Insurance Factsheet: Czech Republic

Member organisation(s):

CKA

Czech Chamber of Architects

Obligation to insure?

Yes (Every authorized architect is covered for damages up to 200.000,-CZK. Higher coverage is individual.)

Legal Obligation to insure?

Yes, (Act Number 360/1992 of 7 may 1992)



Legal Basis

Commonly used Term and Conditions:

The Building Act (Act No. 183/2006 Coll)

What are the requirements needed in order to obtain an Insurance? There is no special requirement needed to obtain an Insurance, but authorized architect needs to have a valid authorization.

Calculation of insurance premium:

- Rate applied to fees
- Based on fixed price

Contractual liability:

- Liabilities before and/or during the works:
 Yes, responsible for the program and for any defects
 But not responsible in respect of the budget
- The end of the construction phase as a point of departure for a period of specific liabilities?
 There is 2 years period for claiming of defects. Both sides can arrange this period longer than 2 years.

Liabilities after work:

Liability without restriction during the period but the prescribed timetable for a claim of liability is 10 years since occurrence of damage (according to Civil Code - Act. No. 89/2012 Coll)

Forms of Insurance contract:

- Subscription contract for all liabilities in a predefined period
- Cover for architect in a specific project
- Cover for the all professionals in a project

Joint and several (in solidum) liability:

Joint and several liability in case of association originated following by law, unless proven otherwise.

Does the insurer respond to a claims made or claims rising basis?

Claims made basis.

Insurances / Agents:

ČSOB Pojišťovna, a.s. / MARSH s.r.o.

Duration of Liability:

- Professional client:
 - 10 years since occurrence of damage
- Consumer client:
 - 10 years since occurrence of damage
- Liability during and after construction:
 - 10 years since occurrence of damage