

RULES

on the assessment of applications for permission to use the professional title of Furniture Architect and/or Interior Architect

Article 1

Requirements for certification

In order to receive permission to use the professional title of Furniture and/or Interior Architect, applicants must meet the following requirements:

1. Applicants must have completed a degree in one or both subjects worth at least 300 ECTS credits, generally equivalent to at least five years of university-level study,
or
2. if their degree does not meet the requirements set out in Point 1, applicants must additionally have acquired professional experience with a party certified to use the title being applied for or qualified to submit plans to building authorities in the field of the applicant concerned, in accordance with the following criteria:
 - a. Applicants who have completed four years of study worth at least 240 ECTS credits must have acquired 12 months of professional experience.
 - b. Applicants who have completed three years of study worth at least 180 ECTS credits must have acquired 42 months of professional experience.

Applicants failing to meet the above requirements are not eligible for certification to use the professional titles covered by these Rules.

Professional training completed pursuant to Point 2 shall not count towards qualifications under the third and fifth paragraphs of Article 48 of Act No. 73/1997.

Article 2

Recognized degrees

Certification pursuant to these Rules may only be granted on the basis of degrees that are recognized by the professional organization of Furniture and/or Interior Architects in the country in which the degree was obtained. Confirmation of the recognition of a degree by the appropriate professional organization in the country of study is the responsibility of applicants.

Article 3

Comments

The Qualifications Board of the Icelandic Society of Furniture and Interior Architects reviews the applications for certification under these Rules that it receives from the Ministry of Industry and delivers its findings to the Ministry.

Article 4

Legal basis and entry into force

These Rules are established on the basis of Article 3 of Act No. 8/1996, as subsequently amended, and enter into force following their publication in the Government Gazette.

Transitional provision

Applicants who began their studies prior to 1 June 2010 are given the option of having their examination assessed in accordance with the Icelandic Society of Furniture and Interior Architects' older rules of assessment.

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