

Architecture: a profession to be proud of!

To be eligible for registration as an architect under the *Architects Act 2002 (Qld)*, a person must ...

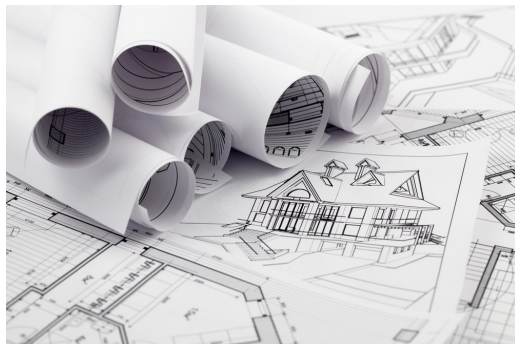
- Have a recognised qualification, e.g. a Masters of Architecture degree
- Have a required number of years of broad-based practical experience
- Pass the 3-part Architectural Practice Exam (log book, written and oral).

Architects are justly proud of their profession, and **ONLY** registered architects can legally use the title of “architect”.

Architects are also bound by a regulated *Code of Practice*.

To confirm that the person providing architectural services for YOUR project is registered in Queensland simply visit www.boaq.qld.gov.au and click on Search Register.

“Everything your architect does for you is designed to add value and amenity to your property.”



No Registration? No Payment!

WHAT'S IN A TITLE? PLENTY!

There have been unqualified people who have illegally held themselves out as architects (either verbally, in advertisements and signage or in their marketing literature).

If you engage such a person to build your project on the strength of such a claim, then find out they are not registered, you are within your rights to withhold payment.

Part 10, Section 140 (2), of the *Architects Act 2002 (Qld)* states that in such cases:

Despite any agreement between the person and the client, the person is not entitled to any monetary or other consideration for the performance or carrying out of the architectural services.

It is **ILLEGAL** for anyone to call themselves an architect if they are not registered, and they risk penalties of up to 1000 penalty units (1 unit = \$117.80 total \$117,800).

More information about the profession of architecture, including the Register of architects registered in Queensland, is available on BOAQ's website at www.boaq.qld.gov.au.



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Impressed by the title
of “ARCHITECT”

So you should be ...
but only if it's true!



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You are reading this because you have a dream about a special project.

Whether you are about to start building or renovating, whether your dream involves your home or a commercial building, you want more than an “off the peg” solution.

Perhaps you’ve had a chance to think about what you want to achieve, and now you need to move your concept forward.

Excellent, innovative, original and sustainable design is what many people first think of in connection with the profession of architecture.

Depth of knowledge encompasses more than design

Finding out the many other ways in which an architect can help you realise your dream is a very sensible move! An architect has sound knowledge of ...

- Construction and building
- Environmental issues that may affect your project, or may be affected by it
- The performance of your building as an efficient, comfortable working environment, or as a beautiful, peaceful, livable home.



Project management by an architect brings in real knowledge and expertise

When you retain a registered architect to manage your building project, you immediately gain the confidence that comes with having a professional expert on your side.

Your architect is readily able to liaise with your builder because they both “speak the same language”, dealing as they do daily with construction.

Thanks to rigorous professional education, your architect also brings a big-picture view to the logistics of your project. They know what is possible and what is desirable—and what isn’t.

Monitoring costs and progress payments on your behalf, (another aspect of project management) ensures you get fair value and that the building progresses at the rate agreed before work started.

Best of all is having an expert working with you, making sure your design becomes the reality you had in mind.

Double-checking your building contract

There is a range of “standard” building contracts and client-architect agreements in use, and they can be quite bewildering.

For example, what do “variations” mean in building contracts?

How can you ensure that your building will be finished on time and that your interests are protected?

Does the contract properly cover defects AFTER handover?

Having your architect review your contract with your builder BEFORE you sign will help you to negotiate the contract minefield successfully.

Is that a reasonable variation?

Assessing your builder’s requests for variations to your design is another very important service that’s all in a day’s work for your architect as your project progresses.

You can avoid becoming involved in answering questions that may be outside your area of expertise. Your architect has the skills to explain what’s happening in plain English.

Ensuring no one cuts corners

Your architect’s skills and experience means that they can inspect the quality of the building work in a fair and impartial way.

That way, you can feel confident that you are paying a fair price and getting the required standard of workmanship.

When should you involve an architect in a project?

Architects report that people often open a conversation with ...”We need a professional to come and give us ideas about our project. We’re too close to it!”

It doesn’t matter whether you own property yet or not, the best time to involve an architect is as soon as possible.

In fact, the earlier, the better!

If you are looking to buy a house, your architect can help you select one that meets all your needs both in terms of aesthetic appeal and functionality. Their trained eye can detect the pitfalls as well as identify the property’s best potential.

Whether you are considering domestic or commercial property, your architect will exercise their professional skills to explain the possibilities within an existing structure, to meet the objectives you have in mind.

Site selection can also be a minefield. Your architect can tell you about the advantages of a particular site as well as guide you in obtaining cost control advice.

