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NOTIFICATION FOR THE MARCH 2026 PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE COMPETENCE EXAMINATION

In line with Sections 7(5) (c), 11(i) and other supplementary provisions of the Architects (Registration, etc.) Act Laws of the Federation of Nigeria 2004, applications are hereby invited from applicants who fall under any of the categories below and wish to be pre-qualified for the -

MARCH 2026 PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE COMPETENCE EXAMINATIONS (PPCE)

REQUIREMENTS

1. Applicants must have had a minimum of two years supervised post-graduation practice by December 2025 (NYSC year included).
2. Applicants should be Associate Members of the Nigerian Institute of Architects and ARCON Provisional Stage II Registered. Applicants can submit an application for one or both of these at the point of completing the PPCE Application were otherwise.
3. Applicants who have passed the ARCON Regularisation Programme (ARP) and NIA Finals II Examination (up to September 2017) with a minimum of two years supervised post-graduation practice by December 2025 (NYSC year included).
4. Prospective applicants with foreign qualifications must ensure that their degrees qualify for full registration by the professional regulatory body in the country of study with a minimum of 2 years supervised post-graduation practice (six months of which must have been spent in Nigeria).
5. Applicants who had been previously pre-qualified for any of the APCE or Professional Practice Competence Examination but did not proceed with the examination.
6. Applicants with references in a previous ARCON APCE and/or NIA PPCE.
7. Applicants with HND+PGD+M.Sc. or its equivalent obtained in or before the year 2020 can apply for the PPCE.
8. Prospective candidates in all cases must be Nigerians and must be currently resident in Nigeria and currently fully involved in the practice of Architecture under the supervision of an Architect who is fully registered and financial with the Architects Registration Council of Nigeria and a full financial member of the Nigerian Institute of Architects permitted to practice Architecture in the Federal Republic of Nigeria with a minimum of Five (5) Years post-registration experience. Projects supervised under this category must be 5 years post registration of the supervisor.

9. Please note that only electronically sighted copies of original certificates would be accepted for this online application.
10. Applicants who do not have a minimum of 5 credits in Mathematics, English Language, Physics and any other 2 subjects need not apply as their applications would be stepped down.
11. All submissions must be made before the deadline of 5:00 pm on Friday 13th March, 2026.

METHOD OF APPLICATION - FRESH & REFERRED CANDIDATES

Examination Dates: 26th March - April 3, 2026

1. All FRESH applicants are to fill and submit an application via the ARCON PPCE application portal at www.arconnigeria.gov.ng or the NIA PPCE application portal at www.nia.ng/ppce.
2. JPEG format recent colored passport photograph taken against a white background must be uploaded along with scanned copies of all relevant educational certificates including WASC/WAEC or equivalent certificates. Statement of results are not accepted. B.Sc./B.Tech/B.E.S (Arch) and M.Sc./M.Tech/M.E.D (Arch) or their equivalent degrees. NYSC discharge certificate or exemption letter.
3. Court Affidavit for discrepancies in names (if any) on certificates or other credentials.
4. Current Practice License(s) of your supervisors/mentors/referees.
5. Referred candidates can fill and submit an application via the ARCON PPCE application portal at www.arconnigeria.gov.ng or the NIA PPCE application portal at www.nia.ng/ppce. **Ensure to select 'REFERRED CANDIDATE' at the beginning of the application.**

CANDIDATES WHO HAD EARLIER APPLIED THROUGH THE LAST ADVERTISED PPCE NEED NOT APPLY AGAIN

APPLICATION, EXAMINATION & PREPARATORY SEMINAR FEES

- i. Non-refundable Application fee of Twenty-Five Thousand Naira Only (N25,000.00) is to be paid online at the start of your application.
- ii. Examination fee of One Hundred & Seventy-Five Thousand Naira Only (N175,000.00) is to be paid online after pre-qualification.
- iii. PPCE preparatory seminar fee of Thirty Thousand Naira Only (N30,000.00) is to be paid online after pre-qualification. Seminar will hold at the NIA Secretariat & virtual on 25th to 26th March, 2026. Only pre-qualified candidates can pay for ii & iii above.

SIGNED:

ARC. MOHAMMED ITOPA SULE, FNIA, MAARCHES
Registrar, ARCON

ARC. NINAH NIMI BRIGGS, MNIA
Honorary General Secretary, NIA