

# Is your architect registered with the Architects Registration Board?



## About the ARB and registered architects

THE ARCHITECTS Registration Board (ARB) is the independent statutory regulator of architects. The ARB is working to raise awareness of the fact that archi-

tecs are regulated.

Architect is a protected title under the 1997 Architects Act and for an individual to call him or herself an architect, he or she must be registered with the ARB.

Architects have to undertake many years

academic training and a period in industry and are rigorously tested to ensure they meet the required level to be registered.

Individuals who say that they provide architectural services may not be registered.

## About the Register

If you are considering undertaking a home

improvement project such as an extension or loft conversion the ARB recommends that you consider using a registered architect.

You can search the Register online at [www.arb.org.uk](http://www.arb.org.uk). The Register allows you to search by name or postcode.

If you use a registered architect then you know that the person you are using has un-

dertaken substantial training and has made a commitment to maintaining their competence to practice and holding adequate insurance.

You are completely within your rights to ask for evidence of these things.

The ARB also provides an avenue for complaints about an ar-

chitect's conduct or competence which can ultimately result in an architect being fined or, in extreme cases, struck off the statutory Register.

Karen Holmes the Deputy Registrar said, "We are delighted that the Cornish Times are taking this proactive

step to inform their readers about the Register of architects.

We are keen to encourage all consumers to consider using registered architects who have undertaken substantial training and who are bound by a code of conduct.

Your readers can

view the statutory Register online at [www.arb.org.uk](http://www.arb.org.uk) or they can phone us on 020 7580 5861 and one of our team will be happy to help them find an architect in their area or check to see if an individual they are considering using is on the statutory Register".



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