



Suffolk Joint  
Construction  
Committee

# Architect

Architects design new buildings and spaces around them. They are also responsible for designing and organising works of restoration and refurbishment in existing buildings. Architecture is an innovative social art and can help to change people's lives for the better.

## THE ROLE

In addition to your creative drawing skills you will be able to visualise spaces and you will need to develop good computer aided design skills. You will also need an ability to work closely with other construction professionals.

As an architect you will be responsible for creating designs that respond to your client's needs and budget. You will also have to take into account matters such as health and safety, building regulations and planning law.

The job involves skills in technical drawings and understanding of materials. Later in the process an architect will organise building contracts and he/she will inspect the work being carried out on site.

## SALARY EXPECTATIONS

Varies according to role and location

Assistant architects might typically earn between £19,000 and £26,000 a year

Fully qualified architects can earn from £30,000 and £35,000

Architects with 5 years' experience might earn £35,000 to £43,000 or more

## CAREER PROGRESSION

DEGREE AND  
POST GRADUATE  
DIPLOMA

ASSISTANT  
ARCHITECT

PROJECT  
LEADER

SENIOR  
ARCHITECT

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## ENTRY ROUTE

The usual route to becoming an architect involves:

- Five years of studying on a course recognised by the Architect's Registration Board.
- Two years of work experience (usually paid employment)

This route includes a three year degree course and one year in work forming part 1 and then a further two years study to a post graduate qualification as part two. Finally a minimum of one year in employment and a professional exam (part 3) leads to final qualification as an architect.

An alternative route to qualification would enable you to work in an architect's office whilst studying part time on a recognised course. Many local practices offer these opportunities to earn a salary whilst studying, but this route usually takes longer time to qualify.

## TYPICAL TASKS FOR AN ARCHITECT:

- Taking a brief from a client
- Sketching and drawing
- Surveying
- Technical drawing
- Model making
- 3D computer aided design modelling
- Project programming
- Project/contract management
- Site inspection
- Funding applications
- Public consultation

**For more information on becoming an architect visit:**

[www.architecture.com](http://www.architecture.com)

[www.goconstruct.org](http://www.goconstruct.org)

**or talk to your local college**

## Your career journey starts here!

