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PART I : SECTION (I) — GENERAL

Government Notifications

SRI LANKA INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

Regulations of the Sri Lanka Institute of Architects

REPEALING of the existing regulations made under Section 6 read with sections 3,4,7 and 9 of the Sri Lanka Institute of Architects Law No. 1 of 1976, published in Gazette No. 274 of December 2, 1983, Gazette Extra-Ordinary No. 954/10 of December 20, 1996, Gazette Extra-Ordinary No. 1047/20 of October 1, 1998, Gazette Extra-Ordinary No. 1124/4 of March 20, 2000, Gazette Extra-Ordinary No. 1126/8 of April 4, 2000 and Gazette Extra-Ordinary No. 1313/14 of November 6, 2003 and the substitution therefore of the following new regulations.

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25th October, 2005.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Preface

The General Objectives of the regulations are :-

- (1) to promote and advance the study, practice and application of, and research in Architecture and its related subjects and the arts and sciences relating to Architecture;

- (2) to organize, supervise and control the admission, the professional education and training of persons desiring to qualify as Chartered Architects, Architects and Architectural Licentiates, to prescribe or approve courses of study for the qualifying examinations for Membership of the Institute and to those who register under the Architects Registration Board as “Chartered Architects”, “Architects” and “Architectural Licentiates”, and to conduct or provide for the conduct of such courses and examinations;
- (3) to prescribe the qualifications and disqualifications for members of the Institute and for those who have Registered as “Architects” and “Architectural Licentiates” who are not members of the Institute and to maintain the standards of professional conduct for members of the Institute, Chartered Architects, Architects, Architectural Licentiates and Practices and to secure the maintenance thereof;
- (4) to protect and promote the interests, status, welfare, rights and privileges of the Profession of Architecture in Sri Lanka, and the interests of the public in relation to that Profession, and of persons desiring to qualify as Chartered Architects, Architects, Architectural Licentiates and Practices;
- (5) to ensure that Chartered Architects, Architects and Architectural Licentiates adhere to Standards of Professionalism and Competence and thereby bring to society special and unique skills and aptitudes essential to the development of the Built Environment of their societies and cultures; and
- (6) to ensure that Chartered Architects, Architects and Architectural Licentiates possess a body of knowledge developed through systematic education, training and experience. The process of Architectural education, training and examination is structured to assure the public that Chartered Architects, Architects, Architectural Licentiates and Practices have met acceptable standards enabling proper performance of those services. Furthermore, the Members of Sri Lanka Institute of Architects, Chartered Architects, Architects and Architectural Licentiates and Practices are charged to maintain and advance their knowledge of the Art and Science of Architecture, to respect the body of Architectural accomplishment and to contribute to its growth.

1.2 *Practice of Architecture :*

The practice of Architecture consists of rendering of professional services relating to Architecture, planning and design, construction, enlargement, conservation, restoration or alteration of a building or group of buildings. Such professional services include, but are not limited to, planning, strategic and land-use planning, urban design, provision of preliminary studies, designs, models, drawings, specifications and technical documentation, co-ordination of technical documentation prepared by others as appropriate and without limitation (Consulting Engineers, Landscape Designers and other Specialist Consultants), construction economics, contract administration, monitoring of construction and project management.

Professional Services shall be rendered in the following manner:-

- (1) Individual Practice;
- (2) Sole Proprietorship;
- (3) Partnership;
- (4) Private Limited Liability Company; and
- (5) Government Statutory Agencies.

2. INTERPRETATION

2.1 *General :*

The provisions of the Interpretation Ordinance No.21 of 1901 shall be applicable to the interpretation of these regulations.

2.2 *Specific :*

2.2.1 Member

“Member” means, an Associate Member, a Fellow Member, an Honorary Fellow Member, an Honorary Member, a Registered Member, a Graduate Member or a Student Member of the Sri Lanka Institute of Architects.

2.2.2 Client

“Client” means, any person, a body corporate or non-corporate with whom a Practice enters into an agreement or contract written or otherwise for the provision of professional services or the accomplishment of any building or any other work relating to that in the field of Architecture and its allied services.

2.2.3 Contractor

“Contractor” means, a person a body corporate or non-corporate that undertakes the performance of construction work and / or supply of goods.

2.2.4 (a) Body Corporate

“Body Corporate” includes a Government Department, Provincial Council, a Local Authority, Public Board or Corporation, any Society, Firm or Company.

(b) Body Non-corporate

“Body Non-corporate” includes an individual Practice, Proprietorship and Partnership.

2.2.5 Architects Registration Board (ARB)

“Architects Registration Board” means the Architects Registration Board established by Sri Lanka Institute of Architects Law No.1 of 1976 as amended by Sri Lanka Institute of Architects (Amendment) Act No. 14 of 1996 (hereinafter referred to as the ‘ARB’).

2.2.6 Chartered Architect

“Chartered Architect” includes a person-

(a) holding a valid corporate membership of the Sri Lanka Institute of Architects; or

(b) holding a valid registration of the Architects Registration Board (ARB) under the category of Chartered Architects.

2.2.7 Architect

“Architect” means a person holding a valid Registration of the Architects Registration Board (ARB).

2.2.8 Architectural Licentiate

“Architectural Licentiate” means a person holding a valid Registration of Architects Registration Board (ARB) under the category of Architectural Licentiates.

2.2.9 Practice

“Practice” means a Chartered Architect, Architect, Architectural Licentiate or a body duly incorporated under these regulations and includes an Individual Practice, Sole Proprietorship, Partnership, Private Limited Liability Company, Government Statutory Agencies or Bodies: registered with the Sri Lanka Institute

of Architects offering the services in the practice of Architecture and its Other, Allied or Prescribed Professions. The Professional Services offered may vary irrespective of the professional background possessed by the Proprietors, Partners, Subscribers, Shareholders or Board of Directors.

2.2.10 The terms - Other, Allied or Prescribed Professionals

The terms - Other, Allied or Prescribed Professionals mean, those who have qualified at a professional level to practice a profession essential to the meaningful production of the Built Environment and is at least a Corporate Member of the respective incorporated body in Sri Lanka and shall include Civil Engineers, Electrical Engineers, Mechanical Engineers, Structural Engineers, Town Planners, Quantity Surveyors, Project Managers, Interior Designers and Landscape Designers as per Schedule 10.3.5.

In the event that there is no incorporated body existing in Sri Lanka in any of the professions so recognized in adherence with the above definition as Other, Allied or Prescribed Profession, the Council by a resolution may decide to accept any other qualification of the relevant profession.

2.2.11 Institute

“Institute” means, the Sri Lanka Institute of Architects established by the Sri Lanka Institute of Architects Law No. 1 of 1976 (hereinafter referred to as the “SLIA”).

2.2.12 Rights and Privileges of Members

“Rights and Privileges of Members” include voting rights, attending any meetings or events organized by the Institute, receiving any publications and notices distributed by the Institute and publication of the name of the member or the Practice in the year book or any other publications of the Institute, to receive any awards or certificates.

2.2.13 Regional Chapter

- (a) “Regional Chapter”, means a Chapter established by a Special Resolution approved by the Council. Such Chapter shall have a minimum of fifteen members. There shall be only one Chapter in each province of Sri Lanka and thereby the maximum number of Chapters shall be Nine.
- (b) Chapter Code for the regional chapters shall be as per Schedule 10.7.

2.2.14 Office Bearers of the Institute

“Office Bearers of the Institute” shall be the President, Immediate Past President, Senior Vice President, Vice President, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Assistant Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, Honorary Assistant Treasurer.

2.2.15 Council Resolution

“Council Resolution” means a resolution passed by fourteen members of the total number of members of the Council including the non-corporate member, other than the Chairmen of the Regional Chapters.

2.3 *Inconsistency :*

In the event of any inconsistency in the Sinhala, Tamil and English texts of these Regulations, the English text shall prevail.

3. REQUIREMENTS TO ENTER THE PROFESSION

3.1 *Basic Requirements :*

The fundamental requirements to be in the profession shall be the skills and abilities which shall be mastered through education, training, and experience, verified by written and oral examinations.

3.2 *Education :*

Architectural education shall ensure that all the students have competence in Architectural design, which shall include technical systems, requirements, rules, regulations, standards in terms of health and safety. Further, they shall understand the cultural, historical, social, economic and environmental context for Architecture; and that they comprehend the Architects' role and responsibilities in society.

In Sri Lanka, Architectural education is in three folds;

- (a) A minimum of five years full-time academic education at a University recognized by the SLIA as per Schedule 10.4 along with a minimum of two years post qualifying practical training / experience under a Chartered Architect as set out in Schedule 10.3.3 and 10.3.4 and Part 3 of the Professional Practice examination with a Viva Voce conducted by the Institute;
- (b) Seven years part time course conducted by the SLIA along with one year post qualifying experience under a Chartered Architect as set out in Schedule 10.3.3 and 10.3.4 and Part 3 of the Professional Practice examination with a Viva Voce conducted by the SLIA;
- (c) Any other qualification equivalent to (a) above as set out in Schedule 10.4

3.3 *Accreditation / Validation :*

"Accreditation" means the process that validates an educational program geared to qualify Chartered Architects and Architects to ensure that it meets an established standard of achievement. Its purpose shall be to ensure the maintenance and enhancement of an appropriate educational foundation specified in Schedule 10.4.

3.4 *Practical Experience / Training :*

Practical experience / training as set out in Schedule 10.3.3 and 10.3.4 is directed and structured activity in the Practice of Architecture, before and after the receipt of a degree or any other qualification, prescribed by the Council prior to examination for Membership / Registration.

3.5 *Practical Examination :*

Every applicant for Membership / Registration shall require to pass an examination at the end of the period of training / practical experience, that demonstrates attainment of minimum professional competencies. The initial education and training as set out above shall conclude with an examination in the comprehensive professional Practice of Architecture.

3.6 *ARB Registration :*

Registration shall be the recognition of the qualifications, practice and experience of any person permitting such person to call himself as a Chartered Architect, Architect or Architectural Licentiate by the ARB.

3.7 *Continuing Education :*

"Continuing education" means a life-long learning process, which maintains and enhances the knowledge and skills of Chartered Architects, Architects, Architectural Licentiates and the Practices to ensure their continuing competence. Such enhancement shall be through Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Programmes or any other programme accepted by the Council.