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Acts  
12 of 1987,  
4 of 2005.

[2nd November, 1987.]

PART I. *Preliminary*

1. This Act may be cited as the Architects Registration Act. Short title.
- 2.—(1) In this Act— Interpreta-  
tion.
- “Board” means the Architects Registration Board established in accordance with section 3;
- “Caribbean Community” means the Caribbean Community established by Article 2 of the Revised Treaty of Chaguaramas signed in the Bahamas on the 5th day of July, 2001 and includes the CARICOM Single Market and Economy; 4/2005  
S. 2(c).
- “Chairman” means the Chairman of the Board;
- “functions” includes duties and powers;
- “Jamaica Institute of Architects” means the unincorporated organization constituted on the 31st day of March, 1978, under the name of the Jamaica Institution of Architects;
- “Member State” means a Member State of the Caribbean Community excluding an Associate Member within the meaning of Article 231 of the Revised Treaty of Chaguaramas; 4/2005  
S. 2(c).
- “practice of architecture” means the rendering or offering to render for reward the services of an architect registered under this Act;

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“register” means the register of architects kept by the Registrar in accordance with the provisions of section 6;

“registered architect” means a person registered as an architect under this Act;

“Registrar” means the Registrar designated pursuant to section 5;

“secretary” means the secretary of the Board.

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S. 2(d).

(2) For the purposes of this Act, a person is a national of a Member State if that person is—

- (a) a citizen of that state; or
- (b) has a connection with that state of a kind which entitles him to be regarded as belonging to or, if it be so expressed, as being a native or resident of the state for the purposes of the laws thereof relating to immigrant.

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Establishment  
of Board.

3.—(1) There shall be established for the purposes of this Act a body to be called the Architects Registration Board which shall be a body corporate to which the provisions of section 28 of the Interpretation Act shall apply.

First  
Schedule.

(2) The provisions of the First Schedule shall have effect with respect to the constitution and procedures of the Board and otherwise in relation thereto.

Functions of  
the Board.

4.—(1) The functions of the Board shall be—

- (a) to register architects;
- (b) to regulate the practice of architecture in Jamaica;

(c) to ensure the maintenance of acceptable standards of professional conduct by persons registered as architects under this Act.

(2) The Board shall have power—

(a) to appoint examiners to conduct such examinations in respect of persons applying for registration as architects as may from time to time be necessary under the provisions of this Act;

(b) to prescribe the procedure to be followed in respect of disciplinary proceedings against architects in relation to professional conduct; and

(c) to do all such things as may appear to it to be necessary or desirable for carrying out its functions under this Act.

5. The Minister shall designate, by general notice, a person to be the Registrar of Architects who shall also be secretary of the Board. Registrar.

6.—(1) The Board shall cause the Registrar to keep a register (to be known as the Register of Architects) of the names, addresses, qualifications and such other particulars as may be prescribed of all persons who are registered as architects pursuant to this Act. The register.

(2) The register shall be open to inspection by any member of the public at all reasonable times and a copy of the register shall be published in the *Gazette* by the Registrar at such times and in such manner as may be prescribed.

7.—(1) Every application for registration as an architect under this Act shall be in the prescribed form signed by the applicant and delivered to the Registrar and shall set out the grounds on which the applicant claims to be entitled to registration. Application for registration.