2. Recognition of a qualification entitling the holder to practise a profession in the field of architecture, obtained in an EU country, the Swiss Confederation, Norway, Iceland or Liechtenstein.

- 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 the professions of Land Planner, Landscape Expert, Curator of the Architectural and Environmental Heritage, Junior Architect and Junior Planner, 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 2. 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).

Contact details:

Telephone: 06 0658497848

Email: dgsinf.ufficio6@miur.it
Annex 2

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

1) copy of passport or a valid identity document
2) certified copy of the formal qualification, translated and legalised
3) certificate with breakdown of exams passed, issued by the institution where the qualification was obtained
4) programme of subjects studied
5) certified copy of the qualification entitling the holder to practise the profession, translated and legalised
6) certified copy of the registration, if any, with the professional body in the country of origin
7) Declaration by the competent authorities in the country where the qualification was obtained confirming that the qualification is valid to enable the holder to practise the profession in that country
8) Certified declaration confirming professional activity pursued overseas
9) Certificate issued by the competent authorities in the country of origin confirming that there is no professional or criminal impediment to practising the profession.

The documents 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.

Based on the documentary evidence of training and professional experience provided, the qualification may be automatically recognised or the interested party will be asked to prove their skills and knowledge on subjects deemed not to have been covered by the training received overseas.