Insurance Factsheet: The Netherlands

Member organisation(s):

Royal Institute of Dutch Architects

Bond van Nederlandse Architecten (BNA)

Architects Registration Bureau

Bureau Architectenregister BA

Obligation to insure?

Yes, for members of BNA

Legal Obligation to insure?

Nο



Legal Basis

Commonly used Term and Conditions:

The New Rules (DNR) 2011, revision July 2013

What are the requirements needed in order to obtain an insurance?

Calculation of insurance premium:

- Rate applied to fees
- Rate on the value of construction works
- Based on fixed price

Contractual liability:

- Liabilities before and/or during the works:
 Yes for technical design errors, but the contract determines the liabilities
- The end of the construction phase as a point of departure for a period of specific liabilities?

There is no relation between the liability of the architect and the end of the construction.

- Liabilities after work

Harm to structure (to its soundness or stability):

No

Unsuitability for the function:

No

Hidden defects:

No, except hidden technical design errors

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:

Yes

Does the insurer respond to a claims made or claims rising

Claims rising. Claims honoured only if made within 2 years of occurence.

Insurances / Agents:

AON

KVV

Duration of Liability:

- Professional client:
 - 5 years
- Consumer client:
 - 5 years
- Liability during and after construction:
 - 5 years