



Architects Registration Board

Hong Kong Special Administrative Region

建築師註冊管理局

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Guidelines for the 'USE OF TITLE'

The Architects Registration Board (ARB) hereby draw your attention to the Architects Registration Ordinance (Cap. 408) concerning the Use of Title for any person practicing in the architectural discipline related to the design, construction or fitting out of buildings in Hong Kong.

PART VI Section 30(1) of the said Ordinance states that “A person whose name does not appear on the register shall not be entitled to describe himself as ‘architect’ or ‘registered architect’ or to use the initials ‘R.A.’ after his name.”

It follows that for any person whose name is not listed in the register of registered architects maintained by ARB, the use of the title ‘Architect’, or even ‘Assistant Architect’ without any reference, is NOT acceptable under the Ordinance

However, Section 30(3)(b) states that “A person whose name is not on the register may describe himself as an ‘Architect’ if he describes himself by reference to a membership of an overseas body or institute of architects which description does not imply that he has the right to practice architecture in Hong Kong under the description of architect.”

Therefore, the use of title in the following examples are considered acceptable:

- ‘Architect (ARBUK)’ or similar
- ‘Registered Architect (California)’, ‘Registered Architect (NSW), or similar.
- ‘Architectural Designer’ or ‘Architectural Assistant’

For firms or companies which intend to use the description of ‘architect’ to describe their staff, please refer to Section 30(4) of the Architects Registration Ordinance.

Please note that it would be an offence for non-compliance under the Ordinance.

Should there be further queries concerning the Use of Title under the Architects Registration Ordinance (Cap. 408), please contact the Registrar of the Architects Registration Board via email [arbsec@arb.org.hk].

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