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(An Autonomous statutory body of Govt. of India, under the Architects Act, 1972)



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LETTER OF APPROVAL

✓ The Registrar
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Sub: Approval to *Crescent School of Architecture, Vandalur, Chennai (Tamil Nadu)*, for introduction of 5 year (Full-Time) **BACHELOR OF ARCHITECTURE** Degree Course from the *Academic Session - 2010-2011*.

Sir,

1. I am directed to state that the Executive Committee of the Council of Architecture (CoA) at its 105th meeting held on Saturday, the 5th June 2010, considered the report of the Expert Committee that visited the Crescent School of Architecture, Vandalur, Chennai, Tamil Nadu, on 17th and 18th May 2010 (copy enclosed), for introduction of 5-year full-time B.Arch degree course, together with the proposal for introduction of B.Arch. degree course, from academic session 2010-2011.

2. The Executive Committee decided to grant approval for introduction of B.Arch. Degree Course with an intake of 40 students from the academic session 2010-2011, for a period of three years i.e. 2010-2011, 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 with the condition that the university will submit a letter of affiliation (No Objection Certificate) from the concerned university before making admission in the course and also provided the conditions as stipulated in the report of the expert committee be complied and a compliance report be furnished within 3 months.

3. The University vide letter dated 20th March 2010 has submitted the No Objection Certificate (NOC) dated 19.03.2010 from the B.S.Abdur Rahman University, Vandalur, Chennai, Tamil Nadu.

4. The Executive Committee decided to **accord approval** for the introduction of 5 year full-time B.Arch. degree course detailed below:-

NAME OF THE FULL-TIME COURSE	DURATION	LEVEL OF COURSE	ANNUAL INTAKE	PERIOD OF APPROVAL
Bachelor of Architecture	Five Years Full-Time	Under Graduate Degree Course	40 (Forty)	2010-2011 2011-2012 & 2012-2013

5. The above mentioned intake includes admissions under all categories as per the reservation policy of the Central/State Governments. However, admissions under the "*Supernumerary*" quota for Government of India nominees shall be over and above the CoA sanctioned total intake for a particular Academic Year.

6. The CoA has devised an Institutional Code for the said *Crescent School of Architecture, Vandalur, Chennai, Tamil Nadu*, which is *TN28*. Kindly take note of the same and use it in all your future correspondence with the CoA.

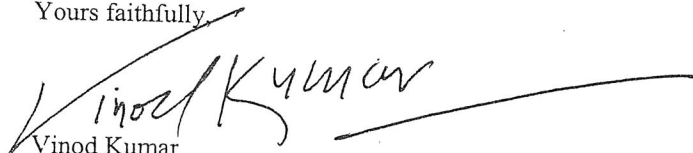
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7. The Executive Committee further directed the university to initiate necessary remedial actions based on the inspection report and send its observations on the same, if any, for further consideration of the Executive Committee.
8. This approval is also subject to compliance of specific conditions attached herewith. The compliance of all conditions must be submitted to CoA.
9. The Experts Committee of the Council may visit your premises, if found necessary, to ascertain the facts that the said course is imparted as per the Rules/Regulations/Guidelines prescribed by CoA, from time to time, under the Architects Act, 1972.
10. The Executive Committee has further directed that your university should follow the "Council of Architecture -- Minimum Standards of Architectural Education, 2008" which have been prescribed pursuant to Section 21 of the Architects Act, 1972 supplementing the Council of Architecture (Minimum Standards of Architectural Education) Regulations, 1983, for imparting the above said B.Arch. degree course. This document has already been circulated vide CoA's letter No.CA/5/Academic dated March 19, 2009 to all the stakeholders concerned with architectural education in the country and is also available at the website of CoA i.e. www.coa.gov.in
11. Please note that as per the above referred Minimum Standards (i) no candidate, with less than 50% marks in aggregate, shall be admitted to the architecture course unless he/she has passed an examination at the end of the new 10+2 scheme of Senior School Certificate Examination or equivalent with Mathematics as subjects of examination at the 10-2 level or (ii) 10+3 Diploma (any stream) recognised by Central/ State Governments with 50% aggregate marks or (iii) International Baccalaureate Diploma, after 10 years of schooling, with not less than 50% marks in aggregate and with Mathematics as compulsory subject of examination.
12. Adequate architecture teaching faculty are to be recruited as per the Minimum qualifications, experience and structure for teaching posts in a degree level architectural institution as prescribed in *Appendix-B1* of the Minimum Standards under reference, You are requested to adopt these Minimum Standards relating to Duration and Stages of the Course, Admission to the Architecture Course, Courses and periods of Studies, Standards of staff, equipment, accommodation, training and other facilities for technical education and Sanctions in your Institution for imparting recognized architectural education under the Architects Act, 1972.
13. Please note that the Interview Board or Selection Committee etc. set up for recruitment(s)/promotion(s) in respect of architecture teaching faculty positions shall have a representative of the CoA. The said CoA representative will act as a full-fledged Member of the Interview Board or Selection Committee and help in scrutinizing the qualification, experience and other relevant details of the applicants for selection of suitable candidates. Recruitments or Promotions made to architecture teaching faculty positions in your Institution without the involvement of a CoA representative is not acceptable to the CoA. Please also note that the Head as well as other architecture teaching faculty of your Institution should have valid registration under the Architects Act, 1972 with the CoA.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,


Vinod Kumar
Registrar

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Specific Conditions:

1. **The institution should not admit any students in the 1st year of 5 year full-time B.Arch. degree course from the academic session 2010-2011 without affiliation to a "University" formed under Central/State Legislation.**
2. The affiliating University shall create an independent Faculty of Architecture and independent Board of Studies in Architecture for proper growth and development of course in Architecture and prepare Syllabus, Course Curriculum, Scheme of Examination in accordance with the Minimum Standards of Architectural Education as prescribed by CoA. Atleast 1/3 of its members must be from practice.
3. In due course, the affiliating University must create Board of Studies in Architecture, Interior Design, Building Construction Technology etc. under the Faculty of Architecture to deal with issues connected with these disciplines at U.G. and P.G. level, having at least 1/3 of its members from practice.
4. The institution must create Course Committees for continuous development of educational programme. At least 1/3 of its member must be from practice.
5. The institution must recruit the adequate architecture teaching faculty as per the minimum qualifications, experience and structure for teaching posts in a degree level architectural institution as prescribed in *Appendix-B1* of the "Council of Architecture – Minimum Standards of Architectural Education, 2008" which have been prescribed pursuant to Section 21 of the Architects Act, 1972 supplementing the Council of Architecture (Minimum Standards of Architectural Education) Regulations, 1983, for imparting the above said B.Arch. degree course.

The Interview Board shall have a representative of CoA.
6. Visiting faculty be drawn from practice upto 25% of the teaching load.
7. Under the provisions of Section 19(1) of the Architects Act, 1972, CoA experts shall witness the final year thesis as well as affiliating University exam, particularly for Architectural Design.
8. Stages of the Course:

The stages of the course shall be as per CoA (Minimum Standards of Architectural Education) Regulations, 1983. The candidates admitted to the course shall complete the first stage within 5 years of admission to the course.
9. The intake of 40 include admissions under all categories and as per the reservation policy of the respective State Government. However, the admissions under the "**Supernumerary**" quota for Government of India nominees shall be over and above the CoA sanctioned total intake for a particular Academic Year.
10. Admission and Aptitude Test:

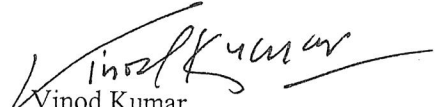
As per the Minimum Standards prescribed by CoA under the Architects Act, 1972, admission of candidates to first year of 5-year B.Arch. degree course shall be subject to their passing an aptitude test in architecture.

All admissions to B.Arch. Course shall be made at 1st year level and it shall be made by 1st working day in the month of September of a calendar year.



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11. The institution must complete any remaining building within the next three years from now. Necessary infrastructure shall be created to make it suitable for Architectural Studies.
12. The institution must constitute an independent Governing Council for a School of Architecture, having Architect members in majority.
13. Land use certificate for institutional use of land from competent authority be submitted to the CoA.
14. Following infrastructure be created:
 - (a) (i) The institution must have built up space of 3000 sq.mt. within the next three years.
(ii) All spaces must be barrier free (i.e. disabled friendly)
 - (b) The institution must acquire at least 500 titles before the commencement of the course and 200 titles annually and necessary subscription be made to get at least 10 professional journals (Architecture) on regular basis.
 - (c) Workshop facilities for model making and construction related activities be created.
 - (d) A Computer Lab be set up with 40 computers within 3 years along with software related to Visual Art & Architecture.
 - (e) A Photography Lab be set up.
 - (f) An Audio Visual room with necessary equipment be set up.


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Registrar