

AIA Iowa

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AIA Iowa Designation Glossary

The following explanations may be helpful for your understanding as you work with AIA Architects, Associates and Local Allied Members.

AIA Member (AIA-M)

A licensed architect who is entitled under state law to practice architecture. Good standing in the profession and in the community shall be demonstrated. Architect Members may use, in connection with their names and titles, "Architect Member of the American Institute of Architects." The acronym AIA is copyrighted and its specific use is limited to an individual architect member. This designation following the name means that the architect is a member in good standing of the American Institute of Architects.

Associate AIA Member (Assoc. AIA)

An Associate member is an individual without architectural license who meets any of the following requirements:

- Employed under the supervision of an architect in a professional or technical capacity;
- Enrolled or participating in circumstances toward licensure
- Faculty member in a university program in architecture;
- Is eligible by education or experience and is in circumstances recognized by licensing authorities as constituting credit toward architectural license;
- Has a professional degree in architecture; or
- Has an architectural license or the equivalent from a non-licensing authority and demonstrates honorable standing in the profession in the local component in which he/she is licensed. Such person may be a resident within or outside the United States.

AIA Fellow Member (FAIA-M)

These initials signify that an individual architect has become elevated to a Fellow in the American Institute of Architects. It means that a jury of peers has examined the architect for extraordinary accomplishments and exceptions.

AIA Emeritus Member (AIA-E)

AIA Emeritus Member signifies that an architect member has maintained membership for 15 successive years and has reached the age of 70; or has reached the age of 60 and is fully retired from the profession; or is incapacitated and unable to work in the profession.

Professional Affiliate Member (PA)

This member is a professional affiliated within the area of design.

Honorary Member (Hon. AIA or Hon. AIA Iowa)

This is a member outside of the profession that membership has been bestowed upon.

Allied Member

Allied Members are individuals employed outside of the architectural practice, but involved in a position allied to the field of architecture.

Note: Architect members with the AIA or FAIA designation after their name are licenses as an architect in at least one state. To verify licensure in the State of Iowa, visit the Iowa Architectural Examining Board website at www.state.ia.us/government/com/prof/home.html.