

PUBLIC NOTICE

VALIDATION OF ARCHITECTURAL EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMES IN SRI LANKA

The Sri Lanka Institute of Architects (SLIA) established by the “Sri Lanka Institute of Architects Law No. 1 of 1976” and amended by the “Sri Lanka Institute of Architects (Amendment) Act No. 14 of 1996” is empowered to regulate and control architectural education in Sri Lanka. Accordingly, SLIA conducts the Sri Lanka Institute of Architects Parts I, II & III Examinations based on the curricula prepared by SLIA. Any person who intends to register with the Architects Registration Board (ARB) to qualify to practice as a Chartered Architect or Architect in Sri Lanka has to pass the above examinations or obtain exemptions thereof.

Only those candidates who have passed the Part I and Part II Examinations of the Sri Lanka Institute of Architects or obtained exemptions thereof are eligible to sit the Part III Examination of the Sri Lanka Institute of Architects which is conducted only by SLIA.

SLIA conducts a structured and systematic approach in evaluating applications submitted by academic institutions of Sri Lanka for validation of programmes of study in architecture conducted by those institutions at Part I and Part II levels. Exemption of Sri Lankan architectural qualifications are based on the validation status granted by SLIA to architectural educational programmes as follows,

Status	Entitlement
Candidate Status	The graduates can apply to sit the respective Examination of SLIA.
Listed Course	The graduates are eligible to apply to obtain exemption from the respective SLIA Examination and have to face a Viva Voce conducted by SLIA.
Accredited Status	The graduates are exempted from the respective SLIA Examination.

Architecture Programmes in Sri Lanka validated by SLIA are as follows;

Institution	Programme of Study	Validation status	Remarks
Department of Architecture of the University of Moratuwa	Bachelor of Architecture Honours Degree [B. Arch. (Hons.)]	Accredited Status (Revalidation due in 2029)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Those who have obtained 90 credits in the first 3 years of the programme including 44 weeks of industrial training are entitled to be exempted from the SLIA Part I Examination. Upon completion of the B.Arch. (Hons.) Degree, Graduates are entitled to be exempted from the SLIA Part I and SLIA Part II Examinations. B.Sc. (BE) conferred previously is exempted from the SLIA Part I Examination. M.Sc. (Arch) conferred previously is exempted from the SLIA Part II Examination.

Institution	Programme of Study	Validation status	Remarks
City School of Architecture (Colombo) Limited	CSA Diploma in Architectural Studies	Accredited Status	Those who obtained the Diploma are Exempted from the SLIA Part I Examination.
	CSA Higher Diploma in Architecture	(Revalidation due in 2026)	Those who obtained the Higher Diploma are Exempted from the SLIA Part II Examination.
School of Architecture of the Sri Lanka Institute of Information Technology (SLIIT), Malabe Campus	BSc (Hons) Architecture Degree Programme Conducted by SLIIT, Malabe Campus in academic partnership with Liverpool John Moores University, UK	Declared Course	Graduates who qualified before 2022 are eligible to sit the SLIA Part I Examination.
		Listed Course from 2022	Graduates who qualified in 2022 and after are eligible to apply for exemptions from the SLIA Part I Examination and have to face a Viva Voce conducted by SLIA.
	Advanced Diploma in Architecture	Accredited Status from 2024 to 2029 (Revalidation due in 2029)	Those who obtained the Diploma in 2024 or after and obtained 50% or more marks in the SLIIT SOA internal assessment for Design in their Year 3 Comprehensive Design Project, marked by an external panel of examiners including a SLIA/BAE Examiner and passing out in 2024 and onwards to whom the Advanced Diploma in Architecture certificates are issued by SLIIT are exempted from the SLIA Part I Examination.
	Graduate Diploma in Architecture	Candidate Status from 2023	Those who obtained the Diploma who passed or have been exempted from the SLIA Part I Examination are eligible to sit the SLIA Part II Examination.
Department of Architecture of the Sir John Kotelawala Defence University (KDU), Southern Campus	Bachelor of Architecture (B. Arch.)	Accredited Status from 2025 to 2030 (Revalidation due in 2030)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Those who have obtained 90 Credits in the first 3 academic years with 5 academic semesters and 28 weeks of Practical Training of the Bachelor of Architecture (B.Arch.) Degree Programme, for cohorts from 2022 onwards are entitled to be exempted from the SLIA Part I Examination. Graduates who qualified from 2024 onwards are entitled to be exempted from the SLIA Part I and SLIA Part II Examinations.

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