



Architects Act 1997

1997 CHAPTER 22

PART V

GENERAL AND SUPPLEMENTARY

Supplementary

25 Interpretation

In this Act—

“the Board” means the Architects Registration Board;

“competent authority”, in relation to an EEA State, means an authority or body designated by the State in accordance with the Directive;

“the Directive” means Council Directive [85/384/EEC](#) on the mutual recognition of diplomas, certificates and other evidence of formal qualifications in architecture, as amended;

“disciplinary order” has the meaning given by section 15;

“disqualifying decision in another EEA State”, in relation to any person, means a decision made by a competent authority of an EEA State other than the United Kingdom which—

- (a) is expressed to be made on the ground that he has committed a criminal offence or has misconducted himself in a professional respect; and
- (b) has the effect in that State that he is no longer registered or otherwise officially recognised as an architect or that he is prohibited from practising as an architect there;

“EEA State” means any State which is a Contracting Party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area signed at Oporto on 2nd May 1992, as adjusted by the Protocol signed at Brussels on 17th March 1993;

“erasure order” shall be construed in accordance with section 18;

“list of visiting EEA architects” means the list maintained under section 12;

“national” does not include a person who, by virtue of Article 2 of Protocol No.3 (Channel Islands and Isle of Man) to the Treaty of Accession, is not to

benefit from Community provisions relating to the free movement of persons and services;

“penalty order” shall be construed in accordance with section 16;

“prescribed” means prescribed by rules made by the Board and “prescribe” means prescribe by rules;

“the Register” means the Register of Architects;

“registered person” means a person whose name is in the Register;

“the Registrar” means the Registrar of Architects;

“suspension order” shall be construed in accordance with section 17; and

“unacceptable professional conduct” has the meaning given by section 14.

26 Consequential amendments

In—

- (a) section 6 of the Inspection of Churches Measure 1955, in the definition of “qualified person”;
- (b) section 52(1) of the Cathedrals Measure 1963, in the definition of “architect”;
- and
- (c) section 20(1) of the Care of Cathedrals Measure 1990, in the definition of “architect”;

for “Architects Acts 1931 to 1996” substitute “Architects Act 1997”.

27 Transitionals, repeals etc

Schedule 2 (transitional provisions and savings) and Schedule 3 (repeals and revocations) have effect.

28 Short title, commencement and extent

- (1) This Act may be cited as the Architects Act 1997.
- (2) This Act (apart from this section) shall come into force on such day as the Secretary of State may by order made by statutory instrument appoint.
- (3) This Act extends to Northern Ireland.