

Recognition of Technical and Professional Qualifications

No.F.18-22/72-T-2,
Government of India
Ministry of Education & Social Welfare
Department of Education

New Delhi- 110001, dated the 11th September, 1973

OFFICE MEMORANDUM**Subject : Recognition of Technical and Professional Qualifications**

The undersigned is directed to state that "The Architects Act, 1972" providing for the registration of Architects and for matters connected therewith has come into force with effect from the 1st September, 1972. The Act provides for a Schedule of Architectural qualifications which are recognised qualifications for the purposes of the Act. The Government Diploma in Architecture awarded by the Government of Maharashtra (or the former Government of Bombay) and (ii) Diploma in Architecture of Kalabhavan Technical Institute, Baroda, are included in the Schedule to the Act.

1. The Government of Maharashtra (or the former Government of Bombay) was offering a scheme of Government Diploma in Architecture (G.D. Arch.) course (old course) for the benefit of private students as well as students trained at certain architectural institutions. The Government of Maharashtra abolished this scheme of Diploma Course (old course) in 1963 and in its place introduced a scheme of revised Diploma course at the following architectural institutions:-
 - i. Sir J.J. College of Architecture, Bombay.
 - ii. Academy of Architecture, Bombay.
 - iii. Bandra School of Art, Bombay.
 - iv. Abhinava Kala Vidyalaya of Architecture, Poona; and
 - v. Kala Niketan, Kolhapur.
2. In view of the Architects Act, 1972 coming into force and in view of the fact that (i) Government Diploma in Architecture awarded by the Government of Maharashtra (or the former Government of Bombay) and (ii) Diploma in Architecture of Kalabhavan Technical Institute, Baroda, have been included in the Schedule to the Act, the recognition of these Diplomas for the purposes of recruitment to superior posts and services under the Central Government was re-considered by the Board of Assessment for Technical and Professional qualifications at its meeting held on the 15th December, 1972. On the recommendations of the Board of Assessment for Technical and Professional Qualifications and keeping in view the provisions contained in the Act, the Government of India has decided to recognise (i) Government Diploma in Architecture (G.D. Arch.) awarded by the Government of Maharashtra (or the former Government of Bombay) according to old scheme of the course, and (ii) Diploma in Architecture of Kalabhavan Technical Institute, Baroda, at par with the B.Arch. Degree of a recognised Indian University for the purposes of recruitment to superior posts and services under the Central Government in the field of architecture. This recognition comes into force with effect from the date of enforcement of the Architects Act, 1972 i.e. the 1st September, 1972.
3. The above recognition to the Diploma supersedes the recognition accorded to these Diplomas in this Ministry's O.M. No. F.18-44/61-T-2 dated the 6th January, 1968 and O.M. No. F. 18-5/58-T-5 dated the 15th January, 1959 respectively.
4. The Government Diploma in Architecture awarded by the Government of Maharashtra according to the revised scheme of the course is covered in the comprehensive entry made under the "Government Diploma in Architecture

awarded by the Government of Maharashtra (or the former Government of Bombay)" in the schedule to the Act. The Government Diploma in Architecture awarded by the Government of Maharashtra according to the revised scheme of the course, therefore, stands automatically recognised for the purposes of recruitment to superior posts and services under the Central Government in the field of architecture and no formal order recognising this Diploma is necessary by the Government.

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