



**Acquiring the signature right by nationals of third states, married to Romanian citizens and holding a diploma issued by a third state, after the completion of the professional traineeship**

The spouse of a Romanian citizen, who is not a national of a EU/EEA Member State or the Swiss Confederation, and who uses his long-term residence right on the Romanian territory benefits by equal treatment as the Romanian citizens regarding the implementation of the European Union treaties, subject to the provisions of these treaties and the directives adopted for their application. As holder of a diploma issued by architectural higher education institutions of a third state, whose diploma was recognized by the National Center for the Recognition and Equivalence of Diplomas (CNRED) within the Romanian Ministry of National Education, in accordance with point 1 below, he can pursue his profession under all legal forms, being supervised by an architect with the signature right, namely an architect whose professional practice competences were recognized by OAR.

In accordance with OAR regulations, in order for an architect to be entitled to sign his own designs, he needs to carry out a 2-year professional traineeship as a transition period between his academic training and his independent and responsible pursuit of the profession. During the 2 years, the professional trainee shall achieve, under the guidance of a mentor, the basic Architect's Services that an architect shall be able to carry out.

OAR shall appraise the competences of candidates by their evaluation through the National Commission for Awarding the Signature Right (CNADS), in 4 yearly sessions of interviews.

This information is also available on the following link:  
<https://www.oar.archi/exercitarea-profesiei/cum-devii-arhitect>

The procedure can be performed by means of Single Electronic Point of Contact (PCUe). At the same time, the applicant can achieve this procedure through SIOAR, by following the link: <https://www.sioar.ro/>

**Description of procedure:**

1. The applicant shall submit a file to CNRED (<https://www.cnred.edu.ro/ro/studii-universitare>) in view of having his diploma recognized on the territory of Romania. The Recognition Certificate issued by CNRED shall be included in his application file for acquiring the signature right.
2. In order to acquire the signature right, the architect shall register with the OAR territorial branch in the area of his domicile, in accordance with art. 63 of ROF. Then, he shall carry out his professional traineeship, in accordance with the 2018



Methodological Norms on Accomplishing the Professional Traineeship for Acquiring the Signature Right - <https://www.oar.archi/despre-oar/cadru-legislativ-si-normativ>.

3. Subsequent to the completion of the professional traineeship, the applicant shall submit, by means of PCUe/SIOAR, an application form for the session of awarding the signature right and shall enclose the documents provided for in art. 14 related to art. 22 of the 2018 Methodological Norms on Awarding the Signature Right - <https://www.oar.archi/despre-oar/cadru-legislativ-si-normativ>. The document provided for in art. 14, letter g) – Portfolio, shall not be uploaded in PCUe/SIOAR, as the applicant shall bring it along at the interview, either printed out or in electronic format (CD, DVD, USB stick).
4. The CNADS Secretariat shall check the application file and, if complete, it shall decide on the applicant's participation in the interview with CNADS; if not, it shall inform the applicant/the OAR branch on the need to add the missing papers.
5. The applicant shall have an interview with CNADS, in accordance with art. 29 - art. 34 of the 2018 Methodological Norms on Awarding the Signature Right.
6. As a result of the successful completion of the interview, the applicant shall receive the Certificate of Awarding the Signature Right.
7. The finalization term of the procedure: maximum 3 months from the date of submission of the complete application file.

8. Means of appeal:

**With reference to the interview for awarding the signature right:** the applicant shall make an appeal against CNADS, in accordance with art. 40 of the 2018 Methodological Norms on Awarding the Signature Right. The applicant can also bring the action against CNADS decision before administrative court, in accordance with Law no. 554/2004.

**With reference to the pursuit of the profession,** given the provisions of art. 95 paragraph (1) of ROF, the person injured by the services provided by an OAR member architect shall file a disciplinary complaint which shall be settled by the OAR competent disciplinary commission.

The injured person can also use the internal law procedures in order to settle any conflict (OAR-architect, OAR-beneficiary, architect-client, architect-architect).

9. Tax: 800 lei - participation in the interview and issue of the Certificate of Awarding the Signature Right.

Payment methods:



- online, by means of SIOAR
- bank transfer:

Ordinul Arhitecților din România

Fiscal Code: 14083510

Banca Română pentru Dezvoltare - Sucursala Academiei

Lei Account: RO80BRDE410SV21208234100

Euro Account: RO31BRDE410SV18573724100

Swift Code: BRDEROBU (for euro payments).

10. The architect who acquired the signature right shall be automatically registered in TNA, Section of *Architects with the Signature Right*.

11. The architect with the signature right can request the proof of registering his architectural designs, issued by means of SIOAR.

12. Any interested person can search for an architect with the signature right by using the SIOAR link: <https://www.sioar.ro/membersearch> or by consulting the National Architects' Register (TNA), published yearly in the Official Journal, part I.