



Estidama Pearl Rating System: Information Bulletin #14

Subject : Pearl Qualified Professional (PQP) Certification - Updated Eligibility Requirements
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The UPC formally announces changes to the eligibility criteria for obtaining Pearl Qualified Professional (PQP) certification. The objective of this change is to provide greater assurance of the PQP's ability to successfully apply the Pearl Rating System (PRS) requirements.

All **new** candidates wishing to obtain a PQP certificate for either the Pearl Building Rating System (PBRs) or the Pearl Community Rating System (PCRS) must satisfy all of the following eligibility requirements:

1. Academic Qualification:

Candidates must possess a locally recognized¹ undergraduate academic qualification.

2. Professional Experience:

Candidates must demonstrate the following minimum number of years professional experience:

- 3 years work experience for candidates that possess a related² academic qualification; **or**
- 10 years work experience in a relevant built environment discipline for candidates that possess an unrelated academic qualification.

3. Estidama PQP Examination:

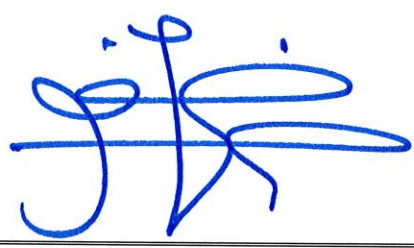
Candidates must successfully pass the existing PQP examination in the relevant Pearl Rating System. This exam is a computerized multiple-choice exam administered by a third party provider (Prometric).

4. Attend Mandatory Estidama Training:

Candidates must register and attend the 'Applying the Pearl Rating System (PRS)' training course which is aimed at assisting candidates in successfully applying the PRS requirements on projects. Please note that attendance of this course is **not** a registration requirement for undertaking the PQP Exam.

This change is applicable to all candidates that wish to obtain a PQP certificate **on or after 28th February 2015**.

For further PQP related information, please visit the Estidama website on <http://estidama.upc.gov.ae> and navigate to the Pearl Qualified Professional tab.

		
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¹ UAE attested undergraduate educational certificate(s) will need to be presented.

² Candidates should possess an academic qualification in a relevant built environment discipline. Supporting documents showing Professional Associations may also be submitted as supplementary information.