



Architects Registration Board

Hong Kong Special Administrative Region

建築師註冊管理局

香港特別行政區

Guidelines for 'USE OF TITLE'

With the enactment of the Architects Registration Ordinance (Cap. 408), the Architects Registration Board (ARB) would draw your special attention to PART VI, Section 30 of the said Ordinance concerning the Use of Title.

Section 30(1) states that “A person whose name does not appear on the register shall not be entitled to describe himself as ‘architect’ or ‘registered architect’ or to use the initials ‘R.A.’ after his name.”

Section 30(3)(b) states that “A person whose name is not on the register may describe himself as an architect if he describes himself by reference to a membership of an overseas body or institute of architects which description does not imply that he has the right to practise architecture in Hong Kong under the description of architect.”

To avoid any doubt in interpretation of Section 30(3)(b), please be advised that:

- the use of title ‘Architect, AIA’
‘Registered Architect, California’ or similar is acceptable.
- the use of title ‘Architect’ or ‘Assistant Architect’ without any reference is not acceptable.
- the use of title ‘Architectural Designer’ or ‘Architectural Assistant’ is acceptable.

For firms or companies which intend to use the description of ‘architect’, please refer to Section 30(4) of the Architects Registration Ordinance (Cap. 408).

Should there be further queries concerning the Use of Title under the Architects Registration Ordinance (Cap. 408), please contact the Registrar of the Architects Registration Board via email [arbsec@arb.org.hk].

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