

Designers & the AIBC

Since 2006, representatives of the design community have been part of the AIBC initiative to modernize the legislation governing the architectural profession. As part of the Joint Task Force for Legislative Change, they have demonstrated full support for the proposed changes as well as the movement of Building Designers Institute of British Columbia members to become AIBC registrants with specific associate membership categories for both Building Designers and Residential Designers.

- Applicants to the AIBC will be required to demonstrate their professional qualification through a combination of education, experience and examination.
- As AIBC registrants, they will have the categorizations and designations of Building Designer / BC.AIBC, Residential Designer / RD.AIBC, and Interior Designer / ID.AIBC. These titles and designation will be protected under the new legislation, along with titles and designations for architects and architectural technologists.
- AIBC members will be granted a license to practice either as individuals or as part of firms.
 - Scopes of practice will remain fundamentally unchanged from what exists under current legislation. Architects will continue to have access to practice across the full range of building types. No scopes of practice will be granted without demonstrated competency and the ability to meet the stringent entry and practice requirements of the profession.
- Under the proposed new legislation, many changes to the rights / obligations of a particular member category to agreed-upon scopes of practice cannot be made without a majority vote from the affected membership category. This will protect one's right of practice while also allowing for broadening of scope if feasible and supported.
- As associate members of the AIBC, Building Designers, Residential Designers and Interior Designers, differing only in the scope of practice they enjoy, will have all privileges and obligations that come with membership. They may, and are encouraged to, sit on the various AIBC volunteer boards and committees.
- AIBC Council has been expanded to include representation for Building Designers, Residential Designers and Interior Designers, as well as Architectural Technologists.