# **Insurance Factsheet: France**

### **Member organisation(s):**

**CNOA** 

Conseil National de l'Ordre des Architectes

SA

Syndicat d'Architecture

UNSFA

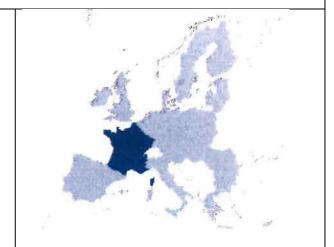
Union National des Syndicats Français d'Architectes

**Obligation to insure?** 

Yes

Legal Obligation to insure?

Yes



### **Legal Basis**

Commonly used Term and Conditions:

Article 16 Loi 03 janvier 1977

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

To be registered as a member of the Order of Architects

### Calculation of insurance premium:

- Rate applied to fees
- Rate on the value of construction works

### **Contractual liability:**

- Liabilities before and/or during the works:
- The end of the construction phase as a point of departure for a period of specific liabilities?

Yes, acceptance of the works can be written, tacit or judicial.

#### Liabilities after work:

Harm to structure (to its soundness or stability):

Yes, I0 years

Unsuitability for the function:

Yes

**Hidden defects:** 

Yes, I0 years

Guarantee for non-dissociable facilities:

Yes, 2 years

## Forms of Insurance contract:

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

## Joint and several (in solidum) liability:

Yes, a derogation is possible by contract as French case law

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

Non decennial liability claims rising basis Decennial liability claims made basis

## Insurances / Agents:

Mostly MAF Assurances (A mutual insurance owned by the French architects) and other brokers such as: Acte IARD, AGF, Allianz, AXA, CAM BTP, COVEA, GENERALI, GROUPAMA, Lloyds, Montmirail, MMA, SMA BTP, ...

## **Duration of Liability:**

- Professional client:

10 years

- Consumer client:

I0 years

- Liability during and after construction:

10 years