

**1.** Recognition of a qualification entitling the holder to practise the profession of architect, obtained in an EU country, the Swiss Confederation, Norway, Iceland or Liechtenstein.

- Directive No 2005/36/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council
- Directive No 2006/100/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council
- Directive No 2013/55/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council
- Legislative decree No 206 of 9 November 2007
- Legislative decree No 15 of 18 January 2016

To obtain recognition of a qualification entitling the holder to practise as an architect, obtained in an EU country, the Swiss Confederation or the EEA (Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein), so as to be able to practise the corresponding profession in Italy, the interested party must submit an application to the Ministry of Education, Universities and Research (MIUR), together with all of the documents listed in Annex 1. The application form must be accompanied by two duty stamps each worth EUR 16 (one to be attached to the application form and one left loose for the Decree of Recognition).

All documents in a foreign language must be accompanied by a translation into Italian. The translation must be certified as a true copy of the original by the Italian Embassy or Consulate in the country of issue of the document, or must be sworn before an Italian court.

**How to file the application:**

By post or by hand delivery, for which an appointment must be made by calling 0658497848

Address: MIUR – Directorate General for students, development and internationalisation of higher education Office VI via Carcani 61 - 00153 Rome.

The Decree of Recognition will be issued to the interested party on unstamped paper within three months of filing of all the documents, with notification to the Order of Architects for the province of residence, by certified email or post. If a certified copy of the Decree of Recognition is required, an additional EUR 16 duty stamp must be provided in addition to the other two (three EUR 16 duty stamps in total).

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## Annex 1

List of documents required for the issue of the Directorial Decree for professional recognition of the qualification of architect obtained in an EU country:

- 1) copy of a valid identity document
- 2) certified copy of the formal qualification, translated and legalised
- 3) certified copy of the qualification entitling the holder to practise the profession, translated and legalised
- 4) certificate issued by the competent authority in the Member State of origin, declaring that the training complies with Directive 2005/36/EC
- 5) certificate issued by a competent authority in the Member State of origin or provenance declaring that the requirements of good character and repute, required to work in the field of architecture, are met and confirming that there is no professional or criminal impediment to practising the profession
- 6) certificate confirming that the interested party has never been declared bankrupt or, if they have, that at least 5 years have passed since the declaration of bankruptcy.

If the profession is not regulated in the country of origin (if, therefore, the legislation in the country of origin does not lay down any particular requirement for accessing or practising the profession or for using the professional title), the applicant may provide proof that they have received regulated education and training (certificate from the competent authority) or that they have at least 1 year's professional experience (certificate issued by the organisation for which they worked, specifying the duration and content of the work carried out; if self-employed, the work must be proven by the relevant tax documentation).

If the documents are in a foreign language, they must be accompanied by a translation into Italian, certified as a true copy of the original by the Italian consular or diplomatic authorities in the country where the documents were drawn up, or by an official translator.

At the time of filing of the documents referred to in points 5) and 6), they must not be dated more than 3 months previously.

The copy of the documents may be authenticated by a competent Italian authority, or by the Italian consular or diplomatic mission overseas. For EU citizens, the authenticity of the copies may be self-certified within the meaning of Article 47 of Presidential Decree No 445 of 28 December 2000 as per the attached facsimile.