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## MAPSM GENERAL CIRCULAR NO.1/2016

### Special Provision for Foreign Applicants from overseas relating to entry into Postgraduate Programme in Architecture (equivalent to LAM Part II)

The objective of this circular is to enable local architectural education providers (AEP) to consider accepting enrolment of foreign applicants into their Master of Architecture (equivalent to LAM Part II) programme in line with the aspiration of the country to make Malaysia an educational hub for the region:

1. The admission into the architectural programme equivalent to the LAM Part II Qualification requires a recognized degree in architecture equivalent to LAM Part I Qualification and a minimum of six (6) months practical experience as set out in Criterion 4 of *The Manual of Accreditation for Architecture Programme (MAAP)*.
2. Foreign applicants with a working experience of a minimum period of six (6) months in their home country after graduation, with proof of employment to be verified by the AEP, may be considered as part of the condition for the fulfilment of requirement for admission as expressed in Clause 1 above.
3. However MAPSM allows room for discretion by the AEP to introduce possible alternative solution and initiative for enrolment of foreign student that could not fulfilled the above conditions as explained below:
  - a. **Foreign applicants with a non-recognised Degree:**
    - i. One of the possible means of acquiring LAM Part I Qualification would be by offering foreign applicants into the architectural undergraduate programme as non-graduating students (NGS)\* for one or more semester, with a sole intent to obtain the LAM Part I Qualification.

- ii. During their enrolment as NGS the students should apply with the Board to get their undergraduate degree obtained in their home country to qualify for LAM Part I Qualification by preparing a complete portfolio of their previous academic works to be presented to the Board according to the procedure set out by its Examination Council (see Part I and Part II examination procedure at <http://lam.gov.my/index.php/examinations/part-i-and-ii.html>);
- iii. As part of the procedure set in the Part I and Part II Examination, if the students do not have a complete portfolio, or fail to satisfy the portfolio examination conducted by the Panel of Part I and Part II Examination, the applicants can apply to sit for LAM Part I Integrated Design Project (IDP) Examination in order to obtain the said qualification within the given semester.

**b. Applicants without a minimum of 6-month practical experience:**

- i. Applicants without a minimum of 6-month practical architectural experience may be considered for registration as non-graduating students and to be placed in local architect firms to undertake an at least 6 months practical experience.

**c. Application into the local recognised undergraduate architecture programme**

- i. Apart from the above, foreign candidate with unrecognized degree in architecture may also apply into a recognized LAM Part I programme by transferring part of prior learning credit hours according to rules prescribed in subsection 3.2.4(ii) of the MAAP.
- ii. In this context, subsection 3.2.4(ii) of the MAAP implied that minimum duration of study must not be less than the outcome of a credit transfer of not more than one-third of the programme total credit hours or a residency period of no less than two years of a three-year programme.
- iii. This procedure allows the candidate to obtain the required recognized architecture degree without having to go through the process described in 3(a) above.

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\* Non-graduating students (NGS) often being broadly defined as students who enrolled into a full-time programme at a university where such arrangement of study does not lead towards the award of a degree. Variation may occur in each institution offering the NGS module such as specific entry requirements, must be a registered students at home university, with or without credit transfer, could be enrolled for one or two semester, etc.



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