

NORMS OF COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURE FOR IMPARTING B.ARCH.COURSE

1. **5 year full-time Bachelor of Architecture (B.Arch.)** degree course is to be imparted by an architectural institution in an independent building and land having its own infrastructure and budgetary provisions, as provided under Minimum Standards of Architectural Education, 2015 prescribed by the Council.

Institution must own a minimum 8000 Sq. M. or Independent or undivided and contiguous share of land adequate enough to provide for built floor space of 2,000 Sq.M. for Intake of 40; 3,000 Sq.M. for intake of 80; and 4,000 Sq.M. for intake of 120 in B.Arch. course; provided further that the built space should be contiguous.

Further, the Institution should also have sufficient space for sports, co-curricular activities and hostel, canteen and other facilities. The land where the building of the institution is located/built must be institutional land and must be owned or availed on long lease (more than 33 years with provision of renewal) by the trust / society / company. An institution applying for additional intake shall be required to create adequate infrastructural facilities in proportion to the additional intake sought, as and when sanctioned by the Council (as per detailing provided in the Minimum Standards). The Institution shall ensure that its building and premises and other spaces must be barrier free (i.e. disabled friendly).

2. The Institution must have valid affiliation with a University established by an Act of the Central or State Legislature or conferred authority by Law to award Degree Course in Architecture. No admission shall be made by the Institution without valid affiliation with a University.
3. The Institution having intake of more than 40 students shall be required to conduct classes concurrently in separate batches of 40 students each.
4. The Institution shall recruit and always maintain the Architecture Teaching Faculty as per the Minimum Qualifications, Experience and Structure for Teaching Posts in a Degree Level Architectural institution, prescribed in **Appendix-B1** of the **Minimum Standards of Architectural Education, 2015** of the Council. The Standards are available at the website of the Council.
5. For an annual intake of 40, the Institution shall have minimum staff structure of full time faculty, in addition to the Principal/ Director/Head of the Institution, as follows :

Professors – 1, Associate Professors – 4, Assistant Professors – 7

Minimum 50% Teaching Faculty must be recruited on cadre wise Regular basis. Balance teaching faculty up to 50% can be on cadre wise Tenure basis.

For intake more than 40, proportionate increase in faculty shall be as per detailing provided in the Minimum Standards of 2015.

6. The eligibility criteria for admission to 1st of 5-year B.Arch. degree course for 2016-2017 is as under :

“No candidate, other than a candidate possessing 50% marks in aggregate and with Mathematics as subject of examination at the end of 10+2 scheme of Senior School of Certificate Examination or equivalent examination, shall be admitted to the architecture course;”

Please refer to Minimum Standards of 2015 for more details.

7. The institution shall admit only such students who fulfill the eligibility criteria prescribed by the Council and have passed an Aptitude Test in Architecture conducted by a competent authority. No direct lateral admission of any student into any year/stage of the B.Arch. course is allowed as per Council Norms.
8. All admissions made by the institution under various quotas/categories must be strictly within the intake sanctioned by the Council for an academic session. The students belonging to NRI, Foreign National, PIO etc. are also required to be admitted within the sanctioned intake, subject to passing an aptitude test. Further, reservation of students/relaxation of marks in qualifying examination for admission to the B.Arch. course for reserved categories shall be as per the policy of the Central/ respective State Government.
9. All admissions must be completed by the institution before **1st September** i.e. the date of commencement of B.Arch. classes prescribed by the Council.

10. The Institution shall follow the Duration and Stages of the Course, Admission to the Architecture Course, Courses and periods of Studies, Standards of staff, equipment, accommodation, training and other facilities for architectural education as per the Minimum Standards of Architectural Education prescribed by the Council from time to time,
11. The institution must acquire minimum 300 books on subjects of Architecture in its library for an intake of 40 (including minimum 100 titles) before the commencement of the course. Please add 150 books (including minimum 50 titles) for every additional intake of 40. From 2nd year onwards, minimum 120 books (including minimum 40 titles) for every year per intake of 40. Library of established schools, having more than 5000 books, should acquire minimum 30 titles on subjects of Architecture per intake of 40 every year.
12. The Institution shall be required to have a nominee of the Council in the Interview Board or Selection Committee etc. set up for recruitment(s)/promotion(s) in respect of Architecture Teaching Faculty positions. The said Council nominee will act as a full-fledged Member of the Interview Board/Selection Committee and help in scrutinizing the qualification, experience and other relevant details of the applicants for selection of suitable candidates. Recruitments or Promotions made to architecture faculty positions in the Institution without COA nominee shall not be deemed valid by the Council.
13. The Head as well as other core Architecture teaching faculty of the institution must have valid registration as an Architect from the Council of Architecture under the Architects Act, 1972.
14. The Institution shall follow the "**Council of Architecture – Minimum Standards of Architectural Education, 2015**" which have been prescribed pursuant to Section 21 of the Architects Act, 1972 supplementing the Council of Architecture (Minimum Standards of Architectural Education) Regulations, 1983, for imparting the above said B.Arch. degree course.
15. The Institution shall initiate necessary steps to curb ragging in its premises and take appropriate action as prescribed by competent authority in case of any such incident.
16. The Institution shall ensure that women (staff, faculty or student) are protected against sexual harassment at the institution and initiate necessary steps as prescribed by competent authority.
17. All the circulars/ notices including the intake sanctioned by the Council to Institution(s) shall be displayed on the Notice Board of the Institution for information of the students and faculty members. The same shall be available on the website of the institution along with details regarding physical & academic infrastructure and faculty.
18. Any Institution which fails to maintain the Minimum Standards of Architectural Education shall be liable to attract sanctions as provided under the said Standards and may also include recommendation for withdrawal of recognition the qualification imparted at the Institution.
19. The affiliating University of the institution shall create an independent Faculty of Architecture and independent Board of Studies in Architecture for proper growth and development of course in Architecture and prepare Syllabus, Course Curriculum, Scheme of Examination in accordance with the Minimum Standards of Architectural Education as prescribed by Council. At least 1/3 of its members must be from the field of practice in Architecture.
20. In due course, the affiliating University should also create a Board of Studies in Architecture, Interior Design, Building Construction Technology etc. under the Faculty of Architecture to deal with issues connected with these disciplines at UG and PG level, having at least 1/3 of its members from practice.
21. The institution must constitute an independent Governing Council for a School of Architecture, having Architect members in majority. The institution shall also create Course Committees for continuous development of educational programme in Architecture. At least 1/3 of its member must be from practice.



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