

ARB's General Rules

“Board Members

- 6.a. The Board will consist of eleven members (a chair, five persons not registered in Part 1 of the Register (Lay members) and five persons registered in Part 1 of the Register (Registrant members) in accordance with paragraph 1 of Part I of Schedule 1 of the Act.
- b. The Chair and Board members are appointed by the Privy Council in accordance with the requirements of Part I of Schedule 1 of the Act and the Transitional Arrangements detailed in paragraph 7 of the Architects Act 1997 (Amendments etc.) Order 2018.
- c. Pursuant to paragraph 1(3) of Part 1 of Schedule 1 of the Act the Board may make a temporary appointment of a person to act as a member of the Board in the event of any vacancy (however arising) but that appointment will cease on the earlier of
 - i) that person's resignation or removal from the Board under Rule 7 or
 - ii) the relevant vacancy is filled in line with paragraph 6(b) or
 - iii) the expiry of a period of one year from the date of the temporary appointment or
 - iv) the completion by the appointee of the maximum period of membership permitted by paragraph 5(2) of Part I of Schedule I of the Act.
- d) The Board may extend the expiry period applying to a temporary appointment for the purposes of c(iii) on not more than two occasions by a period of not more than six months on each occasion.
- e) Where a temporary appointment is proposed the Board will form a selection panel consisting of three Board members (including the Chair) to identify candidates, conduct a selection process appropriate in the circumstances and report to the Board with recommendations.”

Explanatory Note:

The Architects Act permits the Board to make temporary appointments to fill vacancies:

“Rules made by the Board may make provision for the temporary appointment of a person to act as a member of the Board in such circumstances as may be prescribed.”

This draft rule:

- a) Allows a temporary appointment to any vacancy irrespective of how the vacancy arises

Annex A –Temporary Appointments Additions

- b) It provides that the temporary appointment ends on the earlier of:
 - i) Resignation or removal
 - ii) An appointment to the vacancy by the Privy Council
 - iii) The expiry of one year from appointment (unless extended by not more than two periods of six months)
 - iv) The temporary appointee having been a Board member at any time for a period in total of eight years.
- c) Provides for a basic and flexible process by which candidates for temporary appointments may be identified and recommended to the Board for appointment.