

## 9: RIBA Membership – individual assessment interviews

There are a number of ways to join the RIBA as a Chartered Member:

- Exemption from Parts 1, 2 & 3 of the RIBA Examination in Architecture
- A qualification listed in the European Directive EEC 384/85, registration with the ARB and 5 years professional experience since completing the listed qualification\*
- Exemption from Parts 1 & 2 and 5 years professional experience since completing the Part 2 (not applicable to those resident in the United Kingdom)
- Full architect membership of one of 12 international professional institutes recognised by the RIBA Council (not applicable to those resident in the United Kingdom)

\*There are some courses which, although listed in the EU Directive EEC 384/85 as allowing the holder to register in the United Kingdom, the RIBA does not recognise for membership. For more information contact the Professional Examinations Co-ordinator whose details are at the end of this information sheet.

For those who have studied on courses not recognised by the RIBA there is a route to membership, through attending a personal interview at an RIBA Membership Eligibility Assessment Panel interview. The applicant is assessed on equivalence to RIBA Part 1 & 2 and is required to have at least 5 years professional experience since completing their architectural education, which itself should have consisted of a minimum of 5 years of study (excluding any periods in practice). The interview panel will usually consist of 2 or 3 very experienced UK registered practitioners and a representative of the Centre for Architectural Education to record the proceedings.

These individual assessments are a two stage process involving, firstly; a submission of information about your architectural studies and practice, and; secondly, a portfolio assessment interview. The interview will last approximately 45 minutes and its purpose is to enable the panel to decide which areas in the RIBA Criteria for Validation at Parts 1 & 2 have been covered by the applicant's studies in architecture.

The current cost of the assessment will be confirmed to individual candidates. In order to give the panel a satisfactory idea of the scope and range of studies undertaken it is essential that the following is brought to the interview:

- Examples of your academic work both drawn and written (dissertation, reports etc).
- A range of drawings from the later years of the course, especially the final design project.

Please note that applicants should present a good selection of both design and technical drawings and the Panel will also wish to see any office drawings of schemes worked on in practice that may be available. It may be helpful to bring any other work completed on the course, which you think the Panel may be interested in seeing.

Further information on individual assessments and membership, along with information on Part 1 & 2 criteria which the panel will use to assess your application for membership can be obtained from:

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