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*Promoting the building design and architectural drafting professions
and advancing the quality of the built environment*

SO WHAT IS A BUILDING DESIGNER?

Building Designer is a generic term that encompasses all people who design buildings, in whatever shape or form, be it a small addition to the family home or a multi-storey skyscraper within the central business district.

Like most vocations, there are some individuals who specialise in certain aspects of their chosen field while some tend to have broader based knowledge and offer a diverse range of services and areas of expertise.

A building designer is generally considered to specialise in the architectural design and documentation and may work with other specialist consultants who design and document individual areas of proficiency, including structural, mechanical, hydraulics, electrical, acoustic and fire engineering, town planning, landscaping, interior décor, etc.

The extent of services offered by a building designer could include site analysis and reports, feasibility studies, individual designs, design development, contract documentation (including working drawings and detailed specifications), material selections, interior decorating/colour selections, landscaping/outdoor living design, cost estimates, energy efficiency analysis and reports, land selection/advice, consultation and negotiation with approving authorities, 3D computer modelling and project administration.

The building designer is your representative, appointed to interpret your requirements to assist in the process of designing and documenting a building. During the process the building designer's skills and abilities will be tested and the resulting product should demonstrate a solution for which you will all be satisfied with and hopefully proud of at the conclusion of the process.