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Council of Architecture

वास्तुविद् अधिनियम, 1972 के अंतर्गत भारत सरकार का एक स्वायत्त संविधिक निकाय
(An Autonomous Statutory Body of Govt. of India, under the Architects Act, 1972)

Ref. No.CA/5/Academic/2020/Circular
December 22, 2020

1. TO ALL SECRETARIES OF HIGHER/TECHNICAL EDUCATION IN STATES/UTS OF INDIA
2. TO ALL DIRECTORS OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION IN STATES/UTS OF INDIA
3. TO ALL THE HEADS OF ARCHITECTURAL INSTITUTIONS IMPARTING RECOGNIZED ARCHITECTURAL QUALIFICATIONS IN THE COUNTRY
4. TO ALL THE UNIVERSITIES AWARDDING B.ARCH./M.ARCH. DEGREE IN THE COUNTRY

Sub.:- Implementation of Council of Architecture (Minimum Standards of Architectural Education) Regulations, 2020 and Academic Schedule prescribed by the Council of Architecture for imparting 5-year B.Arch. degree course for 2020-21 -reg.

Dear Sir/Madam,

As you are aware, the Council of Architecture, a Statutory Authority of Government of India, regulates the Architectural Education throughout the country under the provisions of the Architects Act, 1972. In this regard, the Council of Architecture would like to invite your kind attention on the above subject and to inform you as under:

1. The Council has prescribed the Council of Architecture (Minimum Standards of Architectural Education) Regulations, 2020, with the approval of the Central Government in terms of Sections 21 & 45 of the Architects Act, 1972. The Regulations were published in the Gazette of India on 11.08.2020 and came into force w.e.f. 01.11.2020. A copy of these Regulations is attached herewith for your kind perusal and necessary action.
2. All the institutions/universities imparting 5-year B.Arch. degree course are required to maintain the academic and physical infrastructure facilities and other requirements as per above stated Regulations. The inspections and assessment of standards of Architectural Education at the architectural institutions imparting B.Arch. degree course shall now be on the basis of the said Regulations.
3. The Council, keeping in view the threat of Pandemic Covid-19 throughout the country, has decided to extend the last date for admission to the Architecture course upto 31st December, 2020 for academic session 2020-2021 and the classes for the academic session 2020-2021, as a special case, shall commence on or before 01st January, 2021.

Further, as clarified by the Council vide its circular dated 16.10.2020, admissions to 1st year of 5-year B.Arch. Degree Course shall be carried out as per the relaxed eligibility prescribed by Council, with the approval of Central Government, only for the academic session 2020-2021. The same was published in the Official Gazette vide Notification No. F. No. CA/193/2020/MSAE(Regulations) on August 7, 2020 and reads as under:

(1) Pass in 10+2 scheme of examination with Physics, Chemistry & Mathematics (PCM) subjects or pass in 10+3 Diploma Examination with Mathematics, as the case may be, as a one-time measure, for the academic session 2020-2021.

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(2) *The candidates who have qualified the aptitude test i.e. NATA or JEE, with pass percentage in 10+2 scheme of examination with PCM or 10+3 Diploma with Mathematics shall be eligible for admission to B.Arch. course for the academic session 2020-2021.*

4. Due to threat of the COVID-19 pandemic, it is observed that the results of the Class XII Board examinations were declared late and aptitude tests such as NATA, JEE were also conducted in the month of September, 2020. As a result, the admission process has been delayed considerably by various admission authorities in the country for 2020-2021.

The Council of Architecture, therefore, in order to ensure continuation of academic activities, conduct of examinations and declaration of results etc. while at the same time to also safeguard the interests of the academic fraternity and to ensure health, safety and security of the students, faculty & staff, has prepared an Academic Schedule containing important events to be followed by institutions/universities for imparting B.Arch. degree course for the academic Session 2020-2021. The same is enclosed herewith for your perusal and compliance.

In view of the above, you are requested to kindly issue appropriate directions to the concerned admission authorities, institutions and universities in your respective States/UTs to impart B.Arch. course as per the above Regulations and follow the Academic Schedule prescribed by the Council for imparting the B.Arch. degree course.

Yours faithfully,

R.K. Oberoi
Registrar

Encl. : as above

COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURE

ACADEMIC SCHEDULE WITH IMPORTANT EVENTS PROPOSED FOR B.ARCH. DEGREE COURSE FOR THE ACADEMIC SESSION 2020-2021

In view of the threat of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Council of Architecture, in order to ensure continuation of academic activities, conduct of the examinations and declaration of results etc., while at the same time to also safeguard the interests of the academic fraternity and to ensure health, safety and security of the students, faculty & staff, has decided to issue following Academic Schedule containing important events to be followed by institutions/universities for imparting B.Arch. degree course for the academic Session 2020-2021:

1. The admissions to the first year of 5-year B.Arch. degree course at architectural institutions for the session 2020-21 are to be completed by December 31, 2020.
2. The academic Session 2020-21 may commence on or before 01.01.2021 for B.Arch. degree course. Accordingly, the following Schedule/ calendar is suggested for the academic session 2020-2021:

Events for Architecture course	Suggested Dates
Admission Process (To be completed)	31.12.2020
Commencement of B.Arch. classes (First Semester/Year)	On or before 01.01.2021
Preparatory Break	15.04.2021 to 18.04.2021
Conduct of Examinations	19.04.2021 to 27.04.2021
Semester Break	28.04.2021 to 04.05.2021
Commencement of Classes for Even Semester	05.05.2021
Preparatory Break	13.08.2021 to 15.08.2021
Conduct of Examinations	16.08.2021 to 23.08.2021
Semester Break	24.08.2021 to 31.08.2021
Commencement of Next Academic Session	01.09.2021

4. The institutions where admissions have been completed or are likely to complete soon, may start their academic session of 1st year at the earliest. If necessity arises, the students may be admitted provisionally and the relevant documents of their qualifying examination be accepted up to 11.01.2021.

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4. All the institutions/universities may follow a 6-day week pattern for the academic session 2020-21 and 2021-2022, to compensate any academic loss.
5. The institutions/universities are requested to compensate the delay in the start of academic session in the subsequent years by curtailing the breaks/ vacations so that this batch of students would complete the academic curriculum and get their results timely.
6. The advisories and guidelines issued previously by the Council vide letter dated 23.04.2020 and 22.07.2020 (as available on its website) or as may be issued from time to time highlighting the modes of teaching, conduct of examinations, etc. may be followed by institutions/universities.

In case of educational institutions located at places where the Government (Centre/ State) have imposed restrictions on gathering of public, the institutions may take appropriate steps accordingly.

In any case, the above requirements shall not cause any restrictions on the guidelines/directions issued by the appropriate Government/ competent authority.

Notwithstanding the above requirements, every university/ college should ensure that it is prepared in all respects to carry out the academic activities following necessary advisories/guidelines/ directions issued by the Central/State Government, MOE and other competent authorities, from time to time to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

