

Architect

What is it?

An Architect designs buildings and structures, ensuring they are functional, safe, sustainable, and visually appealing. They work on a variety of projects, from residential homes to commercial buildings and urban developments.

Qualifications/Experience Required:

A degree in architecture (typically a BA/BSc followed by a Master's in Architecture). Completion of a minimum seven-year training route, including practical experience and professional exams through the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA). Registration with the Architects Registration Board (ARB). Strong creative, technical, and problem-solving skills.

Type of person who may be suited to this job:

- Someone with strong design, creativity, and problem-solving skills.
- A detail-oriented person with a passion for construction and sustainability.
- A good communicator who enjoys working in teams and managing projects.
- Someone who can balance creativity with technical and practical considerations.

What the Work Involves:

- Designing buildings and structures to meet client needs.
- Creating technical drawings and 3D models using software such as AutoCAD or Revit.
- Ensuring designs comply with safety regulations and sustainability standards.
- Collaborating with engineers, surveyors, and construction professionals.
- Managing projects from conception to completion, including budgeting and overseeing construction.

Money/Wage Guide:

- **Entry-level:** £30,000 - £40,000 per year.
- **Experienced architects:** £50,000 - £80,000+ per year.
- **Senior and partner-level architects:** £100,000+.

Related Opportunities:

- Architectural Technologist
- Urban Planner
- Interior Designer
- Civil Engineer

Further Information:

Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA): www.architecture.com

Architects Registration Board (ARB): www.arb.org.uk

Prospects - Architect Career Guide: www.prospects.ac.uk

Future Prospects – Labour Market Information:

Architects are in demand across residential, commercial, and public sector projects. With experience, career progression can lead to **senior architect, project manager, or director roles**, as well as opportunities in specialist fields like conservation or urban planning.

Average annual Salary - £50,000 - £80,000+

Typical weekly hours – 35-45 hours per week, with possible overtime for project deadlines.