

Career Profile: Architect



Architects must be professionally licensed and are highly trained in the science and art of building design to make sure these structures meet the functional, safety and economical needs of the people who will use them.

Sector

Residential / Commercial

What would my working day look like?

- ▶ Meeting with clients to establish their needs, budget and project requirements and create a design brief
- ▶ Preparing project documentation to include sketches, scaled drawings, aesthetics, and structural and mechanical aspects into the final design
- ▶ Creating sketches and detailed drawings using computer-aided design (CAD) software.
- ▶ Inspecting construction progress during and after the build to make sure it complies with standards and plans
- ▶ Working closely with clients, builders, tradespeople, government bodies and local councils.

Working Hours & Conditions

- ▶ Mix of office work, when designing and drawing, and on-site visits
- ▶ Full time, some after hours and weekend work may be required

Skills and personal qualities

- ▶ Have an interest in design, technology, the arts, history, culture and environmental concerns

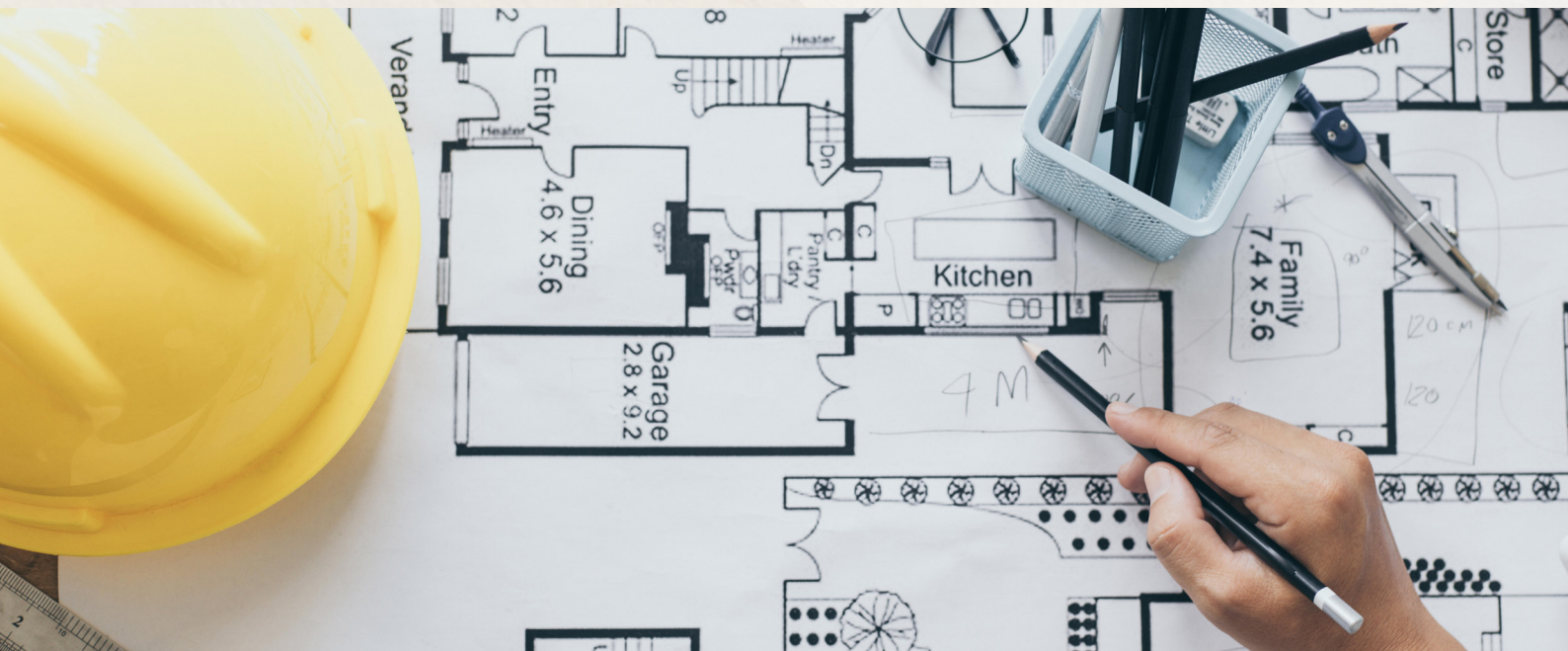
- ▶ Are creative and good with using computers
- ▶ Enjoy working with others as well as good interpersonal and communication skills
- ▶ Level-headed and able to analyse and critically assess problems
- ▶ Be able to visualise and imagine how something will look - see the big picture
- ▶ Excellent organisational and time management skills to meet deadlines

How to get started

To become a qualified Architect, you will need to complete a higher education degree in architecture. After graduating you will need to register with the Architects Board of Western Australia to become a practicing Architect or you may want to complete postgraduate studies to specialise.

Future Opportunities

- ▶ Urban and Regional Planner/Designer
- ▶ Teacher or Professor
- ▶ Restoration
- ▶ Research
- ▶ Property development
- ▶ Environmental design
- ▶ Environmental conservation/sustainability



Next Steps

Further information can be found at:

- ▶ Jobs and Skills WA – www.jobsandskills.wa.gov.au
- ▶ The Good Universities Guide – www.gooduniversitiesguide.com.au
- ▶ Job Outlook – www.joboutlook.gov.au