



Registration Requirements for List of Urban Planners

Length of Studies, Practical Experience and Advanced Training

1. Length of Studies

Graduates of the urban planning specialisation must prove that they have completed a **minimum standard study period of four years**.

2. Practical Experience

After successful completion of urban planning studies, the requirements according to Section 6 of the Implementation Regulation for the Baukammergesetz NRW (BauKaG NRW) shall be observed. Subsequently, graduates shall gain hands-on experience for a time period of **two** years prior to registration and submit concrete evidence of practical work and practical experience in the preparation of urban development plans.

The following documents from the area of formal urban development shall be submitted as proof:

- development plan or
- land use plan or
- urban development plan approved by a municipality pursuant to Section 1 Para. 6 Art. 11 BauGB (e.g. concept for urban development plan)

The applicant shall have completed essential parts of the planning steps, which shall be confirmed by the employer in writing.

Furthermore, the applicant shall provide evidence of his/her experience in the preparation of non-formalised urban development planning procedures, e.g. framework plan, master plan, development and/or city centre concepts, etc. or also other types of formal planning (e.g. regional plan).

Moreover, practical experience shall be gained in the areas of

- implementing planning methods and planning management
- project organisation, project presentation and project controlling
- costing and cost controlling

At least **two** different activities from the three mentioned areas shall be documented.

3. Advanced Training

In addition to practical work, **80 units of instruction** (45 minutes) of advanced training are required pursuant to Section 6 DVO of the BauKaG NRW.

Applicants for the urban planning specialisation shall provide evidence of at least three advanced training measures during their practical work in the following areas:

- public and private construction law
- municipal infrastructure planning
- planning management
- organisation and communication
- special topics of urban planning

These topics are specified in Appendix 2 on the continuing and advanced training regulations of the North-Rhine Westphalia Chamber of Architects as follows:

Planning and construction law, especially

- planning law (ROG, BauGB, BauO NRW, BauNVO)
- environmental, nature and landscape protection law
- contract law (VOF, HOAI)

Municipal infrastructure planning

- traffic and development planning
- urban water management
- energy-efficient planning and construction
- immission protection

Planning and project management, especially

- project controlling
- project development
- real estate economics
- informal planning strategies (urban redevelopment, social city)
- methods of urban land-use planning

Organisation and communication, especially

- business start-up
- office management
- participation methods
- moderation



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