



APPROVED FRAMEWORK FOR THE CHAPTER OF CONSERVATION ARCHITECTS

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The Kamra tal-Periti's two main functions are to advance the practice of architectural and civil engineering professional activities in Malta and to ensure that all members of the profession act responsibly and ethically having due regard, among many things, to the protection of Malta's cultural heritage, as is the obligation established by the Periti Act and the Cultural Heritage Act.

Thus, the sustainable and ethical conservation of heritage may be considered as an integral skillset of the profession. This requires a degree of understanding of both conservation philosophy and ethics, such as the international charters and conventions that provide guidance to working in built heritage, as well as proven techniques and methodologies. Conservation also requires an in-depth knowledge of the local architectural heritage evolution and the understanding of traditional construction techniques.

To address this, the Chapter for Conservation Architects has been established within the Kamra tal-Periti. The aim of this Chapter is to create a framework within which to recognise the discipline of conservation architects in Malta and ensure that the highest standards of ethics, competence and dedication to the conservation of our built heritage is achieved.

To meet this aim;

- The role of the Conservation Architect is being defined,
- A tiered recognition and affiliation system based on both recognised qualifications and experience in the field is being introduced,
- Conservation guidelines and best practices are being formalised, and
- Conservation ethics are being highlighted.

The Chapter of Conservation Architects framework shall be composed of:

- Definition of a Conservation Architect,
- Affiliation Criteria,
- Boards of Admissions, and
- Monitoring & Enforcement,



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and shall be based on:

- A National Architectural Conservation Policy,
- A Code of Practice, and
- Guidelines for Conservation Architects.

End of Section