



# Architects Act 1997

## 1997 CHAPTER 22

### PART III

#### DISCIPLINE

##### *Professional standards*

### **13 Code of practice**

- (1) The Board shall issue a code laying down standards of professional conduct and practice expected of registered persons.
- (2) The Board shall keep the code under review and vary its provisions whenever it considers it appropriate to do so.
- (3) Before issuing or varying the code, the Board shall—
  - (a) consult such professional bodies and such other persons with an interest in architecture as it considers appropriate; and
  - (b) publish in such manner as it considers appropriate notice that it proposes to issue or vary the code, stating where copies of the proposals can be obtained.
- (4) Failure by a registered person to comply with the provisions of the code—
  - (a) shall not be taken of itself to constitute unacceptable professional conduct or serious professional incompetence on his part; but
  - (b) shall be taken into account in any proceedings against him under section 14.
- (5) The Board shall provide a copy of the code to any person who requests one on payment of a reasonable charge decided by the Board (and may provide a copy free of charge whenever it considers appropriate).