

Requirements for registration as an architect in Ireland

For a person with recognised Irish qualifications

Five year full-time programme of study (qualification must be 'prescribed')

Two years practical experience working as an architect

One year part time professional practice examination

OR

Five year full-time programme of study (qualification must be 'prescribed')

Seven years practical experience working as an architect

Assessment stating eligibility for an exemption from the professional practice examination (includes self assessment of specific areas of competence, reviewed by three experts and may involve an interview)

For a person with recognised EU/EEA qualifications

Qualification recognised in 'home' state

Additional requirements set at national level (e.g. in Poland this is three years practical experience plus a professional examination)

Statement of Competent Authority in home State as to eligibility for recognition

For a person with unrecognised EU/EEA qualifications

Formal qualification in architecture

Statement from Competent Authority in Home State that person is competent

Assessment can include review of qualifications, interview and compensation measures such as an adaptation period or an aptitude test, process can take over three years in all

For a person working in Ireland without the relevant qualifications

Ministers List, carried out in the 1990s

Has been assessed on the basis of a portfolio submission and interview and as a result has been included on the "Minister's List"

OR

Register Admission Examination, no time limit

Seven years experience working at the level of an architect performing duties commensurate with those of an architect

35 years of age +

Has passed a register admission examination (examination must be 'prescribed')

OR

Grandparenting/Technical Assessment, time limited

Ten years experience working at the level of an architect performing duties commensurate with those of an architect before 1 May 2008

Assessed on the basis of a submission including a CV, information on projects, a portfolio of at least four projects and independent verification as required

Assessment includes submission review and interview, interviews may also be carried out by the Technical Assessment Board and additional information may be sought by the Assessors or the Board.

OR

Distinguished practice, no time limit

Authorisation by the registration body on the basis of the 'distinguished quality' of work in the field of architecture (restricted to Irish citizens)