



Republic of the Philippines
Professional Regulation Commission
Manila

BOARD RESOLUTION NO. ____
Series of 2008

**GRANTING THE ISSUANCE OF LIMITED PRACTICE OF ARCHITECTURE
THROUGH ISSUANCE OF TEMPORARY/SPECIAL PERMIT TO ARCHITECT
RAYMOND D. WHITE**

For consideration is the request of Ms. Veronica V. PadraJuan, Administrator, Providence Hospital, Inc., for the issuance of a Special/Temporary Permit to Mr. Raymond D. White as foreign architect for the construction of "Providence Hospital, Inc." located at Brgy. West Triangle, Quezon Boulevard, Quezon City. Mr. White is a well-known architect in Brisbane, Australia.

The fifty-bed level three hospital construction project is scheduled to be opened in year 2010. The hospital will have a special focus on kidney diseases on top of a broad range of medical, surgical and dental specialties that will be handled by its Outpatient Department.

Architect White is the incumbent Director of the Australian Hospital Design Group & Australian International Design Group (AHDG) and acts as the Director, Senior Architect. He has been in the field of Architecture for the past 35 years.

He has been the Project Director of the following architectural works: Cobram District Council- Masterplan, Nursing Home, Administration Centre, Community Health Centre and Day Procedures Unit; Seymour Memorial Hospital- New Regional Hospital comprising administration, emergency wards, day procedures unit and the like.

As a foreign citizen he may apply for limited practice in the Philippines through the issuance of a Temporary/Special Permit by the Board under **Guideline II, Section 2 of Board of Architecture Resolution No. 3, Series 2008.**

As compliance to the documentary requirements, applicant submitted the following :

1. Letter of Request presented by Rodrigo Berenguer & Guno Law Office stating that Arch. Raymond D. White is qualified to practice Architecture in the Philippines;
2. Photocopy of the Architects Act of 1991 (Annex B);
3. Photocopy of the Architects Regulations 2004 (Annex C);
4. Photocopy of the Racial Discrimination Act 1975 (Annex E);
5. Photocopy of the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission Act 1986 (Annex F);
6. Photocopy of the Equal Opportunity Act 1995 (Annex G).
7. Certification from the Architects Registration Board of Victoria with Approval Number C1048 duly authenticated by the Philippine Consulate of Victoria, Australia;
8. Indication that Arch. William V. Coscolluela will be the Filipino counterpart.

The request maintains that Filipinos may practice Architecture in Australia. The paper submitted by Atty. Tomas M. Guno of Rodrigo Berenguer & Guno Law Office argues, acting in behalf of the applicant, that Australian law permits non-citizens thereof to practice architecture.

To be registered as an Architect in the State of Victoria, one must accomplish the application form in the prescribed form and must have the following qualifications : (Section 10, Part III, Architects Act of 1991)

* 10. Qualifications for registration as an architect

A natural person is eligible to be registered as an architect if the person-

- (a) is of good character; and
- (b) has been engaged for not less than 2 years on practical architectural work and has attained a standard of professional practice satisfactory to the Board; and
- (c) either –
 - (i) holds a prescribed qualification in architecture; or
 - (ii) has passed a prescribed course of study and completed a period of 5 years in gaining professional knowledge in architecture to the satisfaction of the Board.

The prescribed qualification in architecture, according to Section 44 of the Architects Regulations 2004, refers to architecture degrees from specific schools in Victoria or any equivalent degree not necessarily from the said schools, which is approved by the Board, to wit :

* 44. Qualification in Architecture

For the purpose of section 10 (c) (i) of the Act, the following qualifications are prescribed –

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(d) any other architecture qualification at degree level which is approved by the Board as being equivalent to a qualification prescribed in paragraph (a),(b), or (c). (underscoring supplied.)

It is likewise iterated that when a Filipino architect goes to Victoria, Australia and works with an Australian architect, the Filipino architect is not required to secure a special permit to allow him to exercise his profession.

Moreover, the Victoria Board of Architecture, like the Board of Architecture of the Professional Regulation Commission, has the power to determine the qualifications of an applicant; to issue the certificates of registration, and to register an applicant as an architect.

WHEREFORE, all premises considered, the Board hereby resolves to consider Architect White's application. Upon approval hereof by the Commission and payment of the prescribed fees, let the Special/Temporary Permit be issued to Architect White for a period of twenty-five (25) months i.e. from July 2008 thru July 2010, subject to the condition that his practice shall not be rendered beyond the specified venues and periods.

RESOLVED FURTHER, the Board shall cancel the issued Special Temporary Permit in case of violation of the conditions and limitations herein imposed by Republic Act Nos. 8981 and 9266, their implementing rules and regulations, and other relative laws and policies.

Done in the City of Manila, this _____ day of _____ 2008.

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