



Application for Emeritus Status

Instructions: This form is for the purpose of an Alabama registered architect to request their registration be placed on Emeritus status. Please complete Section 2 and 3 of this form and return to the Board office to request your registration be placed on Emeritus status. Please allow ten (10) business days to receive a response regarding your request.

Section 1 – Guidelines for Emeritus Status Application:

- (1) An architect may apply for Emeritus status if he or she meets the following criteria:
 - (a) The applicant is 65 years of age or older; and
 - (b) The applicant has been registered in this state for ten (10) consecutive years or longer;
 - (c) The applicant is retired from the active practice of architecture. “Retired” means the architect no longer practices architecture as defined by §34-2-30 (3) and (4), Code of Ala. 1975 (for your convenience, these definitions are listed below in their entirety).

PRACTICE OF ARCHITECTURE or PRACTICING ARCHITECTURE. Performing or doing, or offering or attempting to do or perform any service, work, act, or thing within the scope of the practice of architecture. An individual shall be construed to hold himself or herself out as practicing architecture when, by verbal claim, sign, advertisement, letterhead, card, or any other way, the individual represents himself or herself to be an architect with or without qualifying adjective, or when he or she implies that he or she is an architect through the use of some other title.

PRACTICE OF ARCHITECTURE. When an individual holds himself or herself out as able to render or when the person does render any service by consultations, investigations, evaluations, preliminary studies, plans, specifications, contract documents, and a coordination of all factors concerning the design and observation of construction of buildings located within the boundaries of the state, regardless of whether such services are performed in connection with one or all of these duties, or whether they are performed in person or as the directing head of an office or organization performing them.

- (2) If all requirements are met, the architect shall be granted Emeritus status. An individual granted Emeritus status may use the title, “Emeritus Architect” on any letter, title, sign, card or device. If an Emeritus Architect wishes to return to the active practice of architecture, he or she may do so by submitting the renewal fee, current renewal application form, and current year’s continuing education hours required by regulation.
 - (3) Emeritus status for registration purposes has no relationship to Emeritus status granted by AIA, a professional association.
 - (4) The annual renewal of registration for Emeritus status shall be free of charge. In addition, the Emeritus architect is exempt from continuing education requirements as outlined in Rule 100-X-3-.03 of the Board’s Rules and Regulations regarding continuing education. You will continue to receive a copy of the Board’s newsletters. Your name will be listed in the roster under Emeritus status. If an Emeritus Architect subsequently wishes to practice, he or she may do so by proper application to the Board, including completion of the continuing education requirements in effect at the time of application.
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