

Code of professional qualifications for Liberal Property Surveyors

Letter of intent

The issues covered by this Letter of Intent are related to legal regulated cadastral and land management activities to ensure reliable cadastral registers and systems of land and property. The property systems and land management systems are fundamental infrastructural elements in every society in order to secure the rights and ownership of property. It is imperative that all questions related to property are considered trustworthy and reliable.

The surveyors covered by this code are Publicly Appointed or Regulated Liberal Surveyors acting professionally in the field of cadastral, property and land management systems, all acting in a liberal profession.

The skills and professional requirements defined by this Code are the same as the requirements for high ranking officers under State Cadastral Authority.

Whether the cadastral work or land management is performed in public or private the profession plays a central role in the maintenance of reliable cadastral registers and systems of land and property.

The aim of the Code is to assure a high common European professional level and a high level of customer protection in legal issues related to land and property and work executed by Publicly Appointed or Regulated Liberal Surveyors. It defines and recommends necessary professional qualifications and prerequisites as well as professional business and disciplinary requirements.

This “Letter of intent” can be signed by other CLGE member countries than the IG-PARLS member countries and other countries having the intention to implement or promote the Code as a professional and organizational framework and objectives for quality assurance of cadastral work and land management.

The basic requirements for the profession are:

Professional qualifications and prerequisites		
Education	5 Years on University level consisting of a bachelor (3/4 years) and master (1/2 years) in surveying and cadastral science	To ensure the academic level and the research options in the areas of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Surveying and mapping - Cadastre and land management - Spatial planning - Property design and development - Cadastral and real estate law - GIS (Geographic Information Systems) - etc.
Practice	Min. 2-3 years of practice in a liberal Licensed Property Surveyors office or in a cadastral administration doing cadastral work, undergoing further education	To establish the necessary experience and knowledge to of the requirements in practice
Approval	Approval of professional skills, generally based on an examination, by state/federal board or commission, professional state recognized commission, second state examinations commission (Germany) etc.	To secure professional skills and knowledge in practice
CPD	Continuing Professional Development. The requirements are at least 20 hours per year	To maintain professional development and quality. The CPD shall be controlled by the local organizations or by the State
Professional business and disciplinary requirements		
Appointment	Awarded according to State law, for instance supplemented by oath	To ensure the necessary professional qualifications of the surveyor
Insurance	An obligatory insurance system defined by the State authorities	To show responsibility and support consumer protection

Penalty board	A penalty board independent from the surveyor's organization to settle complaints about the surveyor's work. It must have the power to periodically or permanently revoke appointment or licence.	To maintain trust and quality by applying the state requirements and support customer protection.
Quality control body	A committee defined by the surveyors' association or by the State providing advisory opinions and guidelines on professional matters and defining the " Bonus Pater " professional	To ensure the permanent high professional quality of the surveyors' work and to support customers who have questions or complaints about the surveyor's work.
Ethical code	An ethical code as guideline for the surveyor's work - national codes and/or The CLGE Code of Conduct ¹ is ratified by most European Countries.	To have high ethical principles for surveying services and support customer protection.

This letter of intent is issued under our signatures to recommend and to promote the principles defined by the Code in our associations and in our countries.

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¹ <http://www.clge.eu/documents/events/CLGE%20GE%20Code%20of%20Conduct%20for%20European%20Surveyors.pdf>