

**HKIA/ARB Professional Assessment 2011 –
Paper 9 – Professional Interview in October 2012**

STRUCTURE OF PAPER

This paper is a 30-minute interview conducted in English and each candidate is interviewed by a panel consists of three interviewers.

Candidates' professional maturity and adequacy of the practical experience as recorded in the Logbook are assessed by the interviewers. Questions may cover topics related to Buildings Ordinance, Building Regulations, other related ordinances and Codes of Practice, construction knowledge, Building Contract and Contract Administration and Professional Ethics. Candidates' confidence in answering questions is also looked for by interviewers.

ASSESSMENT OBSERVATIONS

49 out of a total of 63 candidates (77.77%) passed the paper in the October attempt, which showed a drop in the performance when compared with the corresponding passing rate in March attempt.

From the report of Interviewers on failed candidates, most candidates were lack in knowledge on Building Contract and Building Ordinance. Most of them showed no confidence in answering questions and were not well prepared for the Interview. The weaknesses may be attributed to their lack of practical experience on local projects.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO CANDIDATES

In view of the reduction of the number of local projects and most of local projects become more extensive, it is anticipated that candidates will not obtain all-round knowledge in local projects and will result in a drop in the passing rate. To achieve a better result in this paper, the Panel has following recommendations to candidates.

- (a) Candidates are recommended to get more on-job experience on local projects, including inception, feasibility study, outline schematic proposal, project design, contract document and building construction. They should ask their employers to give them a well-balanced share of work in all aspects.
- (b) Sharing of knowledge and experience with fellow colleagues and graduates is also encouraged, and should be helpful if job exposure is limited.

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