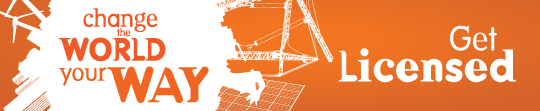
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# BECOMING AN ARCHITECT

# LICENSURE MATTERS:  CHANGE THE WORLD YOUR WAY



Whether you want to start your own firm, turn your architectural vision into a reality, or simply increase your earning potential, getting licensed will put you in control of your future.

**Path to Licensure**To be an architect, you need to be licensed. Architects are responsible for protecting the public health, safety, and welfare, so earning a license isn’t meant to be easy. The demanding academics, years of internship, and professional exam—it’s a path designed to prepare you for meeting the great responsibilities of the profession. If you’re going to change the world, would you want it any other way?

**Licensure is Opportunity**In both good and bad economic times, licensure gives you a competitive edge. With a license you’re positioned to take on a greater role with clients and projects, which increases your value to a firm.

More architects on staff can enhance a firm’s marketability with prospective clients and may even lower its liability insurance costs—two more reasons to hire you, if you’re licensed. Licensure can also be a ticket to higher earnings, especially as you progress in your career.

**Licensure is Empowerment**With a license, you are legally empowered to practice architecture. You can start your own firm; seal, stamp, or sign your own drawings; and turn your ideas into reality. As an architect, you’ll have a seat at the table and more power over your career. Without a license, you’ll nearly always have to seek out the services of an architect to complete a building project.

**Make Your Future Count**Being licensed matters—especially for the people who live, work, and play in the buildings that architects create. Architects have a unique and influential role in our communities—with a license, you can play a part in shaping the future of our built world.

**Get licensed because you want to make your future count, and because you can’t imagine being anything but an architect. It’s time to change the world—your way.**