

ALLIANCE SOLUTIONS

Demonstrating Competency for Registration as an Architect

1. We seek equal treatment with our professionally trained European counterparts. They have an automatic right to register as architects in Ireland (and in all other Member States). Any of the assessment methods applied to them by their Home States and recognised under the relevant European Directive (the PQD) would clearly be appropriate and just.
2. If there is a lawful need for an additional or different assessment to be applied to Irish Grandfathers, then let that be the established and proven written modules of the post-graduate architecture examination in professional practice (known as Part III and already identified in the Act). The written modules are anonymously assessed and together represent an incontestable and appropriate Standard.
3. Consider allowing credits under solutions 1 & 2 for those with appropriate, university level academic qualifications and/or with acceptable professional accreditations.

Unlike Technical Assessment, the Part III written modules could be offered at centres across the country (there are Schools of Architecture in Dublin, Waterford, Cork and Limerick).

Although not essential, this Part III solution could conceivably be introduced under the existing Prescribed Register Admission Examination (PRAE) process that is in the Act and which has yet to be implemented. (More than one PRAE is allowable according to the Minister.)

It would require the making of a self-extinguishing PRAE directed at Grandfathers - probably by way of the examining boards setting a short cut-off date for applications made by this route (as was the case for the Minister's List architects).

Involvement by the Department of Education & Skills in monitoring access to the Part III university examinations would underpin the credibility of the solution.

Alternatively, Solution 1 (or 2) could simply become a minor clause in the Amendment that is anticipated for correcting the procedural deficiencies already identified in the Act.

- We do not expect automatic recognition under the PQD.
- We do not desire membership of RIAI Limited.
- We seek only our re-instatement as lawful architects in the State.

Irish registration recognises "Grandfather" architects from across Europe and beyond. Each one is free to register, practice and certify in Ireland with no knowledge or experience of our laws on Planning, Building Regulations, Environment, Building Contracts, etc.

WHY NOT US?