each computer screen;

See [here](#) for sample scenario.



Are there any changes to the application process for Parts 1 and 2?

No, the same application and eligibility requirements for Part 1 apply – logging a minimum of 3,300 hours against the relevant performance criteria and completing a Statement of Practical Experience. See [APE Procedure for Candidates](#).

Once your application has been accepted by the Board, you will receive notification of the details of the test centre, your personal exam log-on details will be provided by the Invigilators on the day of the exam.

Are there any changes to the content that should be studied in preparation for the exam?

No, the scenarios are written by architects based on situations found across the range of practice in architecture. The scenarios test one or more performance criteria that may be tested in Part 2 of the Architectural Practice Examination. See here [here](#).

Will I need to bring anything to the examination centre?

Just bring your photo identification. Your personal exam log-on details will be provided by the Invigilators on the day of the exam.

Candidates will be provided with either a laptop or desktop device to undertake the exam and IT support will be on hand at the test centre to assist with any technical issues.

How long is the examination?

The examination will last for 70 minutes (including ten minutes reading time) but you must arrive at least 30 minutes before the start time.

Who will supervise the examination?

The exam will be invigilated by Board staff/representatives who will check candidates' photo ID on the day. IT support will be available at the centre in the unlikely circumstances that technical assistance is required.

How do I know if I passed the exam?

You will receive your results directly from the Boards generally within 3 weeks of the date of the National Examination Paper.

In the past only unsuccessful candidates received feedback. From April 2018, the results from each candidate will now show how they went in relation to the exam cohort as a whole as well as feedback on each question. Candidates will receive their results and feedback directly from the Boards.

Have there been any changes to Part 3?

No, candidates who have been successful in the exam can apply to sit Part 3, Examination by Interview, through their local Board in the same way as in previous years.



How do the changes compare with the current Architectural Practice Examination?

Architectural Practice Examination 2017	Architectural Practice Examination 2018
<p>Part 1 Submission of Logbook and Statement of Practical Experience to Board in your State/Territory</p>	<p>Part 1 Submission of Logbook and Statement of Practical Experience to Board in your State/Territory</p>
<p>Part 2 Ten minutes reading time and one hour duration</p> <p>Paper version of the National Examination Paper at the venue nominated by Board in your State/Territory</p> <p>9 scenarios – with 4 statements. 1-2 correct statements per scenarios.</p> <p>2 marks for selecting correct statement. -1 mark for selecting incorrect statement.</p> <p>Results generated within 2 weeks with unsuccessful candidates provided with general feedback on areas of weakness</p>	<p>Part 2 70 minutes which includes ten minutes reading time.</p> <p>Computer based delivery of the National Examination Paper at the test centre nominated by Architects Accreditation Council of Australia.</p> <p>9 scenarios with each scenario having 5 multiple choice questions making a total of forty-five questions to be answered in 70 minutes.</p> <p>Each question is worth one mark. Correct answers are scored as one mark and incorrect answers as a zero mark. Negative marking is removed.</p> <p>Results generated within 3 weeks. The results for each candidate will now show how they went in relation to the exam cohort as a whole as well as feedback on each question.</p>
<p>Part 3 Examination by Interview organised by Boards</p>	<p>Part 3 Examination by Interview organised by Boards</p>