



BUILDING DESIGN LIMITATIONS

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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 woodframe construction not more than two stories and basement in height.
- Multiple dwellings containing not more than four dwelling units of woodframe 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 woodframe construction not more than two stories and basement in height.
- Agricultural and ranch buildings of woodframe construction, *unless the building official having jurisdiction deems that an undue risk to the public health, safety, or welfare is involved.*
- Nonstructural or nonseismic storefronts, interior alterations or additions, fixtures, cabinetwork, furniture, or other appliances or equipment, including nonstructural or nonseismic work necessary to provide for their installation.

May not design:

- Any component that changes or affects the safety of any building, including but not limited to structural or seismic components.

NOTE: Building officials may require plans, computations, and specifications to be prepared and designed by an engineer or architect licensed by the state to practice as such even if not required by state law.

APPLICABLE STATUTES - Sections 5537, 5538, and 6737.1 of Business & Professions Code