

# How do you know the person you're dealing with is really an architect?

While virtually anyone can draw up plans and call themselves a building designer, only a registered architect can use the term 'architect'.

But the difference is more substantial than just a name.

It takes five years of university study to obtain a Bachelor of Architecture degree. Then, to be eligible to use the term 'architect', a person must also complete a minimum of two years practical experience under the supervision of an experienced architect and then pass architectural practice exams with the Architects Accreditation Council of Australia to enable registration with the Architects Board of Western Australia.

So, when you're working with a registered architect you'll know you're dealing with a fully qualified professional.

Only registered architects are regulated under an Act of Parliament which ensures your interests are looked after as a client.



## How to find a registered architect for your project

**1** Call the Architects Board on (08) 9287 9920 for the names and addresses of registered architects in Western Australia. This list can also be viewed from the Board's web site at [www.architectsboard.org.au](http://www.architectsboard.org.au)

**2** Discuss your project, the services you require and the likely fees with the architect you are considering.

**3** Ask to look at examples of projects they have done and talk to former clients.

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- Cummins Engine Company - Horrie Miller Drive, Perth International Airport; and
- Lamont's Restaurant - Brown Street, East Perth.



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# before you build or renovate

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# If you are building or renovating, 'architect designed' is the best decision you will make

Your home or commercial building project is one of the biggest investments you'll ever make. So it's important to choose an architect who is a fully qualified professional to help you through what can be a complex process.

Whether you're building or remodelling a house, a retail showroom, an office building, a factory or fitting out an interior, only an architect can give you 'architect designed' quality.

And engaging an architect is very affordable, especially when you consider the value they can add to your project.



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## 'Architect designed' buildings are worth more

An architect designed building enhances your working or home life, so it's worth more to you.

An architect's education, experience and vision can translate into savings, thanks to energy efficiency, the selection of durable finishes and securing the best prices for contractors and materials through competitive tendering.

Most importantly, an architect does much more than draw up plans. He or she is a powerful ally who will look after your interests throughout the building process, from making application for council approval to organising builders, administering contracts and inspecting building work.



## 'Architect designed' buildings are well thought-out

When an architect designs a building, it's designed for your specific needs.

Individual style is part of the appeal, but it's more than a fashion statement. An architect will design a customised solution to suit your site, maximising its potential by considering optimum land use, orientation, natural light, space planning, traffic flow, privacy, climate control and environmental factors.



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## a more valuable investment

Architect designed buildings sell at a premium, so you can look forward to a higher resale price.

You'll also find that an architect can make your office more productive, your factory more efficient or your retail outlet more enticing to customers, which means a better bottom line for your business.

In fact, an architect's expertise can translate into many positive financial benefits for you.