

WHEN AM I REQUIRED TO HAVE MY BUILDING PLANS SEALED BY A PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER OR ARCHITECT?

All plans and specifications provided in a permit application shall be certified under the stamp and signature of an Architect in the case of architectural plans, or a Professional Engineer licensed or registered to practice in the Province of New Brunswick in the applicable engineering discipline, where the work described in the permit application pertains to a building or structure that:

- a) exceeds 600 square metres in building area or exceeds 3 storeys in building height; **or**
- b) is used for Group A (assembly occupancy), Group B (care or detention occupancy), Group F, Division 1, (high-hazard industrial occupancy); **or**
- c) is classified as a post-disaster building.

Work means the erecting, building, assembling, structurally altering, and additions.

Here are a few examples:

- Theatres (Group A)
- Churches and similar places of assembly (Group A)
- Restaurants and licensed beverage establishments (Group A)
- Dance Halls (Group A)
- Libraries (Group A)
- Arenas and Rinks (Group A)
- Nursing Homes (Group B)
- Police Station with detention quarters (Group B)
- Processing Plants (Group F-1)
- Ambulance Building (Post-Disaster Building)
- Emergency response facilities (Post-Disaster Buildings)

This is not an exhausted list, this is simply a list of the most common building/development uses that require all plans to be stamped and signed by a Professional Engineer or Architect.

If your project is not classified in one of the above groups, you may still require parts of your design to be stamped by a Professional Engineer or Architect. This occurs when the method of construction is not recognized by the National Building Code. Here are some examples:

- Residential Garage built "Slab on Grade" and over 55m² in area
- Additions to factory built houses, supported on blocking (No foundation below frostline)
- Additions connecting two or more types of foundations
- Log Homes
- Roof trusses

If your project is not found on this list, please contact the office at the following numbers to get clarification from a Building Inspector.

Miramichi: 506-778-5359

Doaktown: 506-365-7331 (May, June, July, August)

Toll Free: 1-855-647-5359