

The Engagement of a Licensed Architect:

- Provides expert knowledge and experience to bear on any building design project, no matter the size or type.
- Is required by law[†] in the design of the following buildings types and sizes, as legislated by the Nova Scotia Architects Act, Section 56 (2)a, and defined in the Nova Scotia Building Code:

Occupancy	Type	Description
Assembly Churches, Restaurants, Schools, Theatres, etc.	Group A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buildings with a footprint exceeding 200 m²; or • Two (2) stories or more in building height
Care & Treatment Facility Jails, Hospitals, Rehabilitation Centers, Nursing Homes, Infant Day Cares, etc.	Group B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All care & treatment facilities, no matter the size.
Residential Large Houses, Triplex, Hotels, Dormitories, Apartments, etc	Group C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buildings with a footprint exceeding 450 m²; or • Four (4) stories or more in building height; or • A three-dwelling unit, or more.
Business & Service Banks, Offices, Radio Stations, etc.	Group D	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building with a footprint exceeding 450 m²; or • Four (4) stories or more in building height
Mercantile (Retail) Markets, Shops, Stores, Supermarkets, etc.	Group E	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any building with a footprint exceeding 450 m²; or • Four (4) stories or more in building height
Industrial Low Hazard Salesrooms, Storage Garages, Warehouses, etc.	Group F Div 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any building with a footprint exceeding 450 m²; or • Four (4) stories or more in building height
Industrial Medium Hazard Factories, Laboratories, Workshops, etc.	Group F Div 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any building with a footprint exceeding 450 m²; or • Four (4) stories or more in building height
Industrial High Hazard Chemical Manufacturing., Distilleries, Grain Elevator., etc.	Group F Div 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any building with a footprint exceeding 200 m²; or • Two (2) stories or more in building height

Definitions:

- **Architect:** An architect Licensed to practice in the province of Nova Scotia, as conferred by the Nova Scotia Association of Architects.
- **Building Footprint:** The first floor at grade level of a building on one property, as defined by the Nova Scotia Building Code.

[†] Note, a Professional Engineer, licensed to practice in Nova Scotia with specific experience and competency in designing buildings of these types, is also permitted by law.