



Verification of Accredited Australian Qualifications in Architecture

Guide for Applicants

Please read the Verification of Australian Accredited Architecture Qualifications Guide before completing and submitting the online [Application Form](#).



1. Verification for migration purposes

The AACA assesses academic qualifications awarded in Australia and overseas for the purpose of migration under the Australian Government Skilled Migration Program, for the occupation 'Architect', ANZSCO code 232111.

This process is for the verification of [accredited qualifications](#) only.

2. Completing the application

Complete the online application form in English and upload scanned colour copies of the following documents:

- Certified copy of accredited Qualification or Statement of Completion, as issued by the awarding institution,
- Certified copy of Academic Transcript

A **certified copy** is a copy of an original document that is certified as a true copy by an authorised person.

To have your copies certified you must give both the original and the copy of the document to the person certifying the documents. Each page of the document must be certified separately, and must clearly show:

- the words 'certified true copy of the original';
- the signature of the certifying officer; and
- the name and address or provider/registration number (where appropriate)

For **documents certified in Australia**, the AACA only accepts certification by: Justices of the Peace, legal practitioners, and admission officers at all Australian universities.

For **documents certified overseas**, applicants contact the closest Australian High Commission, Australian Consulate or Australian Embassy for details of people who can certify documents in that country.

Where relevant, please include:

- Evidence of change of name,
- Agency letter authorising another person to act on your behalf.

3. Agents

Privacy provisions prohibit AACA from discussing applications with any person other than the applicant (third parties) unless specifically authorised to do so. There is no requirement to use the services of a Migration Agent, however should an applicant prefer a family member or agent to deal with the AACA on their behalf, we require a signed letter authorising that person (name the person) to act as a proxy.

4. Fee

AACA accepts only credit card payments for applications for Verification of Australian Accredited Architecture Qualifications.

Payment is made through the secure payment system once you have completed the online form and uploaded the required documents.

5. How long does verification take?

You will receive, via email, a notification of receipt of your application as soon as you have submitted your online form. If you have not received acknowledgement of your application please check your junk mail folder in the first instance prior to contacting us.

Once your application has been assessed, in most cases you will receive an outcome **within two weeks**.

6. Outcome of Verification

Applications for migration to Australia require a certified copy of the Verification Certificate. Retain the original Verification Certificate as only one will be provided.

Information about how to lodge your migration application is available from the Australian Government Department of Immigration and Border Protection website www.border.gov.au.

A positive verification applies only to the status of your academic qualification(s) and does not offer any guarantee of employment in Australia in the profession or any entitlement to use the title 'Architect'.

7. Registration as an Architect in Australia

To become eligible to register as an Architect in Australia you are required to have:

- a recognised qualification in Architecture;
- undertake a period of practice in Australia; and
- passed the Architectural Practice Examination (APE).

8. Penalties

If forged, altered or falsified documents are submitted to AACA at any time, the application will not proceed, no refund of fees will be made and the relevant authorities will be notified.

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