APPROVED FRAMEWORK FOR THE

CHAPTER OF CONSERVATION ARCHITECTS

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AFFILIATION TIERS

The criteria for membership and affiliation with the Chapter of Conservation Architects will be as follows, but the Kamra reserves the right of future review[i]:

Associate: The first stage of affiliation that precedes full membership with the Chapter of Conservation Architects.

Associate affiliation will be granted to any member of the Kamra tal-Periti who is working towards full membership within the Chapter and recognition as a Conservation Architect, or who wishes to ethically align themselves with the best practices of conservation.

Requirements: Applicants must show a general understanding of conservation philosophy and historic architectural styles, supported by some experience or academic works on historic buildings, heritage management of conservation theory, in addition to:

- Holding a national warrant to practise as an architect or civil engineer (perit), i.e. be a member of the Kamra tal-Periti;
- Be ready to fully endorse and abide by the Code of Practise of the Chapter; and
- Be committed to a continuous professional development as may be established by the Kamra tal-Periti and the Chapter of Conservation Architects, in order to retain affiliation.

Member: The first tier of full membership.

Membership will be given to any member of the Kamra tal-Periti who has shown a consistent and good understanding of applied conservation philosophies and techniques within the local scene.

Requirements: Applicants must fulfil the requirements for Associate affiliation, in addition to either one of the following set of requirements:

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- Be in possession of formal EQF Level 7 (or equivalent) qualification or higher, which is recognised by the Chapter of Conservation Architects (see list of approved courses), or with a minimum of 65 ECTS (or equivalent) in conservation practices, historic buildings or heritage management, from a recognised university or institution;
- Have a minimum of three (3) years' experience post warrant, post qualification and post affiliation with the Chapter, under mentorship of a conservation architects with full membership in the Chapter[ii];

OR

- Be in possession of formal qualification specialising in conservation practices, historic buildings or heritage management, at an EQF Level 6 (or Equivalent) or lower, or at an EQF Level 7 (or equivalent) with less than 65 ECTS (or equivalent) in conservation practices, from a recognised university or institution;
- Have a minimum of five (5) years' experience post warrant, post qualification and post affiliation with the Chapter, under mentorship of a conservation architects with full membership in the Chapter[iii];

AND

- Have and present a portfolio of three (3) projects that highlight their experience in the field and understanding of conservation practice, carried under the supervision and mentorship of a full member of the Chapter[iv].

Fellow: The second and highest tier of membership, granting the title of 'Conservation Architect'.

Fellowship will be given to any member of the Kamra tal-Periti who has shown a long-term and consistent understanding of applied conservation philosophies, theories, methodologies and techniques, setting an example and providing leadership in the local scene, whilst contributing to the available academic and researched material in the sector.

Requirements: Applicants must fulfil the requirement for Member tier affiliation, in addition to:

- Have a minimum of ten (10) years' experience as a conservation architect and full member of the Chapter, under the supervision and mentorship of a Fellow of the Chapter[v];

  OR[vi]

- Have a minimum of ten (10) years' experience as a conservation architect and full member of the Chapter; and
- Have a signed recommendation for fellowship by three (3) Fellows of the Chapter, following collaboration on portfolio projects.

  AND

- Have and present a portfolio of six (6) projects carried out as full member of the Chapter, that highlight their leadership and example in the field, and preferable their collaboration with other conservation architects affiliated with the Chapter as Fellows, who have mentored the applicant (declarations of collaboration and recommendation outlined above need to be substantiated through the portfolio which should highlight and identify the projects on which the applicant collaborated with each of the Fellow recommending them)[vii]; and
- Be a published author or researcher in the field, with academic contribution to either the philosophical and theoretical stream or towards the practical approaches, which can take the form of post conservation projects publications. Showing original research and adopted approaches on own projects[viii].

All applicants accepted in all three tiers shall be considered as affiliates, but *Associates* will not be considered as full members and will not be entitled to present themselves as conservation architects.

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There shall be preapproved routes with regards to the qualifications and educations, to facilitate the admission process. However, alternative routes of similar gravitas, such as post-doctoral research and publication in the field, can be considered by the Board of Admission but may require further submissions and interviews.

INTERIM MEASURES, SECTION 'INTERIM ADJUSTMENTS TO REQUIREMENTS' APPLY

End of Section

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[i] See Interim measures for laxed requirements, which will cease to apply as of January 1st 2032.

[ii] Interim Measures 4 & 5:
Have a minimum of three (3) years' experience post warrant and post qualification.

[iii] Interim Measures 4 & 5:
Have a minimum of five (5) years' experience post warrant and post qualification.

[iv] Interim Measure 4:
Supervision and mentorship of projects by a conservation architect, including requirement of a project in collaboration with a Fellow of the Chapter revoked.

[v] Interim Measure 3, 4 & 5:
Have a minimum of ten (10) years' experience as a conservation architect post warrant and post qualification.

[vi] Interim Measure 4:
Due to the revocation of the mentorship / supervision / collaboration requirement, there shall be no 'OR' path for the duration of the interim period since both paths equate to the same requirement.

[vii] Interim Measures 4 & 5:
Have and present a portfolio of six (6) projects that highlight their leadership and example in the field, and preferable their collaboration with other conservation architects.

[viii] Interim Measure 6:
Entire publication requirement revoked.

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