Architects Act 1997

1997 CHAPTER 22

PART IV

USE OF TITLE "ARCHITECT"

20   Use of title "architect"

(1) A person shall not practise or carry on business under any name, style or title containing the word "architect" unless he is a person registered under this Act.

(2) Subsection (1) does not prevent any use of the designation "naval architect", "landscape architect" or "golf-course architect".

(3) Subsection (1) does not prevent a body corporate, firm or partnership from carrying on business under a name, style or title containing the word "architect" if—

(a)   the business of the body corporate, firm or partnership so far as it relates to architecture is under the control and management of a registered person who does not act at the same time in a similar capacity for any other body corporate, firm or partnership; and

(b)   in all premises where its business relating to architecture is carried on it is carried on by or under the supervision of a registered person.

(4) The Board may by rules provide that subsection (3) shall not apply in relation to a body corporate, firm or partnership unless it has provided to the Board such information necessary for determining whether that subsection applies as may be prescribed.

(5) A person enrolled on the list of visiting EEA architects may practise or carry on business under a name, style or title containing the word "architect" while visiting the United Kingdom without being a person registered under this Act during the period, and in respect of the services, for which his enrolment is effective.

(6) For the purposes of this section a person is not treated as not practising by reason only of his being in the employment of another person.

(7) In this section "business" includes any undertaking which is carried on for gain or reward or in the course of which services are provided otherwise than free of charge.

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(8) Nothing in this section affects the validity of any building contract in customary form.