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Dear prospective PA candidates,

Amendments of HKIA/ARB Professional Assessment (PA) Handbook

With the objective of upholding the professional standard, the Institute has reviewed the existing PA Handbook and the amended PA Handbook will be effective from PA 2017 except amendment 4 which has been effective from PA2016.

The amendments cover the following areas :

1. Entry qualification of taking PA (Section 2.5 of PA Handbook);
2. Admission criteria and format of assessment for the route of Non-Local Architectural Professionals (Section 3 of PA Handbook);
3. Inclusion of PRC Class I Registered Architect as one of the national professional qualification recognized for admission via the route of Non-Local Architectural Professionals. Please click the below link for the updated list of national registration bodies recognized by HKIA/ARB :
[http://www.hkia.net/en/doc/PA/National Professional Registration Bodies of Architects.doc](http://www.hkia.net/en/doc/PA/National%20Professional%20Registration%20Bodies%20of%20Architects.doc)
4. Revised open-book arrangement (Appendix G and H of the PA Handbook); and
5. Deletion of exemption of papers

Please click the below link to download the amended PA Handbook :

[http://www.hkia.net/UserFiles/File/pa/PA Handbook revised 2017.pdf](http://www.hkia.net/UserFiles/File/pa/PA%20Handbook%20revised%202017.pdf)

Yours sincerely,

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