



DIFFERENCE BETWEEN DESIGN PROFESSIONALS

Who should I choose?

Being informed about what each profession can offer is the best way to make an educated decision for your home. Each profession has their area of expertise and limitations. To determine who to work with, you must ask yourself what you want out of this process. A home renovation or rebuild is the biggest investment you will make, other than the property itself.

If you select the wrong professional it can have a damaging effect on the construction. This is not the place to save a few dollars. The right expert will provide you with great service, reduce building, running and maintenance costs and add value to the end result. Either way you are spending the money on that door, that wall, that piece of joinery. If designed with thought and skill, it will unlock an exceptional result and return on your investment. Below is a summary of key differences between each service:

Registered Architect	Building Designer / Draftsperson
University Bachelor's Degree, Master's Degrees and Architectural Registration	No mandatory higher qualifications
Minimum 2 years on-the-job experience	No minimum job experience required
Registered with State governing body, upholds the code of professional conduct	May or may not be part of an industry body
Must have liability insurances and complete annual continuing professional development (CPD)	Not required to hold professional indemnity insurance
Specialises in creative vision, technical knowledge, and solution-based design	Specialises in drawing and documentation
Produces comprehensive, detailed drawings	Draws plans to meet literal Client brief
Established network of professional relationships	Network for Clients, coordination may vary
Can assist from concept to completion	Typically involved in initial drawing stages
Produces bespoke designs tailored to Client	Designs and details may be replicated
Comfortable with larger or complex projects	Typically handles smaller projects
Vision can increase resale value	Focuses on efficient and practical design solutions
Involved in project management and contract administration	Typically do not project manage or administer the contract
Typically, a higher charge-out fee to reflect an elevated level of service, expertise, vision and longer engagement through the life of the project.	Typically, a lower charge-out fee to reflect differences in qualifications, a lighter level of service, stemming from varying expertise and project engagement.