

# WHAT IS INTERIOR DESIGN PROJECT MANAGEMENT?

Many interior designers mistakenly believe they are offering project management, when they are providing a mix of services that are not strictly project management. It's crucial for interior designers to grasp the distinction between their role and project management to avoid confusion.

## Business Project Management (BPM)

Business project managers (or just project managers) appear in all professions and businesses. It is incorrect to use this terminology in the construction industry because this same process means something different. Business project management may be beneficial for running a design project but it's not to be confused with construction project management.

## Design Project Management (DPM)

Design project management is a term used in the construction industry by architects to describe their role in managing the design side of a construction project. It involves overseeing the design elements of a project, such as coordinating consultant drawings and specifications, setting the brief, managing approvals and historic building consents, health and safety, quality assurance and client communication.

## Construction Project Management (CPM)

Construction project management is a stand-alone profession in the construction industry. This project manager deals explicitly with construction projects and specialises in construction processes, materials, and safety/building regulations. Historically, architects acted as the construction project manager and contract administrator, (and still do on smaller or less complex projects).

## Contract Project Management (CA)

Contract Administrators (or Contract Project Managers) specifically deal with the contractual relationships and obligations of the project stakeholders such as the clients, builder, sub-contractors and other consultants. Providing CA services requires contract and construction law knowledge and carries much responsibility and liability. It requires you to release payments in line with the formalities of the contract between the client and the builder.

## General Contracting (GC)

General contracting involves managing the on-site physical construction process and coordinating subcontractors, materials, and schedules to ensure the project is built according to the specifications. In essence, it's what a builder does. This usually expands to include hiring individual sub-contractors (like the carpenter, plumber, etc.)

## Project Procurement & Project Oversight

Project procurement involves acquiring goods, services, or resources from manufacturers, retailers, vendors or suppliers. Project oversight involves monitoring and controlling progress, performance, and compliance with project plans and objectives. They work hand in hand to describe what we do as interior designers and create an accurate description of what we do without crossover or confusion between existing professions and design or construction industry terminology.

