

Directive 2005/36/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 7 September 2005 on the recognition of professional qualifications (Text with EEA relevance)

TITLE III

FREEDOM OF ESTABLISHMENT

CHAPTER III

Recognition on the basis of coordination of minimum training conditions

Section 8

Architect

[^{F1}Article 46

Training of architects

- 1 Training as an architect shall comprise:
 - a a total of at least five years of full-time study at a university or a comparable teaching institution, leading to successful completion of a university-level examination; or
 - b not less than four years of full-time study at a university or a comparable teaching institution leading to successful completion of a university-level examination, accompanied by a certificate attesting to the completion of two years of professional traineeship in accordance with paragraph 4.
- 2 Architecture must be the principal component of the study referred to in paragraph 1. The study shall maintain a balance between theoretical and practical aspects of architectural training and shall guarantee at least the acquisition of the following knowledge, skills and competences:
 - a the ability to create architectural designs that satisfy both aesthetic and technical requirements;
 - b adequate knowledge of the history and theories of architecture and the related arts, technologies and human sciences;
 - c knowledge of the fine arts as an influence on the quality of architectural design;
 - d adequate knowledge of urban design, planning and the skills involved in the planning process;
 - e understanding of the relationship between people and buildings, and between buildings and their environment, and of the need to relate buildings and the spaces between them to human needs and scale;
 - f understanding of the profession of architect and the role of the architect in society, in particular in preparing briefs that take account of social factors;
 - g understanding of the methods of investigation and preparation of the brief for a design project;

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- h understanding of the structural design, and constructional and engineering problems associated with building design;
- i adequate knowledge of physical problems and technologies and of the function of buildings so as to provide them with internal conditions of comfort and protection against the climate, in the framework of sustainable development;
- j the necessary design skills to meet building users' requirements within the constraints imposed by cost factors and building regulations;
- k adequate knowledge of the industries, organisations, regulations and procedures involved in translating design concepts into buildings and integrating plans into overall planning.

3 The number of years of academic study referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 may in addition be expressed with the equivalent ECTS credits.

4 The professional traineeship referred to in point (b) of paragraph 1 shall take place only after completion of the first three years of the study. At least one year of the professional traineeship shall build upon knowledge, skills and competences acquired during the study referred to in paragraph 2. To that end, the professional traineeship shall be carried out under the supervision of a person or body that has been authorised by the competent authority in the home Member State. Such supervised traineeship may take place in any country. The professional traineeship shall be evaluated by the competent authority in the home Member State.]

Textual Amendments

- F1** Substituted by [Directive 2013/55/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 November 2013 amending Directive 2005/36/EC on the recognition of professional qualifications and Regulation \(EU\) No 1024/2012 on administrative cooperation through the Internal Market Information System \('the IMI Regulation'\)](#) (Text with EEA relevance).