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Appendix A

Academic Qualifying Assessment

1. Application

Before graduates from non-HKIA accredited or recognised schools may apply for the HKIA Professional Assessment, their academic qualifications and standard will have to be subjected to an Academic Qualifying Assessment (AQA).

Applications for the Academic Qualifying Assessment should be made in writing to the HKIA.

2. Submission for Academic Qualifying Assessments

For the Academic Qualifying Assessment, graduates from non-HKIA accredited or recognised schools are required to submit, in addition to other supporting documents, a detailed portfolio to exhibit the school works and other relevant design works undertaken by the applicant.

3. Assessment Criteria

Where the applicant's work, as exhibited in the portfolio and other relevant academic studies submitted, is considered to be of a standard equivalent to that of a graduate from an HKIA accredited or recognised university, the applicant may be allowed to take the Professional Assessment.

The assessment will be made based on individual merit. The decision of the PAC, which administers the Academic Qualifying Assessment, shall be final.

4. Other Requirements for Professional Assessment

In addition to the minimum 24 months of recognised post-professional degree Practical experience, graduates from non-HKIA accredited or recognised schools with less than 5 years of full-time study in architecture are required to make up for the shortfall by undergoing an additional period of recognised practical experience, before they are allowed to take Papers 1, 2, 6, 7 and 8. In all circumstances, the additional period of recognised practical experience required shall not exceed 3 years, i.e. the maximum total period of recognised practical experience required before taking on Papers 1, 2, 6 and 7 shall be 5 years.

The duration of additional experience required for each applicant shall be determined by the PAC on case by case basis and the decision shall be final.

Please refer to item 2.1.2 *Recognised Practical Experience* for more details.

Other requirements for taking Professional Assessment are exactly the same as in Section 2, items 2.2 – 2.8.