

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN AN INTERIOR ARCHITECT & AN INTERIOR DESIGNER

Some interior designers provide interior architectural services because they have the skills to do so or outsource to a team member or consultant, and this is usually ok depending on local laws. However, it is an offence to refer to yourself as an interior architect if you're not a registered architect. If you see someone calling themselves an architect, you can report them to your local Architects Registration Board.

Interior Architect

- A building and design expert
- Is an architect with a specialism in interior design
- Has completed training to become an architect
- Registered/licensed with an Architects Registration Board (not Interior Design)
- Bound by an architect's code of conduct
- Insured as an architect
- Knowledge of all areas of architecture and interior design
- Understands title and practise acts around architecture
- Can undertake all of the work that both an interior designer and an architect provide
- Depending on location may sign off building regulation drawings

Interior Designer

- A design expert
- Can be an interior designer, decorator, stylist and stager
- Is someone who might have studied interior design (including interior architecture degrees) but also someone who might be self-taught with hands-on experience
- May be registered/licensed with an Interior Design Board (usually by choice, not mandatory)
- If registered with an Interior Design Board will voluntarily follow a code of conduct
- Can sometimes undertake architectural work depending on local laws
- Depending on location may sign off building regulation drawings

