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NOTIFICATION
ARTICLE 21(7) OF DIRECTIVE 2005/36/EC
QUALIFICATIONS OF ARCHITECTS

Article 21(7) of Directive 2005/36/EC stipulates that each Member State must notify the Commission of the legislative, regulatory and administrative provisions which it adopts with regard to the issuing of evidence of formal qualifications for the seven professions which benefit from the automatic recognition scheme. On this basis, the Commission publishes an appropriate communication in the Official Journal of the European Union updating the relevant entries in the Directive.

The notification referred to in this Article concerns the **updating of Annex V** to Directive 2005/36/EC. For architects, the updating process involves adding a title.

1. The Member State must send the notification (via its Permanent Representation) to the **Secretariat-General of the Commission** so that it can be officially registered, and to the other EU Member States¹.

A copy of the notification may be sent directly, preferably by e-mail, to Unit D4 “Regulated professions” of the Internal Market and Services Directorate-General (markt-D4@ec.europa.eu) so that it receives the information quickly and directly.

2. The following **documents** must be **included** in the notification:
 - the specific **form** (see Annex), prepared by the Commission, duly completed. It is necessary to use one form per notification;
 - a concise **explanation** concerning the notification in question;
 - the curriculum.
3. Notification of changes to already published diplomas:
 - If the changes concern the **content** of the curriculum:

¹ The dated proof of receipt of the communication for each of the addressees mentioned is to be provided to the Commission.

In cases where the notification affects the substance of the curriculum for a diploma which has already been published (for example if the curriculum has been reorganised to fit into the Bologna scheme, or if the number of years of studies has been changed, or if new specialisation courses have been introduced), **a full notification is still required.**

- If the changes are **purely formal:**

In cases where the notification concerns only formal adjustments for a diploma which has already been published, without fundamental changes to the content of the studies (for example when only the title of the diploma or the awarding body have been modified), the notification is required but it would require less detailed information, limited to the elements directly related to the changes introduced.

Annexes:

- **Notification form** for the qualifications of architects
- **Annex A:** extract from the recommendation concerning a guideline document on establishing an opinion regarding Diplomas in Architecture and their compliance with the Architects Directive 85/384/EEC and adopted by the Advisory Committee on Education and Training in the Field of Architecture at its meeting on 7 April 2006
- **Annex B:** example of table to be used

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*[to be typed or handwritten in block capitals;
only one notification per form]*

Requesting Member State:	
Full reference of the Annex to Directive 2005/36/EC:	Annex V.7. ARCHITECT 5.7.1. Evidence of formal qualifications of architects recognised pursuant to Article 46(1)
Justification for the updating of the Annex	
Evidence of formal qualifications:	
Principle elements of the training	The content of the training must show a balance between the theoretical and practical aspects of architectural training (see Annex A). Please therefore describe the curriculum in accordance with the guidelines that follow.
Academic year of reference ² :	
Awarding body:	
Certificate accompanying the evidence of qualifications (if any)	
Annex	The curriculum in the language in which the training is provided ³ .

² The curriculum in question regards training started at the earliest point during the academic year of reference (cf. Article 21, para.5, of Directive 2005/36).

³ A summary of the curriculum in EN or FR would be helpful.

Main elements of the curriculum⁴

Education and training leading to diplomas, certificates and other evidence of formal qualifications referred to in Article 2 shall be provided through courses of studies at university level concerned principally with architecture. Such studies shall be balanced between the theoretical and practical aspects of architectural training and shall ensure the acquisition of:

1. an ability to create architectural designs that satisfy both aesthetic and technical requirements;
2. an adequate knowledge of the history and theories of architecture and the related arts, technologies and human sciences;
3. a knowledge of the fine arts as an influence on the quality of architectural design;
4. an adequate knowledge of urban design, planning and the skills involved in the planning process;
5. an 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;
6. an understanding of the profession of architecture and the role of the architect in society, in particular in preparing briefs that take account of social factors;
7. an understanding of the methods of investigation and preparation of the brief for a design project;
8. an understanding of the structural design, constructional and engineering problems associated with building design;
9. an adequate knowledge of the 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;
10. the necessary design skills to meet building users' requirements within the constraints imposed by cost factors and building regulations;
11. an adequate knowledge of the industries, organisations, regulations and procedures involved in translating design concepts into buildings and integrating plans into overall planning.

⁴ Extract from the Recommendation concerning a guideline document on establishing an opinion regarding Diplomas in Architecture and their compliance with the Architects Directive 85/384/EEC and adopted by the Committee at its meeting on 7 April 2006 — Advisory Committee on Education and Training in the Field of Architecture — Document MARKT/D/4984/2/2006-EN. See also Article 46 of Directive 2005/36/EC.

Guidance for national competent authorities when notifying the Commission about a new Course in Architectural Education or an existing course whose curriculum is being revised⁵.

A School should present documentation that describes the proposed course in terms of its curriculum, its content and its duration.

Furthermore, it should also present a document that describes how the particular course, as proposed, satisfies the two basic criteria, i.e. that a minimum of four years of the educational process are principally concerned with architecture and are clearly dedicated to the eleven points set out in Article 3 of the Architects Directive and Article 46 of the Qualifications Directive.

Compliance with the Directive should in no way be influenced by the title of the qualification at the end of the educational process, or by whether or not interim qualifications are granted during the process. Only the end qualification should be taken into account in the context of a School's application for recognition under the Directives. The responsibility for the entire architectural education will rest with the School which confers the end qualification.

The Advisory Committee on Training and Education in the Field of Architecture adopted a model of the communication of a new Diploma at its meeting on 4 and 5 March 1997. Ref. XV/E/8479/4/95 – EN.

⁵ Extract from the Recommendation concerning a guideline document on establishing an opinion regarding Diplomas in Architecture and their compliance with the Architects Directive 85/384/EEC, Advisory Committee on Education and Training in the Field of Architecture – Document MARKT/D/4984/2/2006-EN

