

**The Chartered Institute of Building  
and  
American Council for Construction Education  
ACCE/CIOB RECIPROCITY AGREEMENT  
July 2018 – July 2023**

**Background**

This reciprocity agreement between the American Council for Construction Education (ACCE) and the Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB) confirms arrangements in respect of mutual recognition of programme accreditation.

This agreement is the culmination of a period of evaluation by both parties' task force embracing

- Academic standards comparability
- Exchange of procedural information
- Application information

This agreement is valid for a five year period.

**The Agreement**

The American Council for Construction Education (ACCE) agrees to recognize undergraduate and master's degree programmes accredited by the Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB) as equivalent to baccalaureate and master's degree programs accredited by ACCE.

The CIOB agrees to recognise baccalaureate and master's degree programs accredited by ACCE as equivalent to undergraduate and master's degree programmes accredited by the CIOB.

**Maintenance of Accreditation Standards**

During the period this agreement is in force, the following steps will be taken to ensure that accreditation standards are maintained:

The ACCE will provide the CIOB with:

- Copies of all changes to the rules governing course accreditation;
- An annual report on the work of the Accreditation Committee, including a list of current accredited Baccalaureate and Master's Degree Construction Education Programs;
- Accredited program details as required;
- The ACCE will provide a member to act as an observer at a CIOB accreditation visit on at least 1 occasion for the duration of the agreement. The organization providing the observing member shall be responsible for the costs and expenses of the observation visit.

The CIOB will provide the ACCE with:

- Copies of all changes to the rules governing course accreditation;
- An annual report on the work of the Accreditation Panel, including a list of current accredited undergraduate and Master's Degree Construction Education Programmes;
- Accredited programme details as required;
- The CIOB will provide a member to act as an observer at an ACCE accreditation visit on at least 1 occasion for the duration of the agreement. The organization providing the observing member shall be responsible for the costs and expenses of the observation visit.

**Continuing Equivalence**

Continuing equivalence will be monitored annually by the Board of Trustees of ACCE and the Education Qualifications Standards and Practice Board of the CIOB through the exchange of reports. A quinquennial review will be conducted by the task force comprising CIOB and ACCE members.

**Termination of Agreement**

Termination of the Agreement may arise through:

- Mutual agreement
- 12 months' notice by either party
- Failure to agree continuing equivalence
- Breach of the agreement or refusal to meet the terms of the agreement



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CIOB Chief Executive

23/7/2018

Date



Cheryl Goodale  
Board Chair, ACCE

Date