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2022 California Codes

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Unlicensed Plan Designer Limitations

Informational Bulletin

ARCHITECTS

May design any building of any type except:

- structural portion of a hospital

Applicable Statutes

Section 129805 of Health & Safety Code

Sections 5500.1 and 6737 of Business & Professions Code

CIVIL ENGINEERS

May design any building of any type except:

- hospitals
- schools

Applicable Statutes

Section 129805 of Health & Safety Code

Section 17302 of Education Code

Sections 5537.5, 6731, and 6735 of Business & Professions Code

STRUCTURAL ENGINEERS

May design any building of any type:

- no limitations

Applicable Statutes

Sections 5537.1, 6731, and 6736 of Business & Professions Code

UNLICENSED PERSONS

May design the following:

- Single-family dwellings of wood frame construction not more than two stories and basement in height.
- Multiple dwellings containing not more than four dwelling units of wood frame construction not more than two stories and basement in height. No more than four dwelling units per lot.
- Garages or other structures appurtenant to single-family dwelling, of wood frame construction not more than two stories and basement in height.
- Agricultural and ranch buildings of wood frame construction, *unless the building official having jurisdiction deems that an undue risk to the public health, safety, or welfare is involved.*
- Non-structural or non-seismic storefronts, interior alterations or additions, fixtures, cabinetwork, furniture, or other appliances or equipment, including nonstructural or non-seismic work necessary to provide for their installation.

****The building official will disqualify an unlicensed person from submitting plans if the person is inept at accurately showing code compliance or lacks the ability to clearly draw plans.***