

HKIA/ARB Professional Assessment 2027 - Registration Guide

WHO should register?

1. Those who plan to take Papers 3/4/5 in March 2027
2. Those who plan to take Papers 1, 2, 6, 7 and/or 8 in November 2027

Note (1): candidates who are not successful for PA 2026 (Papers 1, 2, 6, 7 and/or 8) hence missing the original registration period for the next PA session may apply for supplementary **registration** in the following period after announcement of results of the respective papers:

Paper taken without success	Next PA to take	Registration period
1, 2, 6, 7 and/or 8 in November 2026	PA 2027	April 2027

WHEN will the deadlines be?

Registration Period	Event	Paper	Documents Required
1 - 31 October 2026	Registration	3/4/5 (March 2027)	1) Confirmation letter/certificate of Academic Qualification 2) Logbook (min. 12 months) 3) Other documents listed in PA Handbook
		1, 2, 6, 7 and/or 8 (November 2027)	1) Confirmation letter/certificate of Academic Qualification 2) Nomination forms of Adviser and Office Supervisor
1 - 30 April 2027	Registration	3/4/5 (July 2026)	1) Confirmation letter/certificate of Academic Qualification 2) Logbook (min. 12 months) 3) Other documents listed in PA Handbook
	Supplementary Registration* <i>*See Note (1) above</i>	1, 2, 6, 7 and/or 8 (November 2026)	-
	Submission	1, 2, 6, 7 and/or 8	1) Logbook (up to submission date) 2) Adviser Consultation Forms (2 quarters)
		8	1) Case Study Synopsis (PDF) 2) Signed Architect's Permission Form (PDF)
1 - 30 September 2027	Submission	1, 2, 6, 7 and/or 8	1) Logbook (min. 24 months) 2) Adviser Consultation Forms (remaining 2 quarters)
		8	1) Final Case Study Report (PDF) 2) Declaration Form for Authenticity (PDF)

HOW to register and submit?

Step 1: Online registration – See [registration instruction here](#)

Step 2: Online submission – See [submission instruction here](#)

Submission Method	Items
Online registration platform (https://www.joinhkia.net/hkiaonline/)	a) Photocopy of your Hong Kong Identity Card or relevant identification documents; b) Current fees for Professional Assessment (PA); c) One recent passport-size photograph; d) Signed Open-book Declaration; e) Photocopy of each of your academic qualification certificate(s) and other substantiating documents; f) Logbook (Summary of practical experience and logsheets) duly completed by the candidate and counter-signed by the Office Supervisor; g) Confirmation letter/certificate of Academic Qualification; and h) Confirmation letters of Professional Qualification (optional).
Email to HKIA/ARB Secretariat for approval (joinhkia@hkia.org.hk)	i) Signed Nomination of Office Supervisor; and j) Signed Nomination of Adviser.

Note (2): HKIA/ARB reserves the right to request signed originals for verification at any time before candidates are admitted as HKIA Member, or when they apply for future PA. Failure in furnishing these originals may warrant cancellation of “Pass” results for all previous papers.

WHAT do you need to know?

1. Eligibility

Paper	Academic	Practical Experience
3/4/5	Completed a professional architectural programme	- a minimum of 12 months of recognised practical experience (including year-out experience) by 28 February 2027 for Q1, or 30 June 2027 for Q2
1, 2, 6, 7 and 8	accredited or recognised by HKIA/ARB	- a minimum of 24 months of recognised practical experience (including year-out experience) by 31 October 2027 <i>Note: For those who studied for less than 5 years full-time in HKIA/ARB accredited or recognised pre-professional and professional programmes combined, they are required to undergo an additional period of recognised practical experience, which in any case shall not exceed 3 years. Hence the maximum period of recognised practical experience required before taking Papers 1, 2, 6, 7 and 8 shall be 5 years.</i> <i>The required duration of additional experience shall be determined by the Professional Assessment Committee (PAC) and its decision shall be final. Candidates will receive a reminder on whether they will be required to make up for the shortfall before taking Papers 1, 2, 6, 7 and 8.</i>

Note (3): Practical experience in one office should at least be 5 consecutive months. Any shorter or discontinuous durations in an office will not be considered. The practical experience is counted up to the last day of the month preceding the respective Paper assessment day. Candidates who need to count their practical experience up to the last day of the month preceding the respective Paper assessment day should write to HKIA for extension of deadline of submission of their log-sheets.

2. Nomination for Adviser and Office Supervisor

For those who are planning to sit for Papers 1 to 8 in 2027 for the first time, please submit nominations of Office Supervisor (for Papers 1 to 8) and Adviser (for Papers 1, 2, 6, 7 & 8).

For details of nominations, please refer to Sections 2.6 and 2.7 of the [HKIA/ARB PA Handbook](#). Upon approval of nominations, you can proceed to fill in the logbook (summary and logsheets) and Adviser Consultation Forms via e-Self Services System. (<https://www.joinhkia.net/hkiaonline/>)

3. Validity of “Pass” Results

The validity of “Pass” results for Papers 1 to 8 lasts for **eight years**. To qualify for Professional Interview of PA 2027, passes obtained **from PA 2020 onwards** will be counted.

4. Open Book Arrangement

HKIA/ARB will not provide any reference books or documents for candidates during the PA. Candidates may bring their own **clean copy** of List of Materials Acceptable to Bring for Open-book Professional Assessment to the PA with the following provisos:

- a) Handwritten markings and notes on any of the reference books are **NOT** permitted;
- b) The reference books may include new memoranda, corrigenda, addenda and amendments to the regulations, codes or guidelines (downloaded versions are allowed for those not available for sale by the Government); and
- c) All other materials, documents or attachments are forbidden. Invigilators may conduct random checks on candidates' reference books at the assessment centre and may confiscate any suspected materials for further investigation. **Candidates who bring unauthorized materials to the PA may be disqualified.** Please visit the Institute's website [here for the latest list of reference books](#) permitted by HKIA/ARB.

5. Late Registration / Incomplete Registration

Applicants are reminded to observe all submission deadlines. Incomplete applications, including those with incomplete application forms or missing substantiating documents and items will not be accepted.

Where an applicant is unable to make a submission on time due to extenuating circumstances, a written notification addressed to the Chairman of the PAC should be provided along with documentary proof in support of such claims. Notwithstanding that, the PAC reserves the right not to accept any late submission.

6. Withdrawal from Professional Assessment

Paper	Conditions for withdrawal
3/4/5	- Withdrawal from the assessment is not allowed. - Registration fee will not be refunded under any circumstances.
1, 2, 6, 7 and 8	- Applications for withdrawal from any papers registered should be submitted to the Registrar of HKIA and ARB in writing no later than 30 September 2027. - Candidates will be entitled to a full refund of PA fees for the respective paper(s). - Registration fee will not be refunded under any circumstances.

7. Quota

As only 230 quotas will be allowed for PA 2027 – Papers 3/4/5 (March), the registration will be on a first-come-first-served basis. Please register early to reserve your place.

8. Special Arrangement

Due to Adverse Weather Conditions

The PA will be postponed upon the announcement of Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No. 8 or above or the Black Rainstorm Warning signal before 7:00am on the day of the assessment.

Written confirmation of the postponement will be sent to candidates within one month of the original assessment date.

Extraordinary Measures During Epidemic/Pandemic Outbreaks

As indicated in [HKIA/ARB Professional Assessment Handbook 2025 \(July 2025\)](#) Section 2.8.7 extracted as below:

In response to outbreaks of epidemics/pandemics, HKIA and ARB may impose precautionary measures, as appropriate, for compliance by candidates. HKIA will follow all prevailing requirements, adopted by the Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority and the HKSAR Government, on mandatory protective measures.

Candidates will be informed, as early as possible, should there be any changes that may affect the arrangements for the current session of PA.

9. Fees

Registration	Fee
Graduate Member / Associate	\$600
Non-member	\$1,800

Paper	Fee
1, 2, 3/4/5, 6, 7 and 8	\$1,750 for each paper
Professional Interview	\$1,500

Please make **cashless payment** by credit card via e-self service system or by cheque payable to “The Hong Kong Institute of Architects”.

10. Syllabus and Specific Requirements

Please refer to the HKIA/ARB Professional Assessment Handbook (2025 July ver.) [here](#).

Paper	Subject	Page in Handbook
1	Statutory Controls in Building Works	29
2	Building Contracts, Professional Practice, Professional Conduct & Conditions of Agreement	30-31
3	Building Structures	32-33
4	Building Services and Environmental Controls	34-36
5	Building Materials and Technology	37-38
6	Site Design	39
7	Building Design	40
8	Case Study	41-44

WHEN will the lectures be?

Paper	Lecture Schedule
3/4/5 (March)	January – February 2027
3/4/5 (July)	Lecture recordings will be available before June 2027 (Subject to the consent of lecturers)
1, 2, 6 and 7	June – October 2027
8	April 2027

WHEN will Professional Assessment 2027 be?

Paper	Subject	Date	Time	Venue
PA 2027 – Papers 3/4/5 (March)				
3/4/5	Integrated Building Technologies	11 March 2027 **Tentative	10:30 – 13:00	Hong Kong Science Park, Sha Tin
PA 2027 – Papers 1, 2, 6 and 7 (November)				
1	Statutory Controls in Building Works	16 Nov 2026 (Tue) **Tentative	09:30 to 12:30	Hong Kong Science Park, Sha Tin
2	Building Contracts, Professional Practice, Professional Conduct & Conditions of Agreement	17 Nov 2026 (Wed) **Tentative	09:30 to 12:30	
6	Site Design	18 Nov 2026 (Thu) **Tentative	09:30 – 13:30	
7	Building Design	19 Nov 2026 (Fri) **Tentative	09:30 – 15:30	

WHEN will the result announcement be?

Paper	Date
3/4/5 (March)	20 April 2027 (Tue) <i>**Tentative</i>
1, 2, 6, 7 and 8	21 February 2028 (Mon) <i>**Tentative</i>

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