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Young men and women who are contemplating Architectural careers can now learn more about what such a future holds for them in a recent booklet published by the American Institute of Architects entitled, "Designing a Better Tomorrow". Some of the highlights:

Educational Training: Formal requirements in the training of a successful Architect consist of a well-rounded high school education; five years of study in an Architectural college or university; and at least three years of experience in an Architectural office.

At this stage of development, the Architect is eligible to take the registration examination required by the state. Upon successful completion, the Architect obtains his license to practice Architecture. "Designing a Better Tomorrow" points out some basic essentials to achieve success as an Architect: hard work, a willingness to do research in human relations and technology, and the application of such knowledge in creating three-dimensional form.

Opportunity and Rewards. For those who seek artistic expression, service to humanity, and a stimulating and rewarding life, Architecture is one of the most attractive professions. Young Architects can be sure of the continuing need for their services. A massive $600 billion worth of building has been forecast for the next decade created by a backlog of public construction—schools, hospitals, public buildings, highways—left over from the World War II era.

For the young man or woman who has creative ability, enthusiasm and the capacity for hard work, the practice of Architecture offers a good income and the prestige that goes with an honored profession.

Persons who would like copies of "Designing a Better Tomorrow" for personal use or for distribution to schools, may obtain them by writing to the Chairman, Public Relations Committee, New Mexico Chapter, AIA, 350 East Palace Avenue, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

FACILITIES LICENSURE INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE

All hospitals, nursing homes, homes for the aged and child care facilities (such as kindergartens, nurseries and boarding schools) in New Mexico are required by law to be licensed. Qualifications for license include not only matters of direct care, but also specific requirements in the physical facilities.

Architects who are, or will be, working on layouts for any such structures will find themselves directly concerned with planning to meet licensure requirements.

Responsibility for licensing has been delegated to the Hospital Facilities Division of the New Mexico Department of Public Health in Santa Fe. Regulations governing each of the above-mentioned categories are available from the licensing division on request.

In the regulations, minimum standards are set forth for the safety and welfare of all persons cared for in licensed institutions. Physical requirements for buildings are spelled out, emphasizing the requirements of the State Building Code as to exit facilities and other features of layout and construction.

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When construction of new buildings, additions to existing buildings or material alterations are contemplated, plans and specifications should be submitted to the licensing agency to assure approval with respect to compliance with the regulations prior to actual construction. The plans and specifications must cover all portions of the work, and show the general arrangements of the building and the intended purpose and fixed equipment of each room.

Review of plans and specifications is made by the Hospital Facilities Division staff, which includes a licensed architect and professional nurses, and by other members of the New Mexico Department of Public Health. The reviewing board is available for consultation, direction and interpretation of the regulations.

All pertinent information can be obtained from the office of Louise W. Masters, director of the Hospital Facilities Division, New Mexico Department of Public Health, P. O. Box 741, Santa Fe, New Mexico.