

PRACTICE BULLETIN: Stamping - Architectural design and construction documents for most types of new, expanded, and renovated building projects* must contain an Architect's Seal before being submitted for Approvals and Permits.

Don't Fall Victim for Design and Construction Documents that won't get you a Permit!

Architectural design and construction documents for most types of new, expanded, and renovated building projects* must contain an Architect's Seal before being submitted for Approvals and Permits. This seal signifies to authorities that the documents they are relying on to issue you Approvals and Permits have been properly prepared by a person who has met minimum qualifications, is insured for this type of work, meets continuing education requirements in the area of architecture, holds a license issued by the **Architects Licensing Board of Newfoundland and Labrador (ALBNL)**, and is permitted to offer and provide architectural services to the public as prescribed by the Architects Act 2008.



If you are approached by anyone who states they can provide you with architectural documents for your next building project, ask if they hold a license issued by the **Architects Licensing Board of Newfoundland and Labrador** first or check their status at <https://www.albnl.com/documents/documents/registry-of-license-holders/>.

Do not get caught paying for architectural documents that won't get you an Approval or a Permit and, in the event someone does provide you with architectural services who doesn't hold a license, the Act states that person is not entitled to recover their fee from you in a court of law.

*The Architects Act 2008 defines architectural services as those design and general review services needed for the construction, enlargement, or alteration of a building or part thereof. Section 35 of the Act contains exemptions for civil, structural, mechanical, and electrical engineering services and for smaller building projects such as some types of housing projects and some types of interior renovations to Part 9 buildings only. Refer to the Act for a complete list of exemptions by going to <https://www.albnl.com/documents/regulatory-requirements/the-architects-act-2008>.

The Architects Licensing Board of Newfoundland and Labrador (ALBNL) is a not-for-profit corporation, by authority of the Architects Act 2008, serves and protects the public by regulating the practice of architecture in the province. The **Board** consists of five elected license holders and two government appointed persons and aligns its actions with its mission of regulating architects to ensure the public receives highly skilled and ethical services.