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NATIONAL CONTEST

FOR ADMISSION TO THE THIRD YEAR AT EPAU

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1- The National Contest for Admission to the Third Year at EPAU



The National Contest connects two training cycles: the first cycle consists of two years of Basic Training, while the second cycle comprises three years of Advanced Training. This program culminates in the **Architect Diploma, and potentially, the Master's Degree.**

The contest serves as a key evaluation moment, assessing students' competencies at the end of their Basic Training and their ability to pursue advanced studies.

2- Contest Regulations

Article 1: The conditions and procedures for organizing and conducting the examinations of the National Contest for Admission to the Third Year of the Architectural Training Program are established by:

- ❖ **Law No. 99-05**, amended and supplemented, dated 18 Dhou El Hidja 1419 (corresponding to April 4, 1999), concerning the Orientation Law on Higher Education;
- ❖ **Executive Decree No. 16-176**, dated 9 Ramadhan 1437 (corresponding to June 14, 2016), establishing the standard status of higher schools;
- ❖ **Order No. 73, dated March 17, 2009**, concerning the creation of a department at the Polytechnic School of Architecture and Urban Planning;
- ❖ **Order No. 1164 of October 4, 2025**, defining the procedures for registration in training programs leading to State Engineer and Architect diplomas, as well as the procedures for organization, evaluation, and progression in studies ;
- ❖ **Order No. 778, of June 10, 2026**, defining the procedures for organizing the entrance contest for the second cycle of higher schools.
- ❖ **The 2026 Procedures Guide**, outlining the procedures and organization of the contest for admission to the third year of higher schools;

Article 2: The contest is national, and only one session is organized per year.

Article 3: The contest is open to students enrolled at EPAU, as well as those from architecture departments, in accordance with the conditions defined in **Articles 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11** of these regulations.

Article 4: The contest for admission to the third year of study at EPAU is organized based on academic qualifications for the benefit of second-year students.

Article 5: The contest takes place at the **Ecole Polytechnique d'Architecture et d'Urbanisme of Algiers, (EPAU), located at Route de Beaulieu, El Harrach, BP No. 177, 16200 Algiers.**

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Website: <http://www.epau-alger.edu.dz>

Article 6: The eligibility criteria and organization procedures for the contest are established by **Order No. 778 of June 10, 2026**, which defines the modalities for organizing the entrance contest for the second cycle of higher schools.

Article 7: A committee, appointed by decision of the Director of EPAU, is responsible for the organization and management of the contest process.

3 – Eligibility for the contest:

Article 8: A student of EPAU is eligible to compete if they:

- ❖ Have successfully completed the two years of Basic Training in accordance with the school's academic regulations.
- ❖ Have not been admitted as part of the 80% quota.

- ❖ Have not been subject to any second-degree disciplinary measures during their Basic Training.

Article 9: The student of EPAU is admitted to compete for the second and final time, provided that:

- ❖ They were reoriented (the previous year) into an architecture department in the third year of the Bachelor's program, in accordance with the applicable regulations.
- ❖ They have not been subject to any second-degree disciplinary measures during their third year of undergraduate studies.

Article 10: A student enrolled in an architecture department within Algerian universities is admitted to compete, provided that:

- ❖ They have successfully completed two (02) years of university studies without any repetition by the date of the contest (**Article 10 of Order No. 778 of June 10, 2026**);
- ❖ They have been preselected based on their application and in accordance with the admission capacity of EPAU (**Article 11 of Order No. 778 of June 10, 2026**);
- ❖ They have obtained an annual general average of **10/20 or higher** in the first and second years, under the same progression conditions as EPAU students. This includes an annual average of **10/20 or higher** in the subject *Architectural Project*, an annual average of **5/20 or higher** in each subject, and a semester average of **5/20 or higher** in each subject;
- ❖ They have not been subject to any disciplinary measures during the two years of the Bachelor's program (or the Basic Training).

Article 11: Candidates from Architecture departments within universities must register and submit their application file (pre-registration file) **exclusively online** via the following link:

<http://concours.epau.edu.dz/>

All application files must be submitted **no later than midnight on June 20, 2026**. This is the strict deadline for submitting all required documents through the following link:
<http://concours.epau.edu.dz/>.

4- Registration Procedures for the contest

Article 12: The entrance contest for the Advanced Training at the School is organized **based on academic records** for EPAU students and **through written examinations** for students who were not selected through as part of the 80% quota. The ranking of candidates is determined by the results obtained during the **second year of studies**.

Article 13: The number of academic seats reserved for students who are not required to pass the national contest to be admitted into the third year at EPAU represents **80%** of the total academic seats available in the Advanced Training program (**Article 7 of Order No. 778 of June 10, 2026**)

Article 14: The remaining seats, as defined in **Articles 10 and 13** of the present regulation, are allocated to the written examination-based contest for admission into the third year (**Article 8 of Order No. 778 of June 10, 2026**).

Article 15: The registration of candidates from EPAU for the contest is carried out based on the recommendation of the annual jury. The jury establishes the list, which is then transmitted to the Department of Preparatory Classes (Basic Training) at EPAU after authentication by the Directorate of Continuing Education and Diplomas.

Article 16: The pre-registration file for the entrance contest to the third year at EPAU must include the following documents:

1. A request from the candidate, with the mandatory inclusion of candidate's phone number and email address, which must include the candidate's full name;

2. A copy of the baccalaureate diploma and transcript;
3. Transcripts for semesters one (1), two (2), three (3) and four (4). Any document proving the regularity of the candidate's academic path beyond two years of university studies (school certificate, transfer form, academic leave certificate);
4. Recent digital photograph (less than one year old);
5. The certificate of good conduct issued by the original educational establishment.



Any incomplete file will be systematically rejected

Article 17: Candidates from university Architecture departments may only apply for the Contest once during their curriculum program.

5 - Contest examination

Article 18: The contest consists of a single examination "Architecture Project."

Article 19: The contest examination covers the entire curriculum taught in the second year of the Basic Training program at EPAU.

Article 20: The contest includes one subject, administered as a single examination according to the following schedule

Date	Examination (subject)	Horaires	Duration	Coefficient
June 29, 2026	Architecture Project	9h00 AM to 1h00PM	4h00	1

6 - Practical modalities

a- Conduct of the examination

Article 21: The lists of candidates admitted to take the contest are sent to the Architecture Departments of the relevant universities. They are published on the EPAU website as well as on the institution's Facebook and Instagram pages.

Article 22: Candidates holding a valid identity document must report to the examination room on the day of the contest **15 minutes** before the scheduled start time of the examination. They must be ready to begin before the envelopes containing the exam questions are opened.

Article 23: Beyond thirty (30) minutes after the distribution of the exam questions, no candidate is allowed to participate in the examination.

Article 24: No temporary or permanent exit of the candidate is allowed during the first half-hour.

Article 25: The management of temporary exits after the first half-hour is left to the discretion of the supervising teachers.

Article 26: Candidates are strictly prohibited from communicating with each other during the examination.

Article 27: Candidates wearing a cap or any other head covering must either remove it during the examination or, if necessary, submit to a check to ensure the absence of any means of communication.

Article 28: Mobile phones and other audio and/or visual communication or data storage devices—such as music players, MP3 players, earphones, noise-canceling headphones, smartwatches, etc.—are prohibited



Article 29: During the examination, no documents are allowed.

Article 30: For the examination, the candidate must bring all necessary drawing materials, including a graduated ruler, T-square, 30° and 45° set squares, compass, mechanical pencil, leads, eraser, colored pencils, markers, watercolor, various drawing grids, and a calculator.

Article 31: The exchange of materials (pen, ruler, calculator, eraser, etc.) or documents between candidates is strictly prohibited

Article 32: The examination materials (exam sheets, Canson paper, tracing paper, draft paper) are provided by the Contest Center

Article 33: At the end of the examination, every candidate is required to immediately submit their copy, even if blank, to the supervising teacher.

Article 34: Any candidate who does not submit their copy on time will be penalized.

Article 35: Candidates who are absent from the examination will be disqualified from the contest.

Article 36: Access to the exam rooms is strictly prohibited for individuals not involved in the examination or supervision.

b- Corrections, Deliberations and Results

Article 37: The anonymity of test copies is mandatory. Any distinctive mark (signature, name, attached sheet or tracing paper, etc.) will result in the cancellation of the copy. Anonymity will be ensured by a commission dedicated to this task, chaired by the Head of Department.

Article 38: All contest examination copies undergo a double-blind correction process. If the difference between the two grades is three (03) points or less, the final grade will be the average of both. If the difference exceeds three (03) points, a third correction is conducted. In this case, the final grade is determined by averaging the two closest grades, with the advantage given to the student in case of a tie (**Article 19 of Order No. 778 of June 10, 2026**).

(Guide to Procedures, Organizational Modalities of the 2026 Admission Contest Examination for the Third Year of the Higher School).

Article 39: The grading of the examination begins immediately after the anonymization process is completed. The grading is carried out by a team of teachers, consisting of 50% internal teachers from the school and 50% external teachers.

Article 40: A deliberation committee for the written examination is held under anonymity. It is composed of a representative of the grading teachers for the subject. The president of the deliberation committee is appointed by the Director of the school from among the members with the highest rank (**Article 20 of Order No. 778 of June 10, 2026**). The president is responsible for (**Article 21 of Order No. 778 of June 10, 2026**).

- Ensure the conformity of grades with the standard answer key and grading scale.
- Calculate the overall averages.
- Adjust any discrepancies in grading.
- Deliberate under anonymity and rank students based on merit.

Article 41: A final deliberation jury is convened for the lifting of anonymity and the validation of the results of the written examination contest. It is chaired by the Director of the school and is composed of (**Article 22 of Order No. 778 of June 10, 2026**).

- The Director of the School;
- The Director of Studies
- The representative of the grading teachers for the examination, appointed by the Director;
- A representative of the Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research.

Article 42: The number of candidates admitted to EPAU is determined based on the available academic seats in the third year at EPAU. The selected students are ranked according to merit.

Article 43: The results are posted at EPAU and published on the school's official website and Facebook page:
<http://www.epau-alger.edu.dz>

and on the official website and Facebook page of the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research (MESRS): <https://www.mesrs.dz>

Article 44: The results of the contest are public. No candidate may object to their publication.

c- Discipline and sanctions

Article 45: Discipline and sanctions are governed by **Order No. 371 of June 11, 2014**, which establishes the creation, composition, and functioning of disciplinary councils within higher education institutions. The school's disciplinary committee is active throughout the duration of the contest.

d- Complaints regarding the Architecture project test

Article 46: The deliberation jury is sovereign, and its decisions are final. No appeals are admissible

e- Registration of admitted candidates

Article 47: The registration of successful candidates from the original departments admitted to the third year must be carried out by the individuals concerned.

Article 48: The files of successful candidates will be sent to EPAU by their original administrations in accordance with the applicable transfer procedures. A verification of the files, including the original documents, is carried out by the contest committee before final registration.

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