

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 Council of Architecture (Minimum Standards of Architectural Education) Regulations, 2020, 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. 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 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.** NOC/affiliation letter from the university must be obtained and submitted to the Council at the earliest.
3. The Institution having intake of more than 40 students shall be required to conduct separate classes for each batch of 40 candidates or part thereof.
4. The Institution shall be required to appoint/maintain the Faculty of Architecture and Physical Infrastructure & Facilities as per the under Council of Architecture (Minimum Standards of Architectural Education) Regulations, 2020.
5. The eligibility criteria for admission to 1st of 5-year B.Arch. degree course for 2025-2026 is as under:

“No candidate shall be admitted to architecture course unless she/he has passed 10+2 or equivalent examination with Physics and Mathematics as compulsory subjects along with either Chemistry or Biology or Technical Vocational subject or Computer Science or Information Technology or Informatics Practices or Engineering Graphics or Business Studies with at least 45% marks in aggregate or passed 10+3 Diploma Examination with Mathematics as compulsory subject with at least 45% marks in aggregate.”

The candidates must have passed the mandatory subjects of Physics and Mathematics along with either Chemistry or Biology or Technical Vocational subject or Computer Science or Information Technology or Informatics Practices or Engineering Graphics or Business Studies at 10+2 level or compulsory subject of Mathematics at 10+3 Diploma level.

6. No direct lateral admission of any student into any year/stage of the B.Arch. course is allowed as per Council Norms.
7. 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.
8. All admissions must be completed by the institution before **1st September** i.e. the date of commencement of B.Arch. classes (or as amended by the Council) prescribed by the Council. The institution should apply for enrolment of students admitted for the academic session 2025-2026 at the portal of the Council latest by September 30, 2025.

9. 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,
10. 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 old schools, having more than 5000 books, should acquire minimum 10 titles on subjects of Architecture per intake of 40 every year.
11. As per Regulations, 2020, in a selection Committee as prescribed by any Institution or University for Selection Process of faculty, there shall be one Nominee of the Council, who shall act as full-fledged member of such Selection Committee constituted for the purpose of recruitment and /or promotion of faculty, except for Centrally Funded Technical institutions (CFTIs). Therefore, recruitments or promotions made to architecture faculty positions in the Institution without COA nominee shall not be deemed valid by the Council.
12. 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. The Experience shall mean professional experience and/or Teaching and/or Research in the field of Architecture, counted from the date of registration with Council for core faculty.
13. 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.
14. 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.
15. 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.
16. Any Institution which fails to maintain the Minimum Standards of Architectural Education shall be liable to attract sanctions which may include recommendation for withdrawal of recognition the qualification imparted at the Institution.
17. The affiliating University of the institution should preferably 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 should be from the field of practice in Architecture.
18. In due course, the affiliating University is advised to 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.
19. The institution is advised to constitute an independent Governing Council for a School of Architecture, having Architect members in majority. The institution may also create Course Committees for continuous development of educational programme in Architecture. At least 1/3 of its member may be from practice.



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