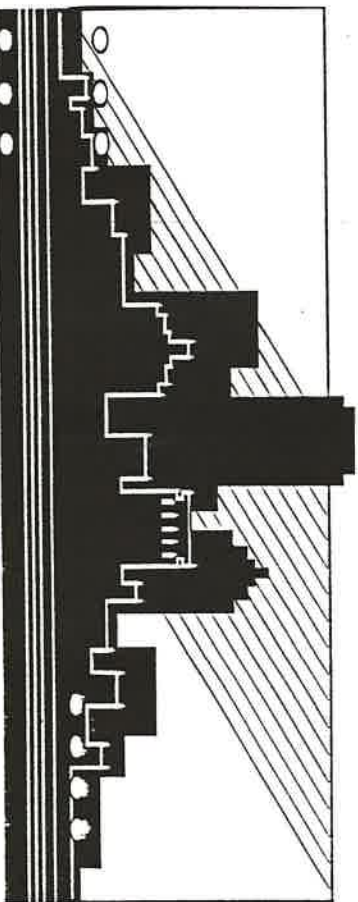


# DESIGN LIMITATIONS FOR PROFESSIONALS

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## UNLICENSED PERSONS

### Limited to design of:

- ⇒ Single-family dwellings of woodframe construction not more than two stories and a basement in height.
  - ⇒ Multiple dwellings containing no more than four dwelling units of woodframe construction not more than two stories and a basement in height. Not more than four dwelling units per lot.
  - ⇒ Garages or other structures appurtenant to other exempt buildings, of woodframe construction not more than two stories and a basement in height.
  - ⇒ Agricultural and ranch buildings of woodframe construction.\*
  - ⇒ Nonstructural or nonsiesmic store fronts, interior alterations or additions, fixtures, cabinetwork, furniture, or other appliances or equipment including nonstructural or nonseismic work necessary to provide for their installation.
  - ⇒ May not design any component that changes or affects the safety of any building, including but not limited to structural or seismic components.
- \* *Unless the building official having jurisdiction deems that an undue risk to the public health, safety, or welfare is involved.*
- NOTE:** Building officials may require plans, computations, and specifications to be prepared and designed by an engineer or architect licensed by the state to practice as such even if not required by state law.

### APPLICABLE STATUTES

Sections 5537, 5538, 6737.1 of Business & Professions Code

### STRUCTURAL ENGINEERS

No limitations; may design any building of any type.

### APPLICABLE STATUTES

Sections 6731, 6736, 5537.1 of Business & Professions Code

### CIVIL ENGINEERS

May design any building except: Hospitals  
Public Schools.

### APPLICABLE STATUTES

Section 129805 of Health & Safety Code  
Section 17302 of Education Code  
Sections 5537.5, 6731, 6735 of Business & Professions Code

### ARCHITECTS

May design any building of any type except: The structural portion of a hospital.

### APPLICABLE STATUTES

Section 129805 of Health & Safety Code  
Sections 5500.1, 6737 of Business & Professions Code