# JOB of the Week



### Job name: Architect

**Job description:** As an architect, you'll design new buildings or extensions or alterations to existing structures and advise on the restoration and conservation of old properties. You may work on individual buildings or on large redevelopment schemes, and your responsibility can extend to the design of the surrounding landscape and spaces.

#### Tasks you will undertake in the job:

- Discuss the ideas, objectives, requirements and budget of a project and in some cases help to select a site
- Assess the needs of the building and its users, advising the client on the practicality of their project
- Use IT in design and project management, specifically using computer-aided design software
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## Qualifications you will need for this job:

While it's common to complete a recognised degree programme in order to qualify, there are alternative entry paths into this career, such as the <u>RIBA Studio practice-based route</u> or an <u>architecture apprenticeship</u>. Many universities hold interviews with students prior to offering a place on an architecture course. Candidates are expected to have a portfolio demonstrating a broad mixture of work, including sketches, freehand drawings, photographs and models.

You must register with the statutory body, the <u>Architects Registration Board (ARB)</u>, in order to legally use the title 'architect' in the UK. Chartered architect status is available through membership of <u>RIBA</u>, although it's not a legal requirement to be registered with RIBA in order to practise.

The standard entry route into the architecture profession involves at least seven years in training and higher education.

## Skills required for this job (core competencies):

Communication	Resilience	Organisation	Teamwork
Problem Solving	Initiative	Creativity	Digital literacy

#### Sectors in which Accountants would normally work:

Top 10 industries for this job			
Architectural & related	12036	Construction	4155
Public admin. & defence	3942	Membership organisations	1728
Land transport, etc	1199	Civil engineering	1010



