

## Why sit your Part 3 Examination with APEAS?

If you are reading this link it is almost certainly because you are thinking about sitting the Part 3 Examination in Professional Practice and Management. This short note has been compiled to provide you with information about why you might consider sitting your Part 3 Examination with APEAS.

APEAS was established with the primary objective of managing and operating the Part 3 Examination, and its directors, examiners and staff are committed to providing a widely recognised, highly respected Part 3 Examination and offering a helpful, informative and responsive service to its candidates.

The APEAS Part 3 Examination has been prescribed by the Architects Registration Board (ARB) since 2003, and has been validated by the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) since 2005.

APEAS acts as a national examining body for the Part 3 Examination in Scotland. However, it is important to stress that the APEAS Part 3 Examination is a UK wide examination. Candidates from England, Wales and Northern Ireland are allowed to use planning and building regulations, standards, codes of practice etc. applicable to their own country in the APEAS Part 3 Examination, and it is also open to international students who wish to obtain a highly regarded UK based architectural qualification.

Like all other UK institutions offering the Part 3 Examination, the APEAS Examination is based on the ARB/RIBA criteria at Part 3. However, unlike other institutions, APEAS does not offer a course – that is, APEAS is purely an examining body for the Part 3 Examination.

In Scotland, it has long been the tradition that following completion of their degree studies candidates sit their Part 3 Examination, after they have gained an appropriate breadth, depth and quality of professional experience from working in architectural practice. APEAS has been set up to offer the same opportunities to candidates from both the rest of the UK and internationally.

In summary, some of the benefits of sitting the Part 3 Examination with APEAS are as follows:

- You will be sitting a well-established, highly respected Part 3 Examination
- APEAS fees are very competitive
- You will be able to spread the cost of your fees by paying in instalments (no interest is charged if you pay by this method)
- You will have access to a website dedicated to the APEAS Part 3 Examination, including helpful Guides and advice plus current news items
- Candidate achievement in passing the Part 3 Examination is recognised at an award ceremony at which successful candidates are presented with an APEAS certificate
- You will be able to access independent Professional Studies Advisor (PSA) support and participate in a short refresher course run by one or more of the schools of architecture in Scotland to help you prepare for the Part 3 Examination (APEAS can help you find a PSA). It is important to note that these services will incur additional fees.