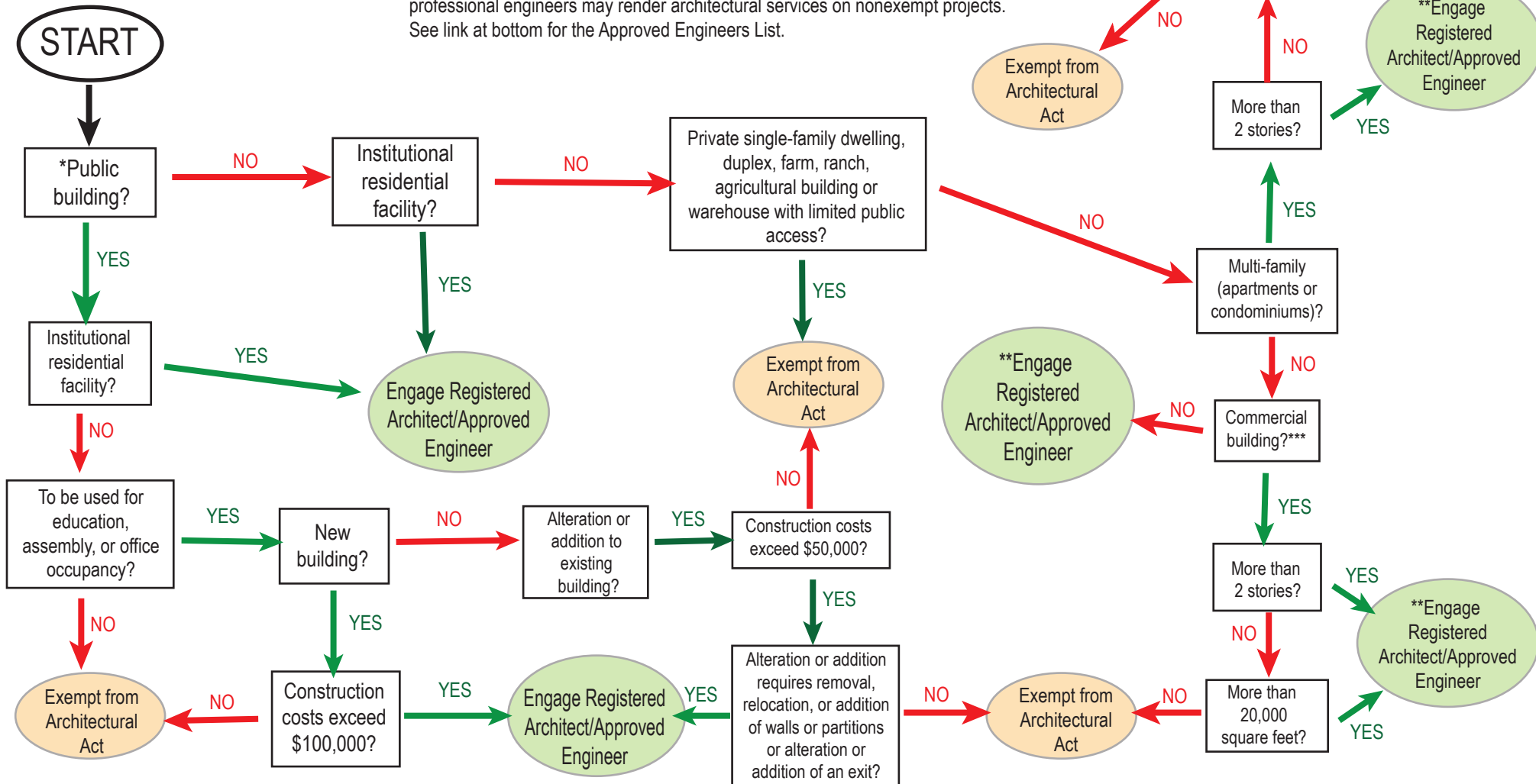


When to Engage an Architect or Approved Engineer for Design and Construction Observation

Note: An unlicensed person who wishes to offer or perform design services pursuant to any of the exemptions must not use any form of the word “architect” in connection with the offer or performance of design services. Pursuant to HB 2284 (82nd Texas Legislature, effective September 1, 2011), a limited number of professional engineers may render architectural services on nonexempt projects. See link at bottom for the Approved Engineers List.



* “Public Building” means any building that is owned by a State agency, a political subdivision of the State, or any other public entity in Texas.

** If a project involves only the alteration of an existing building and the alteration does not involve a substantial structural or exitway change to the building, the project is exempt from the architectural act.

*** “Commercial building” means an enclosed structure primarily used for the purchase, sale, or exchange of commodities or services.

List of Approved Engineers, pursuant to HB 2284: <https://www.tbae.texas.gov/Content/documents/Home/ApprovedEngineerList.pdf>

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