

BOARD OF ARCHITECTS MALAYSIA

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IMPORTANCE OF CONTINUITY OF REGISTRATION

All persons registered by the Board should note the importance of ensuring that their registration by the Board is maintained continuously without interruption. The Board has recently obtained legal advice on this matter as there have been instances that the Board has had to address this problem.

The instances arose from persons who have allowed their registration to lapse when they fail to apply for and pay the prescribed annual renewal fee. Thus the Board has, in compliance with section 16(b) of the Architects Act 1967, removed the person's name from the Register within a month of the due date. This is a mandatory action and over which the Board has no option.

The consequence of such action on Architects, Architectural Graduates and registered Building Draughtsmen is far reaching and affects both the registered person as well as the work for which they may be involved.

For example, should say, an Architect fail to renew his registration by 31 January of any given year, his name will be removed effective 1 February of that year. Then, should the Architect pay up his dues on say, 1 March and is reinstated effective on that date, this will leave a period of a month when the Architect is not registered. This will mean that all actions taken by him as an Architect will be illegal for the period when his name is not in the Register. This will be applicable to all certificates issued (e.g. under the Sale and Purchase Agreement, certificates under a building contract, certificates issued to local authorities, etc.). The impact of this will have far reaching consequences not only on the Architect's own practice but also on his client, the public as well as the approving authority.

As for Architectural Graduates, should their names be removed from the Register, the period when they are off the Register will then be excluded from the period of practical experience. This may impact on their eligibility to sit for the Part III Examination.

For registered Building Draughtsmen, the impact would be the same as for Architects.

In view of the above, all registered persons are reminded to ensure that they do not allow their registration renewal to lapse.

By order of the Board,



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(ZAINAB bt. MOHAMED)

Registrar
1 June 2000