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# Naval Architecture Area of Practice / Area of Engineering

Naval architecture deals with the safe design and specification of marine vessels and structures. The naval architect can also be involved in the construction, repair, refit or operation of such marine vessels and structures.

Some of the indicative activities that may be undertaken when practising naval architecture are:

- construction and repair
- consulting and surveying
- design and documentation
- education and training
- marketing and sales
- operation and maintenance
- project management
- regulation and legislation
- research and development
- risk management and quality assurance.

These activities could take place in any of the following naval architecture domains:

- general marine vessels
- merchant shipping
- offshore structures
- submarines
- warships.

To find out more about naval architecture visit our [Engineering communities](#) page.

## How to apply

Naval architecture is an area of practice available to those who want to become Chartered and is available to all occupational categories. Learn more about becoming [Chartered](#) and how to apply.

If you want to add naval architecture as an additional area of practice, [email](#) us to enquire about the process.

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## Registration eligibility

Naval architects may need to hold statutory registration in an Area of Engineering in accordance with relevant legislation. Check the [State registration](#) page for more information.