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**LAWS OF MALAYSIA**  
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An Act to provide for the registration of architects, sole proprietorships, partnerships and bodies corporate providing architectural consultancy services, and building draughtsmen.

[1<sup>st</sup> October 1973, P.U.(B) 426/73]

**PART I**  
**PRELIMINARY**

**Short title, commencement and application**

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the Architects Act 1967

(2) This Act shall come into force on such date as the Minister may by notification in the Gazette appoint.

(3) The Minister may by notification in the Gazette suspend the operation of this Act in any part of Malaysia.

**Interpretation**

2. In this Act unless the context otherwise requires -

“appointed date” means the date appointed under subsection 1 (2);

“architectural consultancy practice” means a sole proprietorship, partnership or body corporate incorporated under the Companies Act 1965 [*Act 125*], providing architectural consultancy services and is registered by the Board under section 7A or 7B;

“architectural consultancy services” means the provision of architectural consultancy advice and services pertaining to all or any of the following:

- (a) submission of plans or drawings to any person or local authority in Malaysia;
- (b) conceptualization, research and development of any design for the built environment;
- (c) any survey, preparation of reports including environmental impact assessment reports, or investigation relating to the built environment;
- (d) project programming, construction and manufacturing programming, and product design;

- (e) planning and development services including interior design, financial advisory services, project management, contract administration and landscaping;
- (f) preparation of feasibility studies and cost estimates;
- (g) preparation of plans and other means of presentation;
- (h) all services in compliance with statutory requirements;
- (i) any other activities relating to the creation, preservation and enhancement of the built environment;

“authorized officer” means an officer authorized by the Board under paragraph 4(1)(eb);

“Board” means the Board of Architects established by section 3;

“Building Authority” means any local authority required under any written law to approve building plans;

“Building Draughtsman” means –

- (a) any person who immediately before the appointed date was a specially authorized person within the meaning of the Architects Ordinance 1951 [*Ord. 48 of 1951*], registered under Part II of the register kept and maintained under that Ordinance but shall not include any person qualified for registration under the Registration of Engineers Act 1967 [*Act 138*], or the Quantity Surveyors Act 1967 [*Act 487*]; and
- (b) any other person whom the Board in its absolute discretion may deem desirable to register having regard to his qualification and experience and to the requirements of any Building Authority;

“firm or body corporate practising as consulting Quantity Surveyors” has the meaning assigned to it in the Quantity Surveyors Act 1967;

“Pertubuhan Arkitek Malaysia” shall include any institute, body or society succeeding it and approved by the Minister;

“prescribed” means prescribed by rules made under section 35;

“Professional Architect” means a person registered under subsection 10(2);

“Professional Engineer” has the meaning assigned to it in the Registration of Engineers Act 1967;

“professional engineering services” has the meaning assigned to it in the Registration of Engineers Act 1967;

“Public Authority” has the meaning assigned to it in the Federal Constitution;

“Register” means -

- (a) in Part III, the Register of Professional Architects, registered Architects and architectural consultancy practices; and
- (b) in Part V, the Register of registered Building Draughtsmen;

“registered Architect” means a person registered under subsection 10(1);

“registered Building Draughtsman” means a Building Draughtsman registered under Part V;

“registered Quantity Surveyor” has the meaning assigned to it in the Quantity Surveyors Act 1967;

“Registrar” means the Registrar of Architects appointed under subsection 6 (1).

## **PART II BOARD OF ARCHITECTS**

### **Establishment of Board of Architects**

3. (1) There is hereby established a board to be called “Board of Architects” which shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal and which may sue and be sued.

(2) The Board shall consist of the following members who shall be Malaysian citizens and who are appointed by the Minister :

- (a) a President who shall be appointed from among Professional Architects;
- (b) three Professional Architects who are in the public service of the Federation;
- (c) two Professional Architects who are in the service of any local authority or statutory authority.
- (d) seven Professional Architects who have been in private practice for at least three years in Malaysia, three of whom shall be from the nomination list submitted by the Council of the Pertubuhan Arkitek Malaysia,
- (e) one member on the nomination of the Board of Engineers from among members of that Board established under the Registration of Engineers Act 1967;

- (f) one member on the nomination of the Board of Quantity Surveyors from among members of that Board established under the Quantity Surveyors Act 1967; and
- (g) one member appointed from among registered Building Draughtsmen.

(3) A member of the Board shall unless he sooner resigns or otherwise vacates his office or his appointment is revoked hold office for a period as may be specified in the instrument appointing him and shall be eligible for reappointment.

(4) If any member of the Board resigns or otherwise vacates his office or his appointment is revoked, a new member shall as soon as practicable be appointed in his place and the member so appointed shall hold office for the remainder of the term for which his predecessor was appointed.

(5) Provisions of the Schedule shall have effect with respect to the Board.

### **Functions of the Board**

4. (1) The functions of the Board shall be -
- (a) to keep and maintain a Register of Professional Architects, registered Architects and architectural consultancy practices and a Register of registered Building Draughtsmen;
  - (b) to approve or reject applications for registration under this Act or to approve any such application subject to such conditions or restrictions as it may deem fit to impose;
  - (c) to order the issuance of written reprimand, the imposition of a fine, suspension or cancellation of registration, removal from or reinstatement into the Registers in accordance with this Act;
  - (d) to fix from time to time with the approval of the Minister the scale of fees to be charged by Professional Architects, architectural consultancy practices and registered Building Draughtsmen for architectural consultancy services rendered;
  - (e) to hear and determine disputes relating to professional conduct or ethics of Professional Architects, registered Architects and registered Building Draughtsmen and to appoint a committee or arbitrator or arbitrators to hear and determine such disputes;
  - (ea) to act as a stakeholder in a contract for architectural consultancy services, when requested;
  - (eb) to authorize any person to investigate the commission of any offence under this Act or any rules made under this Act;
  - (ec) to employ any person, as it deems necessary, to assist the Board in carrying out its functions, powers and duties subject to such terms and

conditions as it may determine;

- (f) to determine and regulate the conduct and ethics of Professional Architects, registered Architects and registered Building Draughtsmen;
- (g) to represent the profession in any matter in which it may be necessary or expedient and to examine and if thought fit to report upon current legislation and any other local matters submitted to it or to make recommendations to Government or any Public or Building Authority or any institute, body or society for the time being representing the profession;
- (ga) to appoint a council, consisting of such members of the Board and Professional Architects as may be determined by the Board, to conduct examinations for admission to the profession and other examinations as deemed necessary by the Board;
- (h) to appoint persons to represent it on any body or panel of examiners which may be appointed by any institute, body or society for the time being representing the profession and to make recommendations in relation to any examinations for qualification for admission to the profession;
- (i) to appoint members of the Board to sit on any boards, committees or bodies formed for any purpose affecting the profession and to appoint members of the Board to sit on the Board of Engineers and the Board of Quantity Surveyors in accordance with the relevant laws;
- (j) to provide scholarships and other facilities for the promotion of learning and education in connection with architecture, and to hold or cause to be held professional development programmes for Professional Architects, registered Architects and registered Building Draughtsmen to further enhance their knowledge in the latest developments relating to that profession; and
- (k) generally, to do all such acts, matters and things as are necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.

(2) Without prejudice to the general powers conferred by subsection (1) the Board shall have power -

- (a) to purchase or lease any land or building required for any of the purposes of the Board;
- (b) from time to time to borrow or raise money by bank overdraft or otherwise for the purposes specified in paragraph (a); and
- (c) to lease out, dispose of, or otherwise deal in any immovable property of the Board.



**PART III  
REGISTRATION OF ARCHITECTS**

**Register**

5. The Register of Professional Architects, registered Architects and architectural consultancy practices shall be in three sections, that is to say -

- (a) Section A - which shall contain the names, business addresses and other particulars of Professional Architects;
- (b) Section B - which shall contain the names, addresses and other particulars of registered Architects; and
- (c) Section C - which shall contain the names, addresses and other particulars of architectural consultancy practices.

**Appointment and duties of Registrar**

6. (1) The Minister shall appoint a Registrar of Architects who shall be under the general direction of the Board and whose duties shall include the signing of certificates of registration and their renewal, and orders of the Board, and the recording of all entries of registration, suspension, cancellation, removal and reinstatement in the Register.

(2) The Registrar shall publish in either the Gazette or at least one national newspaper, the name, address, registration number and other particulars of -

(a) a Professional Architect or registered Architect whose registration has been -

(i) by an order of the Disciplinary Committee cancelled under section 34A or subsection 15A(2); or

(ii) reinstated under section 17 ;

(b) an architectural consultancy practice whose registration has been -

(i) by an order of -

(A) the Disciplinary Committee cancelled under section 34A or paragraph 7A(5)(dd); or

(B) the Board cancelled under subsection 7B (3); or

(ii) reinstated under section 17 or subsection 7A(8); or

- (c) a registered Building Draughtsman whose registration has been -
  - (i) by an order of the Board cancelled under section 34A or subsection 25(1); or
  - (ii) reinstated under section 26A.

(2A) The publication under subsection (2) shall be made –

- (a) as soon as possible after the order of the Disciplinary Committee or Board is made, if there is no appeal to the Appeal Board or Minister against that order; or
- (b) as soon as possible after the order of the Disciplinary Committee or Board is confirmed by the Appeal Board or Minister, if there is an appeal filed against that order.

(3) In any proceedings, a certificate of registration shall be conclusive proof that the person, sole proprietorship, partnership or body corporate named in it is a Professional Architect, registered Architect, registered Building Draughtsman or architectural consultancy practice.

(4) The Registrar may annually publish and offer for sale copies of the Register.

### **Restrictions on unregistered persons and registered Architects**

7. (1) No person shall, unless he is a Professional Architect -

- (a) practise or carry on business or take up employment which requires him to perform architectural consultancy services;
- (aa) be entitled to describe himself or hold himself out under any name, style or title -
  - (i) bearing the words “Professional Architect” or the equivalent thereto in any other language; or
  - (ii) bearing any other word whatsoever in any language which may reasonably be construed to imply that he is a Professional Architect;
- (b) use or display any sign, board, card or other device representing or implying that he is a Professional Architect;
- (ba) be entitled to describe himself as a “Professional Architect” and to use the abbreviation “Ar.” before his name and/or the abbreviation “P.Arch” after his name or in association with his name; or
- (c) be entitled to recover in any court any fee, charge, remuneration or other form of consideration for architectural consultancy services rendered as a Professional Architect.

(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1), a registered Architect may, subject to section 8, with the written approval of the Board take up employment which requires him to perform architectural consultancy services.

### **Architectural consultancy practice**

7A.(1) Notwithstanding subsection 7(1), a sole proprietorship, partnership or body corporate may practise as an architectural consultancy practice and recover in any court any fee, charge, remuneration or other form of consideration for any architectural consultancy services rendered by it pursuant to its practice as an architectural consultancy practice carried on by virtue of this section, if it is registered with the Board as an architectural consultancy practice and has been issued with a certificate of registration.

(2) Every application by a sole proprietorship, partnership or body corporate for registration as an architectural consultancy practice shall be made to the Board in the prescribed form and manner and shall be accompanied by the prescribed fee.

(3) The Board shall register a sole proprietorship, partnership or body corporate as an architectural consultancy practice, subject to such conditions and restrictions as it may deem fit to impose, if -

- (a) in the case of the sole proprietorship, the sole proprietor is a Professional Architect;
- (b) in the case of the partnership, all the partners are Professional Architects; or
- (c) in the case of the body corporate, it -
  - (i) has a board of directors comprising persons who are Professional Architects;
  - (ii) has shares held by members of the board of directors mentioned in subparagraph (i) solely or with any other persons who are Professional Architects; and
  - (iii) has a minimum paid-up capital which shall be an amount to be prescribed by the Board.

(4) An architectural consultancy practice shall, within thirty days of the occurrence of any change of its sole proprietorship, or the composition of its partners, board of directors or shareholders, furnish to the Board a true report in writing giving full particulars of the change.

(5) If the Disciplinary Committee finds that -

- (a) the architectural consultancy practice or sole proprietor or any partner, director or shareholder has breached, or failed to comply with or carry out, any of the terms, conditions or restrictions imposed by the Board upon registration of that architectural consultancy practice;

- (b) the composition of the partners, board of directors or shareholders of the architectural consultancy practice does not comply with section 7B or subsection (3);
- (c) the architectural consultancy practice had breached any of the requirements of subsection (4); or
- (d) the sole proprietor or any partner, director, shareholder or employee of an architectural consultancy practice, whether or not such person is registered under this Act, has committed, or is guilty of, or has contributed to, any of the acts or things set out in -

- (i) paragraph 15A(2)(l); or
- (ii) section 33, or paragraphs 15A(2)(a) to (k) or (o) to (p),

the Disciplinary Committee may, subject to subsection (6), by written notice to the architectural consultancy practice, order –

- (aa) the issuance of a written reprimand to;
- (bb) the imposition of a fine not exceeding ten thousand ringgit on;
- (cc) the suspension of the registration for a period not exceeding one year of;
- (dd) the cancellation of the registration of; or
- (ee) any combination of the sanctions set out in paragraphs (aa) to (dd) on,

the architectural consultancy practice.

(6) (a) The Disciplinary Committee shall not make any order under paragraphs (5)(aa) to (ee) based upon any of the grounds of complaint set out in paragraph (5)(a), (b) or (c), or subparagraph (5)(d)(ii) unless -

- (i) there has been a hearing conducted by the Disciplinary Committee of the grounds of complaint against the architectural consultancy practice, sole proprietor or any of its partners, directors, shareholders or employees who has caused, contributed or been a party to, the grounds of complaint; and
- (ii) an opportunity to be heard by a representative appointed in writing or by counsel in the case of an architectural consultancy practice, or in person or by counsel in the case of a sole proprietor or any partner, director, shareholder or employee, has been given to such architectural consultancy practice, sole proprietor, partner, director, shareholder or employee, as the case may be.

(aa) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), the Disciplinary Committee may make an order under paragraphs (5)(aa) to (ee) if the Disciplinary Committee has under subsection 15A(2) suspended or cancelled the registration of -

- (i) a sole proprietor;
- (ii) one of the partners in a partnership comprising only two partners; or
- (iii) one of the directors in the board of directors of a body corporate comprising only two directors.

(b) In any case where the grounds of complaint are based upon paragraph (5) (d), the Disciplinary Committee shall not make an order under paragraphs (5)(aa) to (ee) if, on the date of hearing, such architectural consultancy practice satisfies the Disciplinary Committee -

- (i) that the partner, director, shareholder or employee who has committed, or is guilty of, or has contributed to, such act or thing as forms the grounds for the complaint has ceased to be a partner, director, shareholder or employee of such architectural consultancy practice;
- (ii) that notwithstanding that such partner, director, shareholder or employee has ceased to be a partner, director, shareholder or employee, such architectural consultancy practice is able to comply with all the terms, conditions and restrictions imposed by the Board pursuant to section 7B or subsection (3); and
- (iii) that no other partner, director, shareholder or employee of such architectural consultancy practice was, otherwise than by being its partner, director, shareholder or employee at the material date, in any way a party to, or connected with, the act or thing which forms the grounds for the complaint.

(7) Upon the Disciplinary Committee suspending or cancelling the registration of an architectural consultancy practice pursuant to paragraph (5)(cc) or (dd), respectively, the architectural consultancy practice shall cease to exercise any right or privilege conferred upon it under the registration, but it shall be entitled to recover in any court any fee, charge, remuneration or other form of consideration for architectural consultancy services rendered by it prior to the date of receipt of the written notice from the Disciplinary Committee suspending or cancelling its registration.

(8) (a) Without prejudice to section 17, the Board may at any time upon receipt of an application from an architectural consultancy practice whose registration has been suspended or cancelled pursuant to paragraph (5)(cc) or (dd), respectively, reinstate its registration if it is satisfied that -

- (i) the reason which led to the suspension or cancellation of its registration no longer exists; and

- (ii) the architectural consultancy practice, at the time of such application, complies with the terms, conditions and restrictions imposed by the Board pursuant to section 7B or subsection (3) at the time of the original registration.

(b) In reinstating the registration under paragraph (a) the Board may impose such additional terms, conditions and restrictions as it thinks fit.

(9) There shall be no appeal against -

- (a) any refusal of the Board to register a sole proprietorship, partnership or body corporate as an architectural consultancy practice; or
- (b) any terms, conditions or restrictions imposed by the Board at the time of registration.

**A body corporate providing architectural consultancy services, professional engineering services and/or quantity surveying services**

7B.(1) Where a body corporate carries on a practice of providing architectural consultancy services, professional engineering services and/or quantity surveying services, the Board may, subject to such conditions or restrictions as it may deem fit to impose, register that part of the practice providing architectural consultancy services.

(2) The body corporate that applies for registration under subsection (1) must be incorporated under the Companies Act 1965 and -

- (a) has a board of directors comprising Professional Architects, Professional Engineers and/or registered Quantity Surveyors;
- (b) has shares held by the persons mentioned in paragraph (a) and any of the following persons and/or bodies corporate where -
  - (i) the Professional Architects, Professional Engineers, registered Quantity Surveyors, bodies corporate providing architectural consultancy services, bodies corporate providing professional engineering services and/or bodies corporate practising as consulting Quantity Surveyors hold a minimum combined share of 70% of the overall equity of that body corporate, of which the Professional Architects and/or bodies corporate providing architectural consultancy services hold a minimum share of 10%; and
  - (ii) any other persons, including persons belonging to a profession allied to architecture, engineering or quantity

surveying, being a profession approved in writing by the board regulating the profession of architecture, engineering or quantity surveying, respectively, hold a maximum share of 30%,

of the overall equity of the body corporate; and

- (c) has a minimum paid-up capital which shall be an amount to be determined by the Minister.

(3) Notwithstanding paragraph 7A(5)(b), where in a body corporate registered under subsection (1) -

- (a) the minimum shareholdings of a Professional Architect and/or body corporate providing architectural consultancy services is less than the percentage stipulated in subparagraph (2)(b)(i); or
- (b) the minimum combined shareholdings of a Professional Architect, Professional Engineer, registered Quantity Surveyor, body corporate providing architectural consultancy services, body corporate providing professional engineering services and/or body corporate practising as consulting Quantity Surveyors is less than the percentage stipulated in subparagraph (2)(b)(i)

that body corporate shall, as soon as possible but not later than three months after such change in shareholdings or within any extended period of time as may be approved by the Board, increase the respective shareholdings so as to comply with the percentage as stipulated in subparagraph 2(b)(i), and if that body corporate fails to do so within the stipulated time, the Board shall cancel its registration under this Act.

(4) For the purposes of this Act, the body corporate shall, upon its registration, be deemed to be an architectural consultancy practice.

### **Entitlement**

8. (1) Every Professional Architect who is residing in Malaysia for not less than one hundred and eighty days in any one calendar year and architectural consultancy practice providing architectural consultancy services in Malaysia shall be entitled to submit plans or drawings to any person or authority in Malaysia according to his qualifications or the qualifications of the Professional Architect in that architectural consultancy practice.

(2) Nothing contained in any other written law shall prevent any Professional Architect or architectural consultancy practice from -

- (a) making valuations of buildings and structures, and of plants, machinery and equipment related to the buildings or structures connected with his or its professional practice;
- (b) preparing and submitting applications for planning approvals, conversions, subdivisions and amalgamation layout drawings;
- (c) carrying out planning studies, environmental impact studies relating to land use; and
- (d) preparing planning reports for any person or authority in Malaysia.

(3) Nothing in subsections (1) and (2) shall affect the right of any quantity surveyor, engineer, licensed land surveyor, valuer, appraiser and any other professionals for the time being registered under the relevant laws relating to such professions, to carry out any activity connected with his professional practice.

**Professional Architects, etc. subject to this Act**

9. Every Professional Architect, registered Architect and architectural consultancy practice shall be subject to this Act.

**Qualifications for registration**

10.(1) (a) Subject to this Act, any person who holds the qualification recognized by the Board shall be entitled on application to be registered as a registered Architect.

(b) Subject to this Act, a person who is registered as a registered Architect under paragraph (a) shall be required to obtain such practical experience as may be prescribed by the Board and to pass the examinations as may be determined by the Board in order to be entitled to apply for registration as a Professional Architect under subsection (2).

(2) Subject to this Act, the following persons shall be entitled on application to be registered under Section A of the Register as Professional Architects :

- (a) any person who -
  - (i) is a registered Architect;
  - (ii) has obtained the practical experience as prescribed by the Board and passed the examinations as may be determined by the Board under paragraph (1)(b); and



(iii) is a Corporate Member of the Pertubuhan Arkitek Malaysia or has obtained a qualification which the Board considers to be equivalent thereto.

(2A) Subject to this Act, any person whose name has been removed from the Register under paragraph 16(b) and has not applied for reinstatement within five years from the date of such removal shall be entitled on application to be registered under Section A of the Register if such person has fulfilled the requirements mentioned in paragraph (2)(a).

(3) Subject to this Act, only a citizen or a permanent resident of Malaysia may qualify for registration as a registered Architect or Professional Architect and no person shall be entitled to be registered as a Professional Architect unless he is at the time of application for registration, and has been for a period of not less than six months prior to the date of application, residing in Malaysia.

(4) No person shall be entitled to be registered as a Professional Architect if at any time prior to his registration there exists any facts or circumstances which would have entitled the Disciplinary Committee to cancel his registration pursuant to subsection 15A(2).

(5) Subsections 17 (3) and 28 (1) shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to any person whose application for registration has been rejected pursuant to subsection (4).

### **Temporary registration of foreign architects**

10A.(1) Subject to this section and such conditions as the Board may think fit to impose, the Board may, upon payment of the prescribed fee, approve the temporary registration as a Professional Architect of any foreign architect who is a consultant to a project, wholly financed by a foreign government, or implemented under a bilateral arrangement between governments.

(2) A foreign architect may be considered for temporary registration if he satisfies the Board that -

- (a) he possesses the necessary qualification which is recognized for the practice of architecture as an architect in the country where he normally practises; and
- (b) he possesses the necessary expertise and his physical presence is required in Malaysia for not less than one hundred and eighty days in one calendar year or he is a resident representative of the foreign component of a joint-venture.

(3) The Board may approve a temporary registration for a period not exceeding one calendar year and may renew such temporary registration as it deems fit.

(4) Any foreign architect dissatisfied with the decision of the Board to reject his application for temporary registration or the renewal thereof under this section may, within twenty-one days of being notified of the rejection, appeal to the Minister whose decision thereon shall be final and shall not be subject to appeal.

(5) A foreign architect registered under section 10 on or before the commencement of this section shall remain registered until the expiry of his registration.

(6) A foreign architect whose registration has expired may apply for temporary registration subject to the provisions of this section.

(7) For the purpose of this section, “foreign architect” means an architect who is not a citizen or permanent resident of Malaysia.

11. (Repealed by Act A130).

#### **Application for registration**

12. Application for registration shall be made to the Board in such manner as may be prescribed by the Board and accompanied by the prescribed fee.

#### **Certificate of registration**

13. (1) The Registrar shall upon receipt of the prescribed fee issue to any person, sole proprietorship, partnership or body corporate whose application for registration has been approved by the Board a certificate of registration in the prescribed form expiring on the 31<sup>st</sup> December of the year in which it is issued.

(2) The registration may, subject to this Act, be renewed annually upon payment of the prescribed fee and upon satisfying such conditions as may be determined by the Board.

#### **Notification of change of address**

14. Every Professional Architect, registered Architect and architectural consultancy practice shall notify the Registrar of any change in his or its business address.

**PART IV  
CANCELLATION, REMOVAL,  
REINSTATEMENT, ETC.**

15. Repealed by Act A1159.

**Powers to investigate and appointment of Disciplinary Committee**

15A. (1) The Board shall appoint -

- (a) a member of the Board to investigate into any misconduct or complaint made against any Professional Architect, registered Architect or architectural consultancy practice; and
- (b) a Disciplinary Committee comprising three members of the Board, not being a person appointed under paragraph (a), to enquire into and/or conduct a hearing of any misconduct or complaint referred to it by the member of the Board appointed under paragraph (a).

(2) The Disciplinary Committee may order the issuance of a written reprimand to, the imposition of a fine not exceeding ten thousand ringgit on, the suspension for a period not exceeding one year of, the cancellation of the registration of, any Professional Architect or registered Architect, or any combination of two or more of the aforesaid, under any of the following circumstances :

- (a) if he offers or accepts any commission which in the opinion of the Disciplinary Committee is an illicit commission;
- (b) if whilst acting in his professional capacity, he at the same time without disclosing the fact in writing to his client, is a sole proprietor, partner, director or member of or substantial shareholder in or agent for any contracting or manufacturing company or firm or business or has any financial interest in that company or firm or business with which he deals on behalf of his client;
- (c) if his registration under this Act has been obtained by fraud or misrepresentation;
- (d) if he is found guilty by the Disciplinary Committee of any act or conduct which in the opinion of the Disciplinary Committee is infamous or disgraceful;
- (e) if he is found by the Disciplinary Committee to have contravened or failed to comply with any of the provisions of this Act or any rules made thereunder.
- (f) if he fails to observe any conditions or restrictions subject to which he is registered;

- (g) if he procures, or assists in procuring, or is knowingly a party to procuring, by fraud or misrepresentation the approval of the Board for a sole proprietorship, partnership or body corporate to be registered as an architectural consultancy practice;
- (h) if he conceals or assists in concealing from the Board or the Disciplinary Committee the existence of any fact or circumstances which, if known, would entitle the Disciplinary Committee to cancel the registration of a sole proprietorship, partnership or body corporate, in which he is a sole proprietor, partner, director or shareholder, as an architectural consultancy practice;
- (i) if he contravenes, or fails to perform, or assists in the contravention of, any term, condition or restriction imposed by the Board when registering a sole proprietorship, partnership or body corporate as an architectural consultancy practice under section 7B or subsection 7A(3);
- (j) if he causes or permits or suffers any sole proprietorship, partnership or body corporate in which he is a sole proprietor, partner, director or shareholder to practise as an architectural consultancy practice prior to its registration by the Board;
- (k) if he causes or permits or suffers any architectural consultancy practice in which he is a sole proprietor, partner, director or shareholder to continue to practise as an architectural consultancy practice after the Disciplinary Committee has suspended or cancelled its registration under paragraph 7A(5)(cc) or (dd), respectively;
- (l) if he is convicted of any offence involving fraud, dishonesty or moral turpitude in Malaysia or elsewhere;
- (m) if his qualification under section 10 has been withdrawn or cancelled by the Authority through which it was acquired or by which it was awarded;
- (n) if he is found to be of unsound mind;
- (o) if he becomes a bankrupt; or
- (p) if he is found to be incapable or no longer able to perform his professional duties effectively.

(3) The Disciplinary Committee shall not make any order under subsection (2), based upon any of the circumstances set out in paragraphs (a) to (k), or (n) to (p) of subsection (2), unless an opportunity of being heard either personally or by counsel has been given to the Professional Architect or registered Architect against whom the Disciplinary Committee intends to make the order.

(4) The member of the Board appointed under paragraph (1)(a) may, for the purpose of an investigation -

- (a) require any person, including a sole proprietor, partner, director, manager, secretary or employee, to attend before him and give evidence on oath or affirmation, and that member may administer the oath; and
- (b) require such person to produce any book, document or paper relating to the subject matter of the investigation which is in the custody of that person or under his control.

(5) Upon completion of his investigation, the member of the Board appointed under paragraph (1)(a) shall submit a report together with his recommendations, if any, to the Disciplinary Committee for its consideration.

(6) A person, including a sole proprietor, partner, director, manager, secretary or employee, shall, unless with reasonable excuse -

- (a) attend and give evidence when required to do so;
- (b) answer truthfully and fully any question put to him in connection with the investigation; or
- (c) produce any book, document or paper required of him,

by the member of the Board appointed under paragraph (1)(a).

15B. (Repealed by Act A1159).

### **Removal from Register**

16. There shall be removed from the Register the name and other particulars of -

- (a) any Professional Architect or registered Architect who has died, or architectural consultancy practice which has ceased to practise;
- (b) any Professional Architect, registered Architect or architectural consultancy practice who has failed to renew his or its registration within one month of the expiry of the registration;
- (c) any Professional Architect or registered Architect whose registration has been cancelled under section 34A or subsection 15A(2), or architectural consultancy practice whose registration has been cancelled under section 34A, subsection 7B(3) or paragraph 7A(5)(dd);  
or

- (d) any Professional Architect, registered Architect or architectural consultancy practice whose registration has been effected by reason of any mistake or error made by the Board in considering his or its application for registration.

**Reinstatement**

17. (1) Any Professional Architect, registered Architect or architectural consultancy practice whose name has been removed from the Register pursuant to an order of the Board or the Disciplinary Committee shall, if his or its appeal is allowed, forthwith be reinstated and the Registrar shall issue a certificate of registration to him or it.

(2) Any Professional Architect, registered Architect or architectural consultancy practice whose name has been removed from the Register for failure to renew his or its registration shall be reinstated as soon as may be after he or it has notified the Registrar, within five years of such removal, of his or its desire to be reinstated and upon payment of such fees as may be prescribed, and the Registrar shall issue a certificate of registration to him or it.

(3) Any Professional Architect, registered Architect or architectural consultancy practice whose name has been removed from the Register pursuant to an order of the Board or the Disciplinary Committee and who has not appealed against that order or whose appeal has been dismissed may after the expiration of not less than one year from the date of the order of cancellation or from the date of the decision of the appeal apply for reinstatement. The Board upon receipt of satisfactory evidence of proper reasons for his or its reinstatement and upon reimbursement to it of all expenditure incurred by it arising out of the proceedings leading to cancellation of his or its registration and upon payment of the prescribed fee, shall issue a certificate of registration to him or it.

**Certificates to be returned**

18. Any Professional Architect, registered Architect or architectural consultancy practice whose name is removed from the Register shall within fourteen days after notification to him or it by registered post of the removal, surrender to the Board the certificate of registration issued to him or it under this Act.

**PART V**  
**SPECIAL PROVISIONS RELATING TO**  
**REGISTERED BUILDING DRAUGHTSMEN**

19. (Omitted)

**Restrictions on unregistered Building Draughtsmen**

20. No person shall, unless he is a registered Building Draughtsman -
- (a) practise or carry on business as a building draughtsman;
  - (aa) be entitled to describe himself or hold himself out under any name, style or title -
    - (i) bearing the words “Building Draughtsman” or the equivalent thereto in any other language; or
    - (ii) bearing any other word whatsoever in any language which may reasonably be construed to imply that he is a registered Building Draughtsman;
  - (b) use or display any sign, board, card or other device representing or implying that he is a registered Building Draughtsman; or
  - (c) be entitled to recover in any court any fee, charge, remuneration or other form of consideration for any advice or services rendered as a registered Building Draughtsman.

**Register of registered Building Draughtsmen**

21. For the purpose of this Part there shall be a Register which shall contain the names, addresses and other particulars (including restrictions that may be imposed under section 24) of registered Building Draughtsmen.

**Registration**

22. (1) Any Building Draughtsman may apply for registration under this Part.

(2) Application for registration shall be made to the Board in such manner as may be prescribed by the Board and accompanied by the prescribed fee.

(3) The Registrar shall upon receipt of the prescribed fee issue to any person whose application has been approved by the Board a certificate of registration in the prescribed form expiring on the 31<sup>st</sup> December of the year in which it is issued, endorsed with the restrictions that may be imposed under section 24.

(4) The registration may, subject to this Act, be renewed annually upon payment of the prescribed fee and upon satisfying such conditions as may be determined by the Board.

**Notification of change of address**

23. Every registered Building Draughtsman shall notify the Registrar of any change in his business address.

**Restrictions on registered Building Draughtsmen**

24. (1) Upon the registration of a Building Draughtsman the following restrictions shall apply -

- (a) he may submit plans only to, and within the limits of, the Building Authority for which area his application for registration has been approved; and
- (b) he shall be entitled to submit plans of buildings in accordance with the restrictions specified in subsection (5) as may be imposed by the Board, or such other restrictions as the Board deems fit.

(2) The Board may at any time on the application of a registered Building Draughtsman vary the restrictions for the time being imposed upon him pursuant to subsection (1) by substituting therefor the alternative restriction prescribed by subsection (5) or such other restrictions as the Board deems fit, or by adding thereto or deleting therefrom any Building Authority specified under paragraph (1)(a).

(3) No person who is employed by a limited company, building contractor, manufacturer or commercial firm shall be entitled to be registered under this Part.

(4) No registered Building Draughtsman shall practise under the name of a limited company or under the protection of limited liability.

(5) The restrictions referred to in paragraph (1)(b) shall be in one of the following forms, that is to say :

- (i) he shall be entitled only to submit plans of buildings not exceeding two-storeys in height and not involving reinforced concrete or structural steel framework except lintels not exceeding 2.5 metres in span providing that the total built-up floor area does not exceed 300 square metres in any one project submitted for approval; or
- (ii) he shall be entitled to submit plans of buildings not exceeding one-storey in height and not involving reinforced concrete or structural steel



framework except lintels not exceeding 2.5 metres in span providing that the total built-up floor area does not exceed 100 square metres in any one project submitted for approval :

Provided that in respect of a Building Draughtsman who was a specially authorized person within the meaning of the Architects Ordinance 1951, the restrictions imposed on him under this section shall not be less favourable than those which may have been imposed on him immediately before the appointed date:

Provided further that in respect of a Building Draughtsman in East Malaysia who was practising or carrying on business as a building draughtsman for at least twelve months before the appointed date, the provisions of subsections (1) and (5) shall not apply and subsection (2) shall be construed as if all the words appearing after the words 'imposed upon him' had been deleted.

**Cancellation of registration, etc  
of registered Building Draughtsman**

25. (1) The Board may order the issuance of a written reprimand to, the imposition of a fine not exceeding five thousand ringgit on, the suspension for a period not exceeding one year of, or the cancellation of the registration of, any registered Building Draughtsman, or any combination of two or more of the aforesaid, under any of the following circumstances:

- (a) if he is convicted of any offence involving fraud or dishonesty or moral turpitude;
- (b) if whilst registered under this Act he acts as a contractor or trades in building materials directly connected with his profession;
- (c) if his registration under this Act has been obtained by fraud or misrepresentation;
- (d) if he offers or accepts any commission which in the opinion of the Board is an illicit commission;
- (e) if he breaks any conditions or restrictions imposed upon him by virtue of paragraph 4(1)(b) or under section 24;
- (f) if he is found to be of unsound mind;
- (fa) if he is found to be incapable or no longer able to perform his professional duties effectively;
- (fb) if he becomes a bankrupt.
- (g) if he is found guilty by the Board of any act or conduct which in the opinion of the Board is infamous or disgraceful; or

- (h) if he is found by the Board to have contravened or failed to comply with any of the provisions of this Act or of any rules made thereunder.

(2) The Board shall not make any order under subsection (1), based upon any of the circumstances set out in paragraphs (b) to (h) of subsection (1), unless an opportunity of being heard either personally or by counsel has been given to the registered Building Draughtsman against whom the Board intends to make the order.

(3) Any person dissatisfied with an order of the Board under this section may within twenty-one days of being notified of such order appeal to the Minister whose decision thereon shall be final.

### **Removal from Register**

26. There shall be removed from the Register the name and other particulars of any registered Building Draughtsman –

- (a) who has died;
- (b) who has failed to renew his registration within one month of the expiry of the registration;
- (c) whose registration has been cancelled under section 34A or subsection 25(1); or
- (d) whose registration has been effected by reason of any mistake or error made by the Board in considering his application for registration.

### **Reinstatement**

26A. (1) Any registered Building Draughtsman whose name has been removed from the Register pursuant to an order of the Board shall, if his appeal is allowed, be reinstated, and the Registrar shall issue a certificate of registration to him.

(2) Any registered Building Draughtsman whose name has been removed from the Register for failure to renew his registration shall be reinstated as soon as may be after he has notified the Registrar, within five years of such removal, of his desire to be reinstated and upon payment of such fees as may be prescribed, and the Registrar shall issue a certificate of registration to him.

(3) Any registered Building Draughtsman whose name has been removed from the Register pursuant to an order of the Board and who has not appealed against that order or whose appeal has been dismissed may after the expiration of

not less than one year from the date of the order of cancellation or from the date of the decision of the appeal apply for reinstatement. The Board upon receipt of satisfactory evidence of proper reasons for his reinstatement and upon reimbursement to it of all expenditure incurred by it arising out of the proceedings leading to the cancellation of his registration and upon payment of the prescribed fee, shall issue a certificate of registration to him.

### **Certificates to be returned**

27. Any registered Building Draughtsman whose name has been removed from the Register under this Part shall, within fourteen days after notification to him by registered post of the removal, surrender to the Board the certificate of registration issued to him under this Part.

## **PART VI GENERAL**

### **Appeal**

28. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this Act -

- (a) any person who has been refused registration by the Board; or
- (b) any person, sole proprietorship, partnership or body corporate who having been registered has had his or its name removed from the Register,

may within twenty-one days of being notified of the refusal or removal, appeal to the Appeal Board constituted under section 29, and the Appeal Board may thereupon make such orders as it may deem just or proper.

(2) An opportunity of being heard either personally or by counsel shall be given by the Appeal Board to any appellant.

(3) The Board shall give effect to any order made by the Appeal Board forthwith.

### **Appeal Board**

29. For the purpose of this Part there shall be established an Appeal Board consisting of a Judge of the High Court as a Chairman who shall be appointed by the Yang di-Pertuan Agong, after consultation with the Chief Justice; and two other persons appointed by the Yang di-Pertuan Agong.

**Tenure of office of members of the Appeal Board**

30. A member of the Appeal Board shall unless he sooner resigns his office or his appointment be revoked hold office for such term as may be specified in the instrument appointing him and shall be eligible for reappointment.

**Procedure of appeal**

31. (1) A notice of appeal against an order of the Board or Disciplinary Committee shall be made in writing to the Appeal Board, and a copy of the notice sent to the President of the Board or Chairman of the Disciplinary Committee.

(2) On receipt of a copy of the notice of appeal the President of the Board or in the absence of the President the member delegated by the President so to do, or the Chairman of the Disciplinary Committee, shall cause to be prepared and sent to the Chairman of the Appeal Board records or a summary of the records of the proceedings of the Board or Disciplinary Committee and the statement setting out the grounds on which the Board or Disciplinary Committee arrived at its decision.

(3) Upon receiving the records or summary of the records and the grounds of the decision of the Board or Disciplinary Committee, the Chairman of the Appeal Board shall convene a meeting of the Appeal Board to hear the appeal.

(4) The Appeal Board after hearing the appeal may confirm or vary the decision of the Board or Disciplinary Committee .

(5) The decision of the Appeal Board shall be final.

**Procedure of Appeal Board**

32. The Appeal Board shall at its discretion determine its own procedure.

**Penalties, obtaining registration by false pretences, etc.**

33. Any person, sole proprietorship, partnership or body corporate who -

- (a) procures or attempts to procure registration or a certificate of registration under this Act by knowingly making or producing or causing to be made or produced any false or fraudulent declaration, certificate, application or representation whether in writing or otherwise;
- (b) wilfully makes or causes to be made any falsification in any Register

kept and maintained under this Act;

- (c) forges, alters or counterfeits any certificate of registration under this Act;
- (d) utters or uses any forged, altered or counterfeited certificate of registration under this Act knowing the same to have been forged, altered or counterfeited;
- (e) impersonates a Professional Architect, registered Architect or registered Building Draughtsman;
- (f) buys or fraudulently obtains a certificate of registration under this Act issued to another Professional Architect, registered Architect, registered Building Draughtsman or architectural consultancy practice;
- (g) sells any certificate of registration issued under this Act; or
- (h) contravenes section 7, or subsection 15A(6) or 34B(5),

shall be guilty of an offence and shall, on conviction, be liable to a fine not exceeding fifty thousand ringgit or imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years or to both.

#### **General penalty**

34. (1) Any person, sole proprietorship, partnership or body corporate who contravenes or fails to comply with any of the provisions of this Act or any rules made thereunder shall be guilty of an offence and where no penalty is expressly provided shall, on conviction, be liable to a fine not exceeding five thousand ringgit or imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years or to both.

(2) If a sole proprietorship, partnership or body corporate contravenes or fails to comply with any of the provisions of this Act or any rules made thereunder, the sole proprietor or every partner, director, manager, secretary or other similar officer thereof shall be guilty of the same offence and be liable to the same penalty as the sole proprietorship, partnership or body corporate is guilty of and liable to, unless he proves that the offence was committed without his knowledge, consent or connivance or was not attributable to any neglect on his part.

#### **Failure to comply with orders of the Disciplinary Committee, Board, Appeal Board or Minister**

34A. Notwithstanding subsection 7A(6), 15A(3) or 25(2), where –

- (a) a Professional Architect or registered Architect refuses or fails to

comply with an order of the Disciplinary Committee made under subsection 15A(2), or Appeal Board made under section 28;

- (b) an architectural consultancy practice refuses or fails to comply with an order of the Disciplinary Committee made under subsection 7A(5), or Appeal Board made under section 28; or
- (c) a registered Building Draughtsman refuses or fails to comply with an order of the Board made under subsection 25(1), or decision of the Minister made under subsection 25(3),

the Disciplinary Committee or Board shall immediately cancel his or its certificate of registration after reminders that require him or it to comply with such order or decision, as the Disciplinary Committee or Board in its absolute discretion deems fit, have been given to him or it.

### **Power of search and seizure**

34B. (1) An authorized officer shall have the power to investigate the commission of any offence under this Act or any rules made under this Act.

(2) An authorized officer may, for the purpose of carrying out the objectives of this section, at any reasonable time enter, inspect and examine any place of work.

(3) In exercising his powers under subsection (2), an authorized officer may –

- (a) examine any book, account, record or other document as may be necessary to ascertain whether or not this Act or any rules made under this Act has been complied with;
- (b) direct that the place of work or any part of it, or anything in it, shall be left undisturbed, whether generally or in particular respect, for so long as is reasonably necessary for the purpose of any examination or investigation under this section;
- (c) search for and seize any signboard, card, letter, pamphlet, leaflet, notice or any device representing or implying that the person is a Professional Architect, registered Architect or registered Building Draughtsman, or that the sole proprietorship, partnership or body corporate is an architectural consultancy practice; or
- (d) seize or take copies of or extracts from any book, account, record or other document found in the place of work which he has power to enter or in the vicinity of that place of work, and that is reasonably believed to furnish evidence of the commission of an offence under this Act or any rules made under this Act.

(4) Where by reason of its nature, size or amount, it is not practicable to remove any signboard, card, letter, pamphlet, leaflet, notice, book, account, record or other device or document seized under this section, the authorized officer may, by any means, seal such signboard, card, letter, pamphlet, leaflet, notice, book, account, record or other device or document in the place of work in which it is found.

(5) A person shall not, except with lawful authority -

- (a) break, tamper with or damage, or attempt to break, tamper with or damage the seal referred to in subsection (4); or
- (b) remove or attempt to remove any signboard, card, letter, pamphlet, leaflet, notice, book, account, record or other device or document under seal.

### **List of things seized**

34c. (1) Except as provided in subsection (2), where any signboard, card, letter, pamphlet, leaflet, notice, book, account, record or other device or document is seized from the place of work under section 34B, the authorized officer shall prepare a list of the things seized and immediately deliver a copy of the list signed by him to the occupier of the place which has been searched, or to his agent or servant at that place.

(2) Where the place of work is unoccupied, the authorized officer shall, wherever possible, post a list of the things seized conspicuously at that place.

### **Rules**

35. The Board may with the approval of the Minister make rules generally as may be necessary or expedient for the purpose of carrying out, or giving effect to, the provisions of this Act and in particular, but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, for prescribing anything as is required by this Act to be prescribed or as it may deem necessary.

### **Authorization by President**

35A.(1) Subject to subsection (2) and such policy as the Board may from time to time adopt, the President may from time to time, on payment of the prescribed fee and on such conditions or with such restrictions as he thinks fit to impose, in writing authorize any person who is not a Professional Architect or registered Architect, or

any sole proprietorship, partnership or body corporate which is not an architectural consultancy practice to do any act or thing that the person, sole proprietorship, partnership or body corporate would, but for the authorization, be prohibited, or not be entitled to do and may at any time, without assigning any reason therefor, withdraw the authorization by notice served on the person, sole proprietorship, partnership or body corporate.

(2) No person, sole proprietorship, partnership or body corporate shall be authorized under this section to do any such act or thing for more than a total period of one hundred and eighty days in any one calendar year.

(3) A person, sole proprietorship, partnership or body corporate who does any such act or thing under and in accordance with an authorization under subsection (1) shall, notwithstanding any provision of this Act to the contrary, be deemed to be permitted or entitled to do that act or thing as if he were a Professional Architect or registered Architect, or it were an architectural consultancy practice.

### **Notices**

35B. (1) Any notice or document left at, or posted by registered post or prepaid post to, the last known address or principal place of business last appearing in the Register of a Professional Architect, registered Architect, registered Building Draughtsman or architectural consultancy practice shall be deemed to have been duly served upon that Professional Architect, registered Architect, registered Building Draughtsman or architectural consultancy practice.

(2) Subject to subsection (3), if the Professional Architect, registered Architect, registered Building Draughtsman or architectural consultancy practice fails to reply to the notice or document which has been duly served upon him or it in accordance with subsection (1) for at least three times, the Disciplinary Committee or Board shall take action against that Professional Architect, registered Architect, registered Building Draughtsman or architectural consultancy practice in accordance with this Act.

(3) If the Professional Architect, registered Architect, registered Building Draughtsman or architectural consultancy practice fails to reply to the notice or document which has been duly served upon him or it in accordance with subsection (1) for at least three times, and if, with regard to the matter contained in the notice or document, the Disciplinary Committee or Board proposes to suspend or cancel his or its registration, the Board shall -

(a) cause to be published in at least one national newspaper a notification



containing the material contents of that notice or document; and

- (b) take action in accordance with this Act based on his or its reply to the notification, or otherwise on his or its failure to reply to that notification.

### **Indemnity**

35c. (1) No action or proceeding shall be instituted or maintained in any court against the Board, Appeal Board, Disciplinary Committee or council appointed by the Board, any members of the Board, Appeal Board, Disciplinary Committee or council, any person appointed or authorized by the Board, or any other person authorized to act for or on behalf of the Board for any act or omission done in good faith in the discharge of any of its or his functions, powers and duties under this Act or any rules made under this Act.

(2) This section does not apply to powers conferred under subsection 4(2) or any power to enter into contracts exercised by the Board.

### **Appointment of advocate and solicitor**

35D. The Board may appoint an advocate and solicitor to institute and conduct proceedings on its behalf.

### **Landscape and Naval Architects**

36. This Act shall not apply to Landscape and Naval Architects.

### **Vesting of property, etc.**

37. All property movable or immovable which immediately before the appointed date was vested in or held by the Board of Architects constituted under the Architects Ordinance 1951, shall on the appointed date and without any conveyance, assignment or transfer whatever vest in or pass to the Board established and constituted under section 3 for the like title, estate or interest and on the like tenure and for the like purposes as the same was vested or held immediately before the appointed date.

### **Repeal**

38. The Architects Ordinance 1951 is hereby repealed.

**Saving as to right of Government**

39. Nothing in this Act contained shall apply to anything done or omitted to be done by or under the authority of the Federal Government or the Government of any State.

**SCHEDULE**  
**[Subsection 3(5)]**

1. (1) The following persons shall be disqualified from being appointed or being members of the Board :

- (a) a person who is of unsound mind and/or is otherwise incapable of performing his duties;
- (b) a bankrupt; and
- (c) any person whose registration has been cancelled under this Act.

(2) A member of the Board shall vacate his office if he fails to attend three consecutive meetings of the Board without the permission in writing of the President or if he becomes disqualified under subparagraph (1).

2. (1) The Board shall meet at least once a year at such place as may from time to time be appointed by the President.

(2) At any meeting of the Board the President shall preside, and in his absence the members shall elect one of their number to preside over the meeting.

(3) The quorum of the Board shall be four, of which at least one shall be a Professional Architect in private practice.

(4) If on any question to be determined by the Board there is an equality of votes, the President or, in the case where the President is absent, the member presiding over that meeting shall have a casting vote.

(5) Subject to subparagraphs (3) and (4), the Board shall determine its own procedure and, except in relation to section 35, have power to delegate to committees appointed by the Board all or any of the functions of the Board upon such terms and subject to such conditions and restrictions as the Board may in its absolute discretion think fit. Any act, ruling or decision of any committee so appointed shall be deemed to be the act, ruling or decision of the Board.

(6) The Board shall cause proper records of its proceedings and of the proceedings of any committee appointed by it to be kept.

3. (1) The Board shall have a common seal which shall bear such device as the Board may approve and such seal may from time to time be broken, changed, altered and made anew by the Board as the Board may think fit.

(2) The common seal shall be kept in the custody of the President and shall be authenticated by the President or other member acting in the absence of the President, and any document purporting to be sealed with the said seal, authenticated as aforesaid, shall until the contrary is shown be deemed to have been validly executed.

4. All monies received by the Board whether from fees payable under this Act or otherwise shall be applied by the Board in the first place to defraying the expenses of registration and other expenses of the administration of this Act including any expenses of the Board that may be allowed under any rules made under this Act and thereafter to providing scholarships and the promotion of learning and education in connection with architecture. Moneys not immediately required by the Board may be invested in such trustee securities as the Board may from time to time determine.

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**Saving and transitional**

(1) A person who, immediately before the date of coming into operation of this Act, was a member of the Board appointed under section 3 of the principal Act shall, unless he resigns or otherwise vacates his office or his appointment is revoked, continue to hold office on or after the date of coming into operation of this Act until the expiry of the period specified in his instrument of appointment.

(2) A partnership providing architectural consultancy services before the date of coming into operation of this Act shall take such steps as may be necessary to reconstitute itself in accordance with this Act and apply to be registered as an architectural consultancy practice under this Act within one year after the date of coming into operation of this Act, and may until the expiration of such period continue to provide architectural consultancy services as if it had been registered as an architectural consultancy practice under this Act.

(3) No such partnership as is referred to in subsection (2) shall, after the expiration of one year after the date of coming into operation of this Act, continue to provide architectural consultancy services unless it is registered in accordance with this Act.

(4) Subject to subsection (5), all applications, proceedings or other matters pending before the Board under the principal Act immediately before the date of coming into operation of this Act shall, after the date of coming into operation of this Act, be dealt with by the Board in accordance with the provisions of the principal Act as amended by this Act.

(5) All proceedings under section 7A, 15A or 25 and matters relating to such proceedings pending before the Disciplinary Committee or Board, respectively and all proceedings under section 33 pending, immediately before the date of coming into operation of this Act shall, after the date of coming into operation of this Act, be continued as if the principal Act had not been amended by this Act.