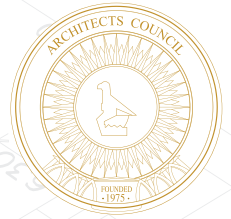


# ARCHITECTS COUNCIL OF ZIMBABWE



## PUBLIC NOTICE - WARNING OF UNQUALIFIED AND UNREGISTERED PERSONS PRACTICING AS ARCHITECTS

### ACT - SECTION 39 (1(a)) :

**“A person who is not a Registered Architect shall not perform the work of an Architect”**

**It is brought to the attention of the general public that unfortunately there are unqualified and unregistered people out there who are masquerading as Architects.**

Note that under the Architects Act (1980), no person other than a Registered Architect with the Architects Council of Zimbabwe, shall use the title and style of Architect and/or hold office as an Architect or carry out duties and functions of an Architect (by whatever name called) either in Government or in any other local body or Institution or in private organization. The only Architect in either name or function is a Registered Architect.

All such persons who are not currently registered with the Architects Council of Zimbabwe are encouraged to stop using the title and style of Architect and to desist from carrying out the duties and functions of an Architect with immediate effect.

The Architects Council of Zimbabwe is required, by law, to take legal action against any persons guilty of any misrepresentation, misuse of the title and style of Architect, and of unregistered or unqualified persons illegally practicing architecture.

The Architects Council has recently taken legal action against such a person who was illegally carrying out the work of an Architect. The result was a criminal conviction against that person.

Members of the public, contractors and professionals alike are encouraged to report any such illegal actions by unregistered persons to the Architects Council of Zimbabwe.

Furthermore, any persons who believe that they have the necessary educational qualifications and experience to complete their registration as an Architect are encouraged to contact the Architects Council of Zimbabwe to ascertain if they are able to become a registered Architect.

The general public are encouraged to choose a qualified and registered Architect for your next project.

Please contact the Architects Council of Zimbabwe at the address below if you have any further questions.

**Architects Council of Zimbabwe, July 2018**

## EXEMPTED AND NON-EXEMPTED WORK EXPLAINED

Note that the work of an Architect covers all nature of building works - **Public, Residential, Educational, Institutional, Commercial, Retail, Industrial and Healthcare projects of any size and complexity.**

However, The Third Schedule of The Architects Act (1980) sets out works as either being **EXEMPTED** or **NON-EXEMPTED** works.

**NON-EXEMPTED WORKS** refers to any work that legally requires the involvement of a Registered Architect. It is an offence for anyone who is not a REGISTERED Architect to carry out NON-EXEMPTED works.

Equally it is an offence for any REGISTERED Architect to submit works on behalf of an unregistered person.

**EXEMPTED WORKS** refers to any work that does NOT legally require the involvement of a Registered Architect.

**Exempted Works** are defined in Third Schedule of The Architects Act (1980) as the designing or supervision of the construction (or additions thereto) of the following:

**Pre-constructed roofs, kitchen fittings or such other components of buildings** as are sold in the ordinary course of business by suppliers of building materials or general merchants.

- Swimming pools, sauna or similar baths or structures accessory thereto
- Any **private dwelling-house** or of any addition to a private dwelling-house (which is defined as any self-contained dwelling house used or intended for use as a place of residence by one occupier and his household and any outbuildings or other structures ordinarily accessory thereto, **but does NOT include any building which consists of two or more semi-detached dwellings or residences (eg. flats or cluster developments)**)
- Any **single-storied building** (a) which is used or to be used as a factory as defined in subsection (2) of section 3 of the Factories and Works Act [Chapter 14:08]; and (b) the floor area of which **does not exceed 400 square metres**; or

of any addition thereto the floor area of which **does not exceed 400 square metres.**

- Any building which is situated or to be **situated on a farm**; and used or to be used primarily for agricultural or pastoral purposes or as (b) accommodation for an employee or the family of an employee; or of any addition thereto.
- Any building which is (a) situated or to be **situated on a mine**; and (b) for an employee or the family of an employee; used or to be used primarily for mining purposes or as accommodation for an employee of the family of an employee.
- Any building (a) which is used or to be **used as a school** in any area of **Communal Land**; and (b) the floor area of which **does not exceed 450 square metres**; or of any addition thereto the floor area of which **does not exceed 450 square metres.**
- Any building (a) which is **situated or to be situated on a farm or a mine or on Communal Land**; and (b) which is used or to be used for the purposes of trade or as a **beer-hall, recreational centre, medical or welfare clinic, court-house or administrative centre**; and (c) the floor area of which, together with any outbuildings or other structures accessory thereto, does not exceed 200 square metres; or of any addition thereto the floor area of which **does not exceed 200 square metres.**
- Any building which is situated or to be situated on **Communal Land**; and which is used or to be **used for the purpose of worship only**; and the floor area of which **does not exceed 250 square metres**; or of any addition thereto the floor area of which **does not exceed 250 square metres.**
- Any building which is situated or to be situated on **Communal Land**; and consists of a **single-storied semi-detached or terraced dwelling-house**; or of any addition thereto.
- Any building which is situated or to be situated on **Communal Land**; and prescribed by the Minister for the purposes of this paragraph; or of any addition thereto.

(for a full schedule of Exempted and Non-Exempted works visit [www.architects.org.zw](http://www.architects.org.zw) or consult The Architects Act (1980) Third Schedule)