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JOB PROFILE

Architect

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Construction & building trades · ISCO-08 2161

Architects design houses, offices, schools, hotels and other buildings. They turn what a client needs into drawings and plans, and they check that the building is built the way it was designed. The national plan aimed to offer a degree in architecture at the national university by 2020.

TRAIN IN TIMOR	**To confirm** A degree was planned for UNTL
COURSE LENGTH	**To confirm** No published source yet
IN TIMOR	**To confirm** No demand data for Timor yet
ABROAD	**No official programme yet** Australia: any job with an offer
PAY IN TIMOR	**US$292 / month** Average for all professionals in Timor-Leste, not this job alone (Labour Force Survey 2021)

WHAT YOU DO

Listen and plan: Meet clients to learn what they need and can afford; Visit and study the site; Check the building rules that apply.

Design: Sketch ideas and make models; Draw detailed plans, often on a computer; Choose materials that suit the climate and budget.

Work with others: Work with engineers, surveyors and builders; Prepare documents for permits and tenders; Explain the design to the client and the team.

Follow the building: Visit the site while it is built; Check the work matches the plans; Advise on repairing and restoring old buildings.

Based on the ILO description of ISCO-08 unit group 2161, Building architects.

WHERE YOU WORK

Design offices (Drawings, models and meetings); Construction companies (Houses, offices and hotels); Government (Public buildings and planning); Heritage and culture (The plan supports restoring traditional buildings).

Most of your time is in an office, at a desk and a computer. You also visit building sites and meet clients.

The national plan wants traditional building forms, such as the sacred houses, to be respected when new infrastructure is built. Sacred houses have already been restored in four districts.

There is no published data yet on how many architects Timor-Leste needs.

IS IT FOR ME?

You are good at: Drawing, Maths and geometry, Imagining spaces in 3D, Listening to clients, Explaining your ideas.

You like: Buildings and design, Art and culture, Computers and design software, Seeing your ideas built.

Good maths and drawing at secondary school help, and English or Portuguese helps with books and software.

TRAIN FOR IT IN TIMOR-LESTE

- **Degree in architecture, national university** · A 2020 target in the national plan. Whether it runs now: to confirm.
- **Faculdade de Engenharia, Ciência e Tecnologia, UNTL** · National university engineering faculty. Whether it teaches architecture: to confirm.

Where to study, course length and fees: to confirm. Studying abroad is another path; we have no source on it yet. The directory never shows a course or a number without a source.

WHERE IT LEADS

- **Civil-engineering technician** · A related start: drawing plans on site (ISCO 3112)
- **Architect** · University degree in architecture
- **Senior architect** · Leads bigger projects after years of experience
- **Your own architecture studio** · Startups of Timor helps you start one

WORK ABROAD, SAFELY

- **Australia: Pacific Engagement Visa** · There is no official programme that sends Timorese architects abroad yet. Australia's Pacific Engagement Visa allows any occupation, but you need a job offer first.

Never pay a fixer. Join only through SEFOPE, the Timor-Leste government office for work abroad. No one can sell you a place, and a real overseas job never asks you for a recruitment fee.

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