Recognition of the qualifying title obtained in a non-EU country (Architect - Architecture Area - Pedagogist - Socio-pedagogical Professional Educator)

- 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 the professions of Architect, Land Planner, Landscape Expert, Curator of the Architectural and Environmental Heritage, Junior Architect and Junior Planner, Pedagogist, and Socio-pedagogical Professional Educator obtained in a country not forming part of the EU, 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 University and Research (MUR), together with all of the documents. 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

Address: MUR - Directorate General for Higher Education Systems and the Right to Study - Office VI - Largo Antonio Ruberti, 1 - 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 of the Province of residence, by certified e-mail 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 97727848

List of documents required for the issue of the Directorial Decree for professional recognition of the qualification obtained in a non-EU country:

- 1) copy of passport or a valid identity document;
- 2) certified copy of the formal qualification, translated and authenticated by the locally competent Italian consular or diplomatic mission;
- 3) certificate with breakdown of exams passed, issued by the institution where the qualification was obtained, translated and authenticated;
- 4) programme of subjects studied (only if requested later);

- 5) certified copy of the qualification entitling the holder to practise the profession, translated and authenticated;
- 6) certified copy of the registration, if any, with the professional body in the country of origin, translated and authenticated;
- 7) declaration of equivalent value issued by the Italian Consular or Diplomatic Mission 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 confirming that there is no professional or criminal impediment to practising the profession, translated and authenticated.

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.