

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY
ARCHITECTS (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1988
ORDINANCE NO. 58 OF 1988

The Architects Ordinance 1959 (the Principal Ordinance) provides for the registration of architects, establishes a registration board and controls architectural practice.

The proposed Ordinance amends the Principal Ordinance by replacing the registration requirements in section 16 with criteria for entitlement to registration to practise as an architect that will accord with criteria existing elsewhere in Australia. The effect of the amendments is that ACT registered architects will not be disadvantaged in seeking registration in a State or another Territory.

The proposed Ordinance inserts a transitional section into the Principal Ordinance to preserve an application for registration which may have been received by the Board before the commencement of the proposed Ordinance.

The effect of each of the provisions of the proposed Ordinance is outlined in the Attachment.

ISSUED BY AUTHORITY OF THE MINISTER OF
STATE FOR THE ARTS AND TERRITORIES

ATTACHMENT

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Section 1 cites the title of the proposed Ordinance as the Architects (Amendment) Ordinance 1988.

Section 2 identifies the Architects Ordinance 1959 as the Principal Ordinance.

Section 3 amends section 16 of the Principal Ordinance by omitting subsection (1) and substituting new subsections 16(1) and (1A) that provide that a person is entitled to apply to the Architects Board, in accordance with a form approved by the Board, for registration if that person is at least 18 years of age and holds a certificate issued by the Architects' Accreditation Council of Australia Incorporated; and

- is entitled under a law of a State or another Territory to practise as an architect in that State or Territory; or
- holds a degree or diploma in architecture from an institution approved by the Board; has completed 2 years' practical experience in architecture of which at least 1 year's experience is postgraduate experience and has successfully completed an examination approved by the Board in the practice of architecture.

Section 4 inserts section 16A into the Principal Ordinance to provide that where the Board is satisfied that the person applying for registration is entitled to apply for registration as an architect and is a fit and proper person to be registered, the Board shall authorise the registration of that person as an architect.

Section 5 amends section 22 of the Principal Ordinance by substituting new paragraph (1)(b) which empowers the Board to cancel the registration of a person where the relevant degree or diploma is withdrawn by the body which granted it.

Section 6 is a transitional section and saves an application received by the Board before the commencement of the proposed Ordinance.