



वास्तुकला परिषद्
Council of Architecture

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

Ref. No.CA/5/Academic/2026/Circular
February 23, 2026

1. TO ALL THE HEADS OF ARCHITECTURAL INSTITUTIONS IMPARTING RECOGNIZED ARCHITECTURAL QUALIFICATIONS IN THE COUNTRY
2. TO ALL THE DIPLOMA INSTITUTIONS IN THE COUNTRY

Sub.: Extension of Approval for imparting B.Arch./ M.Arch. degree and Diploma Courses for the academic session 2026-2027– Extension of last date for submission of Online Application-reg.

Dear Sir/Madam,

As you are aware, the Council of Architecture, a Statutory Body of the Government of India, regulates architectural education across the country under the provisions of the Architects Act, 1972. All approved institutions are required to visit the Council's web portal at <https://ecoa.in/academic/public/> to submit Online Applications for extension of approval for architectural course(s) for the academic session 2026-2027. As per the academic calendar prescribed by the Council, the last date for submission of applications by institutions was upto 23rd February, 2026.

Due to many requests received from various institutions, the competent authority of the Council has decided to extend the last date for submission of applications for extension of approval for architectural courses(s) till **3rd March, 2026**. The last date for submission of applications with penalty shall be upto **13th March, 2026**. The revision in dates shall also be applicable for Diploma courses. The revised academic calendar is attached herewith and also updated on the Council's website at www.coa.gov.in

In view of the above, all institutions approved by the Council for imparting B.Arch./M.Arch./Diploma courses in the country are requested to submit their applications for extension of approval within the prescribed timelines as notified in the academic calendar for the session 2026-2027.

Yours faithfully,

R.K. Oberoi
Registrar

Encl. : as above.



Council of Architecture

Date: 23.02.2026

REVISED ACADEMIC CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR APPROVAL PROCESS OF
ARCHITECTURE COURSES FOR THE ACADEMIC SESSION 2026-2027

| Event | Last date for Application | Charges for Application | Extended date with Penalty | Last date for issue of LOI | Period of Inspection | Last date for communicating approval/ refusal | Last date for receipt of Review application |
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| Application for Extension of Approval by existing institutions due for inspection | 3 rd March, 2026 | Rs.1 Lakh per course | 13 th March, 2026 with penalty of Rs.10,000/- | - | 1 st April to 15 th May, 2026 | 29 th May, 2026 | 30 th June, 2026 |
| Application for Additional Intake by existing institutions | 3 rd March, 2026 | Rs.2.50 Lakh (40 intake) | 13 th March, 2026, with penalty of Rs.25,000/- | 20 th March, 2026 | 1 st April to 15 th May, 2026 | 29 th May, 2026 | 30 th June, 2026 |
| Application for introduction of PG course (M.Arch.) by existing institutions | 3 rd March, 2026 | Rs. 2 Lakh per course (20 intake) | 13 th March, 2026, with penalty of Rs.25,000/- | 20 th March, 2026 | 1 st April to 15 th May, 2026 | 29 th May, 2026 | 30 th June, 2026 |
| Application for introduction of UG course (B.Arch.)/ Diploma by new institutions | 3 rd March, 2026 | Rs.5 Lakh for 40 intake only | 13 th March, 2026, with penalty of Rs.25,000/- | 20 th March, 2026 | 1 st April to 15 th May, 2026 | 29 th May, 2026 | 30 th June, 2026 |
| Application for Introduction/ Extension of Approval by Diploma institutions | 3 rd March, 2026 | Rs.15 Thousand per course | 13 th March, 2026, with penalty of Rs.1,000/- | 20 th March, 2026 | 1 st April to 15 th May, 2026 | 29 th May, 2026 | 30 th June, 2026 |
| Application for Mandatory disclosure (to be filled by institutions not due for extension) | 3 rd March, 2026 | Rs.25000/- (Twenty five Thousand only, Per programme) | 13 th March, 2026, with penalty of Rs.5,000/- | | | | |



- Note:**
1. Applications for introduction of UG course (B.Arch.) and additional intake shall be accepted by the Council only for maximum intake of 40 and shall be processed in terms of the Perspective Plan for growth of Architectural Education prescribed by the Council (available at COA website).
 2. No new institution will be permitted in regions falling under Category-IV of Perspective Plan of COA for introduction of B.Arch. course.
 3. Applications for additional intake shall be accepted only from institutions which have been imparting B.Arch. course for a minimum period of 3 years (i.e. at least 3 batches at the institution) and processed as per Perspective Plan of COA.
 4. Any institution which has applied for introduction of B.Arch. for academic session 2026-2027 may withdraw its application prior to inspection with charges of Rs.50,000/-.
 5. Institutions which are not due for extension of approval for 2026-2027 are required to fill up Application for Mandatory disclosure with charges of Rs.25,000/- per programme.
 6. All admissions must be completed by the institution on or before 31st August, 2026 and classes for B.Arch./M.Arch./Diploma programmes shall commence latest by September 1, 2026.

