

Registration of "Professional Architects"

1. Apply to the "Admissions Council";
2. Eligibility requirements:
 1. Academic: Min. 5-year, Bachelor of Architecture degree (BArch) or equivalent. The academic qualifications must be from a school which is accredited to bestow the professional degree in Architecture and recognized by the UIA;
 2. Experience: Min. 3 years experience working in Belize under the supervision of a "Professional Architect" currently registered by APAB (18 months of this could be prior to Graduation provided the experience is relevant); To be considered, a log book of the said experience must be submitted to the Admissions Committee as per "APAB's Policy on Professional Experience Internship" and the relevant experience must be signed by a APAB registered Professional Architect. Membership in a professional architect's registration board from another country will only be accepted if a Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA) exists between APAB and the Architect's Registration Board of that particular country.
 3. Proof of Belizean nationality or valid work permit.
 4. Completed application form
 5. Receipt showing proof of payment of Application Fee
3. Certificate of Registration will be signed by the Registrar each year and logged at the Registry.
4. Certificates of Registration will expire on December 31, of each year;
5. May use the designation P.Arch. after their name.
6. Grandfather clause has **expired**.

Corporate Membership:

- Apply to the Board of Directors of APAB
- Only those persons who are registered Professional Architects may be elected to Corporate Membership in the APAB;
- Application for membership must be supported by letters from 2 Corporate Members;
- Submit application to Board who shall decide by 2/3 majority vote of the Members of the Board;
- May use the designation P. Arch., Corp. APAB;
- Only registered Professional Architects who are Corporate Members of APAB may stamp and sign drawings submitted as part of an application for building permit.
- Only Corporate Members, in good standing with the association for a minimum of 3 years are eligible to be elected to the Board of Directors of APAB, the Admissions Committee, the Board of Professional Architectural Education or any other Sub-Committee of the Board.

Associate Membership

- Apply to the Board of Directors of APAB
- Must have a no-objection from the Admissions Committee prior to consideration by the Board
- Must present proof of having paid the application fee
- Must be a Belizean nation or have a valid work permit
- Only those persons who have a min. academic qualification of the 5-year BArch or its equivalent may be elected to Associate Membership status in the APAB;
- The academic qualifications must be from a school which is accredited to bestow the professional degree in Architecture and recognized by the UIA.
- Application for membership must be supported by letters from 2 Members of APAB one of whom must be a Corporate Member;
- Submit application to Board who shall decide by 2/3 majority vote of the Members of the Board;
- May use the designation Assoc. APAB;
- As Associate Members of APAB may not stamp and sign drawings submitted as part of an application for building permit.
- Associates Members are considered Interns and may only provide services under the guidance and supervision of a Professional Architect who is a Corporate Member of the APAB.
- Associate Members must keep a log of their experience as per "APAB's Policy on Professional Experience Internship". The relevant experience must be signed by an APAB registered Professional Architect.
- After 3 years of professional experience, the Associate Member, is eligible to submit his application to be registered as a Professional Architect.

Affiliate Membership

- Must submit an application to the Board of Directors of APAB;
- Must show proof of payment of application fee;
- Must show proof of Belizean nationality or have a valid work permit;
- Only those persons who have a min. of 10 years experience in a field affiliated with Architecture, and are over 30 years of age may be elected to Affiliate Membership status in the APAB;
- Application for membership must be supported by letters from 2 Members of APAB one of whom must be a Corporate Member;
- Submit application to Board who shall decide by 2/3 majority vote of the Members of the Board;
- May use the designation Affiliate Member APAB;
- As Affiliate Members of APAB may not stamp and sign drawings submitted as part of an application for building permit.
- Affiliate Members are not eligible to transfer to any other class of membership.

Student Membership

- Must apply to the Board of Directors of APAB;
- Must show proof of payment of application fee;
- Must show proof of Belizean nationality or have a valid work permit;
- Only those persons who are currently enrolled in a 5-year BArch, or its equivalent may be elected to Student Membership status in the APAB. They must be enrolled in a school which is accredited to bestow the professional degree in Architecture and recognized by the UIA.
- Application for membership must be supported by letters from 2 Members of APAB one of whom must be a Corporate Member;
- Submit application to Board who shall decide by 2/3 majority vote of the Members of the Board;
- May use the designation Student Member APAB;
- A Student Members of APAB may not stamp and sign drawings submitted as part of an application for building permit.
- Upon completing the 5-year BArch or its equivalent, the Student Members is eligible to submit his application to be transferred to Associate Membership status in the APAB.

Targets

1. Starting in 2010, all person who hold a min. 5-year BArch or its equivalent, and intend to apply to be registered as a Professional Architect must first apply for Associate Membership with the APAB.
2. Starting in 2013, all persons applying to be registered as a Professional Architect will be required to be an Associate Member of APAB in good standing for a min. of 3-years.
3. Starting in 2013, all persons applying to be registered as Professional Architects must document their Professional Experience as described in the APAB Policy on Practical Experience/Training/Internship.
4. Starting in 2013, all persons applying to be registered as Professional Architects will be required to sit an exam.

The application fee structure is as follows:

1. Application fee for registration as a Professional Architect: \$500.00 (non refundable)
2. Application fee for Corporate Membership: NA
3. Application fee for Associate Membership: \$300.00 (non refundable)
4. Application fee for Affiliate Membership: \$200.00 (non refundable)
5. Application fee for Student Membership: \$200.00 (non-refundable).

The annual fee structure as follows:

1. Annual registration fee for Professional Architects \$300.00 + Corporate Members \$200.00 = \$500.00
2. Annual membership fee for Associate Members: \$300.00
3. Annual membership fee for Affiliate Members: \$200.00
4. Annual membership fees for Student Members: \$100.00