DESIGN LIMITATIONS
FOR PROFESSIONALS

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

CIVIL ENGINEERS
May design any building except:
Hospitals and Public Schools.

APPLICABLE STATUTES
Section 129805 of Health & Safety Code
Sections 5500.1, 6737 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

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.

APPLICABLE STATUTES
Sections 5537, 5538, 6737.1 of Business & Professions Code