Effectiveness of contractual procedures of the SIA '80/'87 standard form is partly reflected by the extent of compliance with and attitudes of practitioners towards contractual procedures. The aim of this dissertation is to provide an indication, through a survey of practitioners, as to the extent of compliance with and attitudes of architects towards contractual procedures.

The study found that certain contractual procedures, especially in the context of lower costs projects, were relatively complied less often than other contractual procedures. Various considerations of architects in their decision whether to comply with contractual procedures was established.

Legal concepts relevant to the phenomenon of non compliance with respect to contractual procedures were highlighted. Suggestions as to the minimizing of risks associated with non compliance was discussed.