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# Occupational standard

## Chartered interior architect (EstQF level 7)

**The occupational standard is a document** that describes the job and competence requirements, i.e. a set of skills, knowledge and attitudes required for successful job performance in a particular occupation.

### Application areas of the occupational standard

- 1) Drafting of curricula and training programmes meeting the requirements of labour market.
- 2) Evaluation of competence of the people, incl self-evaluation and conformity evaluation upon awarding an occupational qualification.
- 3) Description and introduction of occupational qualifications.
- 4) Career planning and creation of a basis for lifelong learning.
- 5) Identification of personnel training needs and planning of training.
- 6) Drafting of job descriptions and recruitment of employees.
- 7) Comparison of occupational and educational qualifications.

<b>Occupational qualification title</b>	<b>Estonian qualifications framework (EstQF) level</b>
<i>Chartered interior architect, level 7</i>	7

## PART A JOB DESCRIPTION

### A.1 Job description

The objective of the job of an interior architect is to create aesthetically complete interiors taking into account all constructional and functional aspects of the designed building.

As the design of interior architecture is closely connected with the work of an architect, structural engineer and engineers designing utility systems, an interior architect must understand the basic solutions of their designs, analyse and make appropriate proposals.

An interior architect prepares interior architectural designs. If required, coordinates and procures the designs of other parts of the building design documentation by engaging specialists from other relevant fields. An interior architect incorporates different parts of the building design into a whole taking into account financial, creative, constructive, technological, social, cultural, legal and environmental aspects.

In one's job an interior architect proceeds from source information, good designing and building practice, valid acts of law and normative documents.

A chartered interior architect, level 7 is a senior specialist who prepares, evaluates and manages, independently and on one's own responsibility, the interior architectural designs of public buildings or their parts that are under a heightened attention of the public. He/she designs furniture and other elements of interior design for serial production. A chartered interior architect gives standard expert opinions in one's professional field and participates in local juries of interior architectural, design and architectural contests. A chartered interior architect is able to work as an expert in one's speciality in state or local government authorities, instruct colleagues and manage work groups. A chartered interior architect participates in the designing process of more complicated objects under the supervision of a principal interior architect.

In the professional field of an interior architect, in addition to a diploma interior architect, level 7, there are the following occupational qualifications:

An interior architect, level 6, is a specialist who prepares and evaluates, independently and on one's own responsibility, the interior architectural designs of simpler buildings or their parts that are closed to the public, designs furniture and other interior elements. If required, participates in the designing process of more complicated objects under the supervision of an interior architect of a higher qualification.

A diploma interior architect, level 7 is a senior specialist who prepares and evaluates, independently and on one's own responsibility, the interior architectural designs of simpler buildings or their parts that are open and intended for use to the public, designs furniture and other interior elements. An interior architect participates in the designing process of more complicated objects under the supervision of the principal interior architect.

An interior architect-expert, level 8 is a senior specialist or internationally famous creative person with

a speciality-related doctoral degree or other comparable academic degree, who is, independently and on one's own responsibility, able to prepare and evaluate built spatial environments and manage complicated interior architectural projects. An interior architect-expert gives more complicated expert opinions in one's speciality and participates in the juries of international interior architectural, design and architectural contests. An interior architect-expert is able to work as a top expert in one's speciality or as a lecturer in higher institutions of education.

## **A.2 Units**

- A.2.1 Preparing the interior architectural part of building design documentation in different stages
- A.2.2 Designing furniture and interior elements
- A.2.3 Preparing interior architectural designs and evaluating built spatial environment
- A.2.4 Preparing and managing interior architectural design projects and managing the activity of an interior architectural company
- A.2.5 Working for local governments, state authorities or as a speciality lecturer in the institutions of higher education
- A.2.6 Negotiating and representing

## **A.3 Working environment and specific aspects of work**

An interior architect works predominantly in an office. The work may also take place in authorities, in field conditions on a site or elsewhere. On a construction site safety measure must be followed, in inner rooms general health protection requirements for office rooms apply. The work is creative but sometimes mentally stressful periods may occur. The work load may be spread unevenly.

## **A.4 Tools**

In one's work an interior architect uses regular tools of building design, different communication techniques, specialty software and other tools.

## **A.5 Personal characteristics necessary for this job: abilities and personality traits**

When working as an interior architect one should possess the following relevant abilities and personal traits: spatial perception and the ability of spatial imagination, creative thinking, rational thinking and generalization skills, independence and decision-making skills, a sense of responsibility and accuracy, the ability to cooperate and work in stressful situations, a need for accomplishment, ability to manage work groups.

## **A.6 Occupational training**

A chartered interior architect, level 7, is a person who has graduated from a university or received a master's degree in interior architecture at a comparable institution of education. More detailed criteria about awarding the occupational qualification are given in the regulation of awarding the occupational qualification of an interior architect.

## **A.7 Possible job titles**

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## **A.8 Regulations**







10. Understands the nature and ethics of the profession of an interior architect and the public role of an interior architect by taking into account social aspects, in one's activity follows the code of professional ethics.
11. Holds negotiations by using various communication techniques.
12. Manages the collective preparation process of interior architectural or building design documentation as a comprehensive activity which ensures creative and quality solutions.
13. Knows how to use the correct Estonian language at level C1 and occupational terminology.

Knowledge:

1. History of interior and furniture.
2. History of architecture.
3. Art and cultural history.
4. Art and spatial semiotics.
5. The basics of architectonics and spatial composition.
6. Typology of buildings.
7. The design of furniture and the basics of technology.
8. The basics of ergonomics.
9. The basics of engineering, engineering techniques and technologies (incl acoustics, lighting etc).
10. Legislation relevant for the professional field.
11. The principles of economics and entrepreneurship.
12. The basics of project and presentation graphics.
13. The basics of team work management.
14. Occupational terminology, arguing and rhetorics.

Assessment method(s):

Transferral competences are assessed integrated with other competences described in the occupational standard.

## PART C

### GENERAL INFORMATION AND ANNEXES

<b>C.1 Information on the preparation and approval of the occupational standard, on the body awarding occupational qualifications, and reference to the location of the occupational standard in classifications</b>	
1. Designation of the occupational standard in the register of occupational qualifications	19-06062012-2.10/3k
2. The occupational standard is compiled by:	Aili Aasoja – <i>Estonian Association of Architectural and Consulting Engineering Companies</i> Priit Pöldme – <i>Estonian Association of Interior Architects</i> Eerik Olle - <i>Linear Projekt OÜ</i> Toivo Raidmets - <i>Estonian Academy of Arts</i> Eero Jürgenson - <i>Estonian Association of Interior Architects</i> Taevo Gans - <i>Stuudio GaDis AS</i> Juta Lember - <i>Estonian Association of Interior Architects</i>
3. The occupational standard is approved by	Sectoral Council for Culture
4. No. of the decision of the Sectoral Council	12
5. Date of the decision of the Sectoral Council	06.06.2012
6. The occupational standard is valid until (date)	05.06.2017
7. Occupational standard version No.	3
8. Reference to the Classification of Occupations (ISCO 08)	code 2161 Building architects
9. Reference to the level in the European Qualifications Framework (EQF)	EQF tase 7
<b>C.2 Title of occupational qualification in foreign languages</b>	
In English: Interior Architect	
In Russian: Архитектор по интерьеру	
<b>C.3 Annexes</b>	
Annex 1 Units and tasks	
Annex 2 Computer skills	
Annex 3 The scale of language level assesment	



**UNITS AND TASKS**

	<b>Interior architect, level 6</b>	<b>Diploma interior architect, level 7</b>	<b>Chartered Interior architect, level 7</b>	<b>Interior-architect-expert, level 8</b>
<b>1. Preparing the interior architectural part of building design documentation in different stages</b>				
1.1. Analysing source information and space and establishing an activity plan	X	X	X	X
1.2. Creating spatial visions and preparing interior architectural sketch plans	X	X	X	X
1.3. Preparing interior architectural designs	X	X	X	X
1.4 Formalising and documenting interior architectural designs	X	X	X	X
1.5. Participating in the construction process and in the process of taking a building in use	X	X	X	X
<b>2. Designing furniture and interior elements</b>				
2.1 Identifying the client's needs and technological possibilities	X	X	X	X
2.2 Preparing and approving design documentation	X	X	X	X
2.3 Executing the author's supervision	X	X	X	X
<b>3. Preparing interior architectural designs and evaluating built spatial environment</b>				
3.1. Evaluating the conformity and interaction of spatial solutions of different parts of the building design documentation	X	X	X	X
3.2. Giving expert advice on interior architectural designs and interiors	requirement not available			
3.3. Participating in the preparation and in the work of the juries of architectural, interior architectural and design contests	requirement not available	requirement not available	X	X
3.4 Consulting the interested parties on interior architectural issues	X	X	X	X
<b>4. Preparing interior architectural designs and managing the activity of an interior architectural company</b>				

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4.1. Managing the preparation of the interior architectural part, including coordinating the preparation of different parts of building design documentation	requirement not available	x	x	x
4.2 Cooperating with state authorities and local governments, owners, parties and the public	requirement not available	requirement not available	x	x
4.3 Managing the participants preparing the complete solution of the interior architectural design of building design documentation	requirement not available	requirement not available	x	x
4.4 Cooperating with users, the client and authorities	x	x	x	x
4.5 Planning and managing the work of the company	requirement not available	requirement not available	x	x
4.6. Managing and developing contractual relations	requirement not available	requirement not available	x	x
<b>5. Working for local governments or state authorities</b>				
5.1 Coordinating the preparation of spatial solutions	requirement not available	requirement not available	x	x
5.2 Representing a local government or state authority	requirement not available	requirement not available	x	x
<b>6. Negotiating and representing</b>				
6.1. Identifying needs	requirement not available	requirement not available	x	x
6.2 Finding solutions	requirement not available	requirement not available	x	x