

## ARCHITECT, REGISTERED

**Licensing Authority** Sandy Malek  
Architectural Examining Board  
Iowa Department of Commerce  
1920 SE Hulsizer  
Ankeny IA 50021  
Phone: (515) 281-7393  
Fax: (515) 281-7411  
E-mail: sandy.malek@comm7.state.ia.us

**Legal Authority** Code of Iowa 544A

**Job Description** Architects plan and design residences, office buildings, factories, and various other structures according to the client's preferences; consult with the clients on style, specifications, materials, building time and cost limitations; ensure that building plans conform with local and state building codes, zoning laws, fire regulations and other ordinances; develop final design documentation for building contractors that includes structural plumbing, heating, and electrical requirements; assist the client in selecting a building contractor; and, visit the construction site to assure the design is being followed and designated materials are being used. They may specialize in certain types of structures or projects.

**Education & Experience Required** To sit for the exam, an applicant is required to apply to the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards in Washington, DC for a council record. Qualifications for the record include having a professional degree from an accredited school of architecture and completing the Intern Development Program. The Intern Development Program requires verification of at least three years of training under a registered architect.

To apply for registration by reciprocity, an applicant must have a National Council of Architecture Registration Board's certificate and must meet the requirements in effect in Iowa on the original date of registration in another state. Iowa has required a professional degree in architecture since July 1, 1984 and has required completion of the Intern Development Program since July 1, 1991.

**Continuing Education** Twenty-four contact hours of continuing education are required biennially for license renewal. Sixteen of these hours must be in public protection courses relating to health, safety and welfare topics.

**Examination** To become registered, an applicant must pass all divisions of the "Architect Registration Examination" (ARE) prepared and issued by the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB).

**Fees** Application: Included in the price of the exam

Duration: Two years  
 Renewal: \$140  
 Exam: \$100 – exam eligibility  
           \$980 – fee paid directly to testing service to take the computerized  
                     exam, consisting of nine separate divisions, priced individually.  
 Other: \$200 – initial registration  
           \$50 – initial business entity  
           \$50 – annual renewal business

**SOC Code, Title, & Avg. Hourly Wage** 17-1011 – Architects, Except Landscape and Naval (\$24.30)

**Number of Licenses Issued** Total number of licenses active as of December 31,  
 2002: 1,481  
 2001: 1,462  
 2000: 1,434

**For Additional Information** American Institute of Architects  
 1801 K Street NW Ste 1100  
 Washington DC 20006

American Institute of Architects, Iowa Chapter  
 1000 Walnut St Ste 101  
 Des Moines IA 50309