



## COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURE

(A statutory body of government of India under Architects Act, 1972)  
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### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### Attention : Admission Authorities, Institutions, Students, Parents and all concerned

The Council of Architecture (COA), prescribes and regulates Standards of Architectural Education and Profession of an architect under the Architects Act, 1972 (A Special Central Act) and the respective Rules, Regulations and Norms framed thereunder.

It is hereby brought to the notice of all concerned that as per the Minimum Standards of Architectural Education Regulations, 1983, duly approved by Central Government, placed before both Houses of Parliament, the eligibility for admission to B.Arch. Course is as under :

No candidate with less than 50% marks in aggregate, shall be admitted to the architecture course unless he / she has passed an examination at the end of new 10+2 scheme of Senior School Certificate Examination or equivalent with Mathematics as subject of examination at the 10+2 level and also pass an Aptitude Test.

The Council has recently noticed that in the public notice issued for JEE conducted by CBSE and in several other entrance exams, for admission to B. Arch. Course, different eligibility has been prescribed in violations of the Council's Regulations and applications are sought even for Lateral Admission in B.Arch. Course. Lateral Admission is strictly not allowed under the said Regulations. The matter has also been brought to the notice of the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD), Govt. of India vide Council's letters dated 07.06.2013 and 05.07.2013.

In view of the above, Council hereby informs all concerned persons/ authorities to abide by the eligibility prescribed under the Council's Regulations while seeking and making admissions to B.Arch. Course. Any person admitted in contravention of the Minimum Standards of Architectural Education Regulations, 1983, will not be eligible for registration as an Architect under the Architects Act, 1972. The registration as an Architect with the Council is mandatory for using the title and style of architect for practicing the profession of an Architect and for employment in Govt. services, etc. for architectural posts.

The Hon'ble High Court of Delhi in W.P. (C) No.2669 of 2005, Ms. Sharmistha S. Das v. Union India (MHRD) & Ors., had upheld the eligibility prescribed by COA. Also Hon'ble High Court of Andhra Pradesh in W.P.No.11774 of 2003 and W.P.No.14245 of 2004, upheld the eligibility of Council and quashed the lateral admission scheme of AICTE for B.Arch. Course. The Hon'ble Bombay High Court in Writ Petition No. 3798 of 2000 and Hon'ble Madras High Court in W.P. Nos. 8806 and 9707 of 2003 also upheld the eligibility prescribed under the Architects Act, 1972 and Regulations framed thereunder. These judgments are available on the Council's website.

Issued in public interest.

Registrar

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