

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order amends the Architects Act 1997 (“the Act”) to provide for an all-appointed Architects Registration Board (“the Board”). The changes are being made following publication of the ‘Periodic Review Report on Architects Regulation and the Architects Registration Board’ on 30th March 2017.

Article 3(2) replaces the current arrangements, which provide for seven elected members and eight appointed members, with a Board consisting of eleven members appointed by the Privy Council.

Articles 3, 4 and 6 amend the constitution and quorum of the Professional Conduct Committee, which (in addition to other functions) considers cases of unacceptable professional conduct or serious professional incompetence.

Article 7 sets out transitional provisions. In particular, Article 4(6) provides that changes made by this Order do not apply to the consideration of cases which are reported to the Professional Conduct Committee before the relevant date.

An impact assessment has not been prepared for this Order, as it has no impact, or minimal impact, on the public, private or voluntary sector.

A copy of the Periodic Review report is available at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/architect-regulation-and-the-architects-registration-board-outcome-of-the-review>. Copies may be inspected at the Building Regulations and Energy Performance Division, Department for Housing, Communities and Local Government, Fry Building, 2 Marsham Street, London SW1P 4DF.