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BULLETIN 32: “ARCHITECT” AND DERIVATIVE TITLES

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The *Architects Act* states as follows:

- “63 (1) Subject to this *Act*, a person not registered as a member or as an architectural firm must not use or be held out under the title “architect” or any similar title or description or use, and must not advertise or be held out under any name, title, addition or description implying, or likely to lead the public to infer, that a registration under this *Act* applies.
- (2) A person or architectural firm that does not hold a certificate of practice must not be held out or implied to hold a certificate of practice.
- (3) A person not licensed under this *Act* must not be held out or implied to be licensed under this *Act*.”

Further, in accordance with its powers under section 5 of the *Architects Act*, Council has ruled as follows:

1. For an individual who is **not** a member of the AIBC, the use of the following descriptive terms is **ACCEPTABLE**:
 - (a) “INTERN ARCHITECT” or “IA”(if such is the case);
 - (b) “HOLDER OF A DIPLOMA (OR DEGREE) IN ARCHITECTURE” and/or the use of the corresponding initials (if such is the case); e.g. B.Arch.
 - (c) “ARCHITECTURAL GRADUATE” (if such is the case);
 - (d) “HOUSE DESIGNER”
 - (e) “BUILDING DESIGNER”

 - (f) “REGISTERED ARCHITECT IN _____” (citing the pertinent province, state or country, if such is the case)
 - (g) “ARCHITECTURAL TECHNOLOGIST” or “AT.AIBC” (if registered as such with the AIBC)

- (h) “RETIRED ARCHITECT” or “ARCHITECT (RETIRED)” (if registered as such with the AIBC)
2. For an individual who is **not** a member of the AIBC, or for a business which does not hold an AIBC Certificate of Practice, the use of the following descriptive terms is **NOT ACCEPTABLE**:
- (a) “GRADUATE ARCHITECT”
 - (b) “ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN(ER)”
 - (c) “ARCHITECTURAL DRAFTSMAN” or “ARCHITECTURAL DRAFTSPERSON”
 - (d) “ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES”
 - (e) “DESIGN ARCHITECT”
 - (f) “PROJECT ARCHITECT”
 - (g) “RESEARCH ARCHITECT”
 - (h) “INTERIOR ARCHITECT”
 - (i) “ARCHITECTURAL REPRESENTATIVE”
 - (j) “ARCHITECTURAL CONSULTANT”
 - (k) “ARCHITECTONIC(S)”
 - (l) “ARCHITECTURAL TECHNICIAN”

The foregoing descriptive terms are provided to illustrate the Institute’s current policies and are not necessarily all-inclusive.