



## Mission of an architect

The vocation of the architect is to participate in all matters pertaining to spatial planning and more particularly the act of the building.

The architect is involved in the construction, rehabilitation, adaptive landscapes, public or private buildings for residential use, professional, industrial, commercial, etc. Assistance is required for the development of the architectural project subject to an application for planning permission (except for exceptions as provided by section 4 of the Architecture Act). The architect meets the expectations of each user in ensuring respect for the collective interests.

The architect is invited by the client, the owner, to design the architectural project.

This project is defined by plans and written documents of the layout of the buildings, their composition, organization and expression of their volume and the choice of materials and colors.

In addition to establishing the architectural project, the architect is competent to intervene at all levels of a project, from design to completion of work:

- advice on the choice of terrain
- design
- expertise cost analysis
- economic evaluation
- financial arrangement
- administrative procedures
- tender call action
- site monitoring
- acceptance of work

The architect can more effectively fulfill its mission if he supports the operation from beginning to end. When near and available the architect is best placed to assist you in all construction monitoring operations. He guides you through the building process and helps you turn your ideas into reality by taking full advantage of a site.

Its full benefit is the quality factor, the performance and cost savings over time.

It guarantees the customer the best price / quality ratio at the time of investment and significant savings in maintenance.

The architect meets with clients, leading shipyards and maintains contacts with various interlocutors:

- elected contractors
- officials
- industrial
- bankers
- promoters
- entrepreneurs.

Male or female, he or she personally looks at the progress of the work.

## In France call on the architect:

- especially because the construction or renovation is one of the most important decision in life both personally and for the rest of the family.
- locally elected because he is judged, with his team, its ability to improve the country, improve community facilities and the quality of the life of its citizens.
- the merchant because the layout of the store and the layout of his window affect its turnover
- the sponsor because buyers and tenants are increasingly sensitive to the quality of the spaces, services and the environment, better marketing factors.



- industrial as functionality, flexibility and technical performance of the premises guarantee greater productivity. The atmosphere of work and image locations are assets to the company.
- co-owners for the development and maintenance of common areas affect the amount of charges and the sustainability of heritage.
- the farmer because the modernization of agricultural family buildings and collective farms improves profitability and preserves the quality of the landscape.

## What safeguards offers the architect?

### Guarantee of competence

The degree in architecture is the result of long study in which the future professional acquires the knowledge essential to the mastery of the architectural project and its realization.

The exercise of the profession and the use of the title of architect (or approved in architecture) are regulated. No one may practice and use the title without being registered at the Tableau de l'Ordre des Architectes (Architects' Register).

In order to verify that the person with whom you will work is licensed architect or architectural consult the directory of architects or call the Regional Council of the Ordre of Architects in your area.

Throughout his career the architect maintains and enhances its expertise through continued education.

Thus, rehabilitation, asbestos removal, safety organization on building sites, the landscape, the environmental impact studies and the real diagnosis, expertise, computer graphics ... are areas where the architect particularly cultivates his skills.

### Ethics Warranty

The architect at the time of registration gives an oath and agrees to comply with the Code of professional duties which defines the architect's missions and professional obligations duty to advise, support, vis-à-vis withits customers...

Failure to comply may result in disciplinary action (warning, suspension, cancellation).

### Contractual warranty

The missions that you entrust to the architect are the subject of a written contract clearly stating the mutual obligations.

The award of the project management contract is an obligation imposed by the professional duties of the Code.

### The agreement must specify:

1. the exact scope of the tasks that you entrust to the architect and that he agrees to complete on your behalf,
2. the terms of remuneration: the architect's fees are traded freely and prior to signing the contract,
3. honorary resolution mode: the architect offers a precise schedule of payments you make to him throughout the course of his mission, from the planning to the final stage
4. specific deadlines to be met; during the design phase to the execution of various documents and deadlines that you must approve,
5. legal assurances by the architect and yourself as a developer (damage-insurance items) are required to be purchased.



## Professional guarantees

### Compulsory insurance

The architect is one of the construction professionals that require the most extensive insurance obligations.

As all stakeholders in the building process, the architect is compulsory insured to cover all acts that commit his professional liability, that is to say:

- to cover his professional commitments
- to cover damage caused to a third party
- to cover the disorders and defects that may be found liable.

However the architect is the only one registered with a professional corporation of which one of the main tasks is to control its members to have actually purchased this insurance. The insurance shall be liable to severe disciplinary sanctions.

### Duty to advice

The architect has a duty to advice exerted throughout the missions that you provide to us.

- At the design stage: the architect must warn you of the feasibility of the operation, warn you against the state of the soil or subsoil, warn you of the imperfections of a cheaply made book or of any exceeding of the budget, risks of construction planned on neighboring buildings ...
- At the stage of realization: the architect should advise on the choice of companies, the quality and characteristics of the materials used (he may discourage the use of certain materials)
- At the stage of reception: he must warn you about all apparent defects and poor workmanship. His warnings are usually in writing. On each project, the architect assumes responsibility and reputation. Your architect's interest to meet you, your home and yourself will be the best advertisement.