



The Code of Professional Conduct for Architects

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Changes:

- The standard of professional conduct and practice for architects is specified in the Code
- In providing architectural services, an architect must
 - (a) act honestly and with reasonable care in the provision of services; and
 - (b) comply with all applicable laws.

Comparison with the old Regulations

- See this on the Publications page of the Board website

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Client Agreements

- A written agreement is required
- There are 14 specific requirements for client agreements
- The agreement signed by the client, and other documents listed in the Code, must be kept for ten years

CPD

- The Regulations give the Board the power to prepare guidelines on professional conduct and practice for architects Part 2 S7
- The Board has endorsed the national model of CPD for Victoria

CPD in the Code

- An architect in charge of a client's project must –
 - (a) have suitable skills and experience to be in charge of the project; and
 - (b) maintain a thorough knowledge of the architectural services to be provided and of matters relating to the performance of those services.

Recommendation

- Architects are urged to adopt the national model of CPD
- Architects have the option of following their own CPD plan
- Architects should keep records of CPD
- The Board has easy online record keeping for the national model which shows on the public facing page for client information.