



European Chartered Engineers Access to the profession in Austria (July 2008)

I. General Information:

Legal base:

The access to the Austrian profession “Ziviltechniker” (comprises Architects and **Chartered Engineering Consultants**) is regulated by a federal law called “Ziviltechnikergesetz” (ZTG).

Membership to the Chambers of Architects and Chartered Engineering Consultants is mandatory (except in cases of temporary provision of Services by Chartered Engineering Consultants from other countries).

Scope of profession:

Chartered Engineering Consultants are officially authorised to work in fields of expertise which are covered by engineering and natural science studies, so they can be **Chartered Engineering Consultants** for agricultural economics, applied geology, civil engineering, mining industry, biology, chemistry, electrical and electronic engineering, petrol engineering, geology/mineralogy, geology/petrology, technical geology, forestry, fermentation technology, gas and fuel engineering, geography, rock-metallurgical engineering, building construction, metallurgical engineering, computer science, engineering geology, interior design, hydraulic engineering, plastic synthetics engineering, landscape planning and landscape conservation, agriculture, food and bio-technology, food and fermentation technology, mine surveying, mechanical engineering, mechanical engineering of ships, meteorology and geophysics, mining and metallurgical machinery, ecology, regional policy, ship building technology, technical chemistry, technical geology, technical mathematics, technical physics, industrial environment protection, telematics, process engineering, surveying, material technologies and engineering, economic matters on civil engineering, industrial computer science, industrial engineering, economic matters on technical chemistry, industrial telematics

Scope of authorization:

The authorisation enables Chartered Engineering Consultants to provide planning, testing, supervising, consulting, co-ordinating and mediative services for their entire expert area. They act as trustees, handle total planning projects and settle projects in a commercial and organizational manner. They draft reports and are entitled to act as representatives before authorities and public law corporations. They draw up public documents in their areas of specialisation using a seal (=external sign of authorisation and certification). They are not entitled to the execution of workings. Austrian Chartered Engineering Consultants are generally obliged to work freelance or to work for an “association of Ziviltechniker”, if they are partners or shareholders. Should they wish to work employed in a private or public business (other than an association of Ziviltechniker) or exercise a regulated trade they will have to notify the competent Regional Chamber of Architects and Chartered Engineering Consultants and the authorisation will become inactive. During the employment status, which is a part of the awarded authorisation for professional practice, the Chartered Engineering Consultants are not entitled to perform activities of the authorisation, besides the Ziviltechniker is employed in a company in which he is partner or shareholder.

II. Provision of Services in Austria by Chartered Engineering Consultants of EU/EEA Member countries and Switzerland

Contact person at the chamber /competent authority:

As a registration/notification is not necessary, there is no contact point /contact person. For information you can contact the regional chamber of the area in which you intend to provide your services (contact addresses see below). **English is spoken.**

Registration procedure:

A notification to the chamber or a temporary registration in the Chamber or any notification to a competent authority is not requested. Therefore there is no registration procedure. The Chartered Engineering Consultant has to supply all necessary papers and evidence directly to the client.

Citizens of an EU/EEA country and Switzerland are allowed to **provide cross border services occasionally and temporarily** if they fulfil the following criteria:

- Nationality of an EU/EEA country or Switzerland
- Authorisation to practice as a Chartered Engineering Consultant (in one of the areas of expertise mentioned above) in an EU/EEA Member country or Switzerland and establishment in an EU/EEA country or Switzerland
- Formal professional qualification
- Practice as an authorized practising architect for at least two years during the last 10 years, if the profession is not regulated in the country where he/she is established.

Necessary papers/ evidence:

The Chartered Engineering Consultant is obliged to supply the client with the following information/papers:

- Register and identification number in this register
- Name and address of the responsible controlling authority in the country of establishment
- Professional body or similar organisation of which the Chartered Engineering Consultant is part of
- Professional title / formal qualification
- UID Number
- Details about insurance protection concerning professional liability

Costs of the procedure:

As there is no registration / temporary membership necessary there are no costs

Duration of the procedure:

As there is no registration / temporary membership necessary can start to work after supplying the client with all the necessary information.

Local differences in the legal situation /requirements:

The legal situation is the same in the whole country – there is no difference in the different federal countries.

II. Establishment in Austria by Chartered Engineering Consultants of EU/EEA Member countries and Switzerland

Contact person at the chamber:

You have to contact the local Chamber of Architects and Chartered Engineering Consultants in the area in which you want to get established (English is spoken).

Vienna, Lower Austria and Burgenland:

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Competent authority:

The competent authority is the Austrian Federal Ministry of Economics and Labour.
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Registration procedure:

A Chartered Engineering Consultant who is **citizen of an EU/EEA country** (or is a family member of a person with nationality of an EU/EEA country) **or Switzerland** and is **practising as authorized chartered engineering consultant in his/her country of origin** can apply for authorization to work as Chartered Engineering Consultant in an area of

expertise which is equivalent to the areas of expertise mentioned in § 3 ZTG (see scope of profession) and establish himself/herself in Austria if.

He/she has to submit the **application for authorization at the chamber of the area in which he/she want to get established** (contacts see above).

The authorization **is awarded by the Federal Minister of Economics and Labour.**

The authorization will be awarded if the professional qualification is equivalent (according to Art. 11 lit e Directive 2005/36/EG). **This will be decided by the Federal Ministry.**

Especially in the following cases the qualification is not seen as equivalent:

- The subjects of the applicant's education differ highly from the requested qualifications according to the Austrian ZTG
- The services belonging to the scope of authorization of a chartered engineering consultant are in the applicant's country of origin not in the scope of this profession and the applicant's education differs from the requested qualifications according to the Austrian ZTG.

If the applicant's qualification is not seen as equivalent this can be equalized by a training course with a duration of up to 2 years or verbal aptitude test. The Chartered Engineering Consultant can decide between these two forms of compensations measures.

Necessary papers /evidence:

Requirements for application:

1. Evidence of nationality
2. Proof of authorisation to practice as a chartered engineering consultant by country of origin
3. Evidence of reliability, non-bankruptcy and non-violation of code of ethics / code of conduct by the responsible authorities in the country of origin (not older than three months)

Costs of the procedure:

Has to be requested at the local chamber

Duration of the procedure:

Depends on qualification and necessary compensation measures

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