

TASKS

The catalogue of tasks and the responsibilities of the Berlin Chamber of Architects are defined in a state law, the Architects' and Builders' Chamber Act (ABKG). It also describes the professional tasks of the chamber members and names the conditions under which the protected professional title can be used.

The Berlin Chamber of Architects represents the profession in society. It proposes and states its position on laws and regulations, supports building culture and competitions, and campaigns for its members' interests with respect to politics, administration, economics and the media. It informs and advises chamber members on professional, legal and economic matters, as well as offering a comprehensive further training programme.



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Federal Chamber of Architects (BAK)

The Berlin Chamber of Architects is itself a member of the Federal Chamber of Architects. The BAK represents the interests of the 16 German state Chambers of Architects on a national and international level, stating its position on all important legislative plans on a Federal level. As a member of the Architects' Council of Europe (ACE), it shapes cooperation with European countries.
www.bak.de

Construction Cost Information Centre (BKI)

The Construction Cost Information Centre of the German Chambers of Architects was established by the individual states' Chambers of Architects as a central documentation and information body for building costs.
www.baukosten.de

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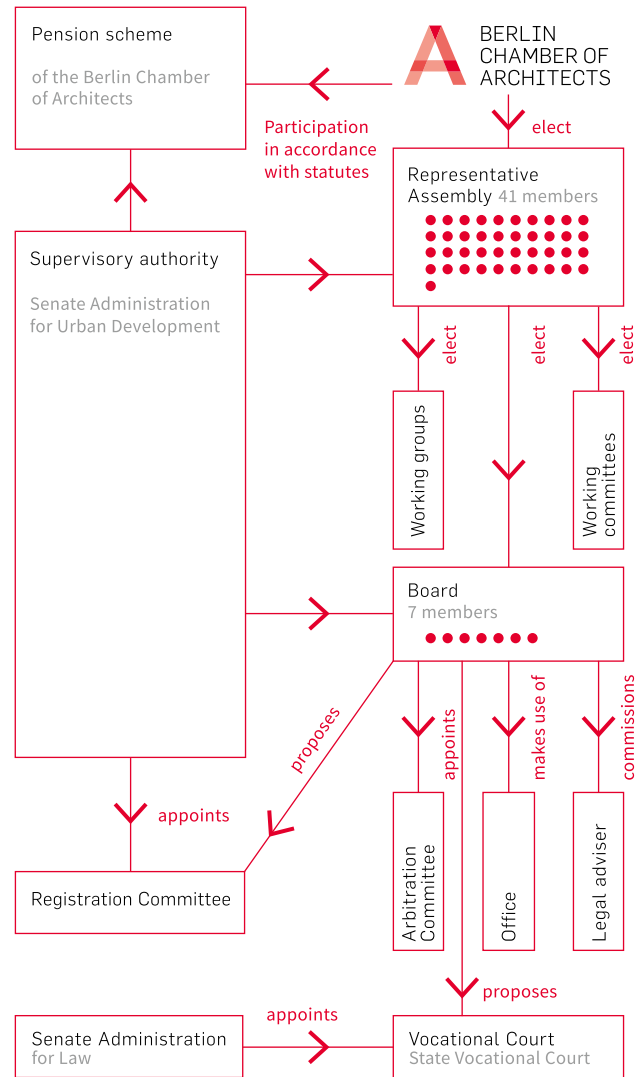
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BODIES & COMMITTEES

The Berlin Chamber of Architects has existed since 1985 and is the professional self-administration of its over 10,000 members from the fields of architecture, urban planning, landscape architecture and interior architecture. It manages the list of architects and urban planners, as well as overseeing the protected professional titles. Many of its activities are carried out voluntarily by members organised in various committees.

Representative Assembly

The Representative Assembly is the most important body of the Chamber of Architects, acting as a "parliament" to define the principles of the chamber's work. It is elected by members every four years. The Representative Assembly determines statutes, regulations and budgets, as well as making decisions on professional political aims and measures.

Board

The Board is elected from members of the Representative Assembly and conducts the business of the Chamber of Architects. It defines current professional political positions.

President

The President represents the chamber externally and is the contact for its members, political operations and the media.

Working committees

The Representative Assembly elects the voluntary members of working committees that handle professional political matters for the Board and the Representative Assembly, implementing the legal tasks assigned to them.

Working groups

The Representative Assembly determines working groups, defines their tasks and aims, and selects their voluntary members. The working groups implement professional political aims.



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SERVICE

The Berlin Chamber of Architects takes consulting and information for chamber members and others seeking advice very seriously. All offers, current information and contacts are presented at www.ak-berlin.de.

Advice offers

The Berlin Chamber of Architects offers initial advice on themes including:

- Inclusion in the list of architects and urban planners
- Competitions and procurement procedure
- Fees and contractual matters
- Building and planning law
- Arbitration proceedings and mediation

The headquarters of the Berlin Chamber of Architects also offer contacts with respect to the following themes:

- Education and further training
- Public relations
- Planning and building
- Urban development and building culture

Education and further training events

Twice a year, the Berlin Chamber of Architects offers its members a comprehensive range of one-day events, courses and excursions for further training and to attain additional qualifications.

Publications

The chamber's yearbooks, which have been published since 1992, present current projects and articles on architectural developments in Berlin. The chamber also publishes its monthly regional section of the *Deutsches Architektenblatt* and many leaflets providing information on its activities and the contribution it makes to building culture in Berlin.

Events

The chamber's many events on various professional themes, the Architecture Day and the exhibition "da! Architecture in and from Berlin" provide a discussion forum and support building culture in Berlin.

Pension scheme

In 1994, the Berlin Chamber of Architects established its pension scheme to support its members when they retire. www.architektenversorgung-berlin.de