AMENDMENT OF SEC. 3, (29), DEFINITION OF DIVERSIFIED ARCHITECTURAL EXPERIENCE (DAE) RULE I OF BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 07, SERIES OF 2004 AND FORMULATION OF DERIVATIVE GUIDELINES TH...

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WHEREAS , a n applicant for the Board Licensure Examination for Architects (BLEA) “shall establish to the satisfaction of the Board that:

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> (c) He/She is a holder of a degree of Bachelor of Science in Architecture conferred by a school, college, academy or institute duly recognized and/or accredited by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and in addition has a specific record of at least two (2) years or equivalent of diversified architectural experience duly certified by a registered/licensed architect: Provided, however, That an applicant holding a Master’s Degree in architecture from a school, college, university or institute recognized by the government shall be credited one (1) year in his/her practical experience; and” (Qualifications of Applicants for Examination Sec. 13, Art. III of R.A. No. 9266, known as “The Architecture Act of 2004, and Sec. 13, Rule III of Board Res. No. 07, Series of 2004, cited as “IRR of the Architecture Act of 2004”);

WHEREAS, “Diversified Architectural Experience” is defined as “a post- baccalaureate, pre-licensure experience of two (2) years required of a graduate of architecture prior to taking the licensure examinations [;], consisting of a variation of experiences in the different phases of architectural service .” (Sec. 3. Definitions of terms, (29), Rule I of supra Board Res. No. 07, Series of 2004);

WHEREAS, the reason for the “a post-baccalaureate” aforementioned is that the “Diversified architectural Experience” (DAE) is not a subject or part of the degree of Bachelor of Science in Architecture (BSA), and that a holder of a Master’s Degree in Architecture, a post-baccalaureate course, entitles him/her a 1-year DAE credit;

WHEREAS, propriety and equity dictate the Board to reappraise and reconsider the present definition of DAE in the light of the provision of the aforesaid Sec. 13 (c) which states “x x x and in addition has specific record of at least two (2) years or equivalent of architectural diversified architectural experience x x x x”, without specifying therein that the DAE has to be complied with or undergone either before or after the completion of the BSA (the latter as a post-baccalaureate) other than the 1-year credit granted to a holder of a Master’s Degree in Architecture;

WHEREAS, the modification of Sec. 3 (29) by deleting “a [post-baccalaureate]” therein will give an applicant for the BLEA an option to undertake the DAE prior to and/ or after his/her BSA, thereby shortening the present period for compliance with the DAE as a pre-requisite to his/her admission to the BLEA, and a ffording him/her economic, professional advantages, opportunities, growth, and other accruing benefits therefrom, and financially unburdening his/her parents;

WHEREAS, this constructive innovation of the DAE requirement will address or abort the decline of the

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enrollment in the BSA, holding that BSA will not be less attractive and competitive as the other technological and health courses;

WHEREAS, inasmuch as the 2-year DAE is not a part of the BSA, the dean or any faculty of a school or college of architecture, or any person connected therewith, shall not execute an architect-mentor affidavit unless he/she has directly supervised , or is thoroughly familiar with the examinee's DAE pursuant to Sec. 13 (d), Rule II of Board Res. No. 07, Series of 2004; and

WHEREAS, in the formulation of the IRR amendment and in the crafting of the guidelines, the Board consulted with representatives of the Integrated and Accredited Professional Organization of Architects (IAPOA) and the Council of Deans and Heads of Schools in the Philippines (CODHASP);

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board RESOLVES, as it is hereby RESOLVED, to redefine the term "Diversified Architectural Experience (DAE)" under Sec. 3, (29), Rule I of Board Res. No. 07, Series of 2004 as now "[a post-baccalaureate, pre-licensure] An experience of AT LEAST CUMUL ATIVE two (2) years with AT LEAST AN AGGREGATE OF THREE-THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND FORTY (3,840) HOURS required of a BACHELOR'S DEGREE HOLDER IN [graduate of] architecture prior to taking the BOARD licensure examination F OR ARCHITECTS (BLEA) ; THE DAE SHALL consist[ing] of a variation of SUBPROFESSIONAL experiences in the different phases, TYPES, AND ASPECTS of architectural service";

RESOLVED , MOREOVER, that the examinees logged overtime DAE hours rendered on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays shall be included in the "at least aggregate 3,840 DAE hours";

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that the Architect-Mentor Affidavit required under Sec. 13 (d) (7), Rule III of Board Res. No. 07, Series of 2004 shall certify an examinee's eligibility to take the BLEA; that the Dean's/Head's signature box shall be duly marked as optional before the issuance of the Accomplished Diversified Training (DT Form 001 & 002) to the prospective examinee by the IAPOA; and that a Dean's/Head's signature on the optional box shall not hold him/her administratively, criminally, and/or civilly liable for such certification;

RESOLVED, FURTHERMORE, that examinee hours to be credited shall only be those rendered by the undergraduate or examinee after the effectivity of this resolution.

RESOLVED, LIKEWISE, that the Architect-Mentors and/or the examinees shall be administratively, criminally, and/or civilly held liable for violation of this Resolution and the derivative provisions of R.A. No. 9296, the Board Res. No. 07, Series of 2004, the Revised Penal Code, special laws, pertinent rules and regulations, and other measures or policies of the Board; and

RESOLVED, FINALLY, that the concerned PRC Units, the CHED, and the IAPOA shall assist the Board in the implementation of this Resolution through promulgation of procedure therefor.

Let copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Application Division-PRC Central Office and the PRC Regional Offices, the CHED, the IAPOA, and all those who are particularly concerned for compliance therewith and implementation thereof.

This Resolution shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following its full and complete publication in the Official Gazette, or any newspaper of general circulation in the Philippines.

Adopted: 03 Oct. 2008

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