

Glossary of AIA Designations

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

AIA

Any architect who is currently entitled under state law to practice architecture is eligible to be an Architect Member. 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.

FAIA

These initials signify that an individual architect has become 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-Member Emeritus

AIA-Member Emeritus 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.

Associate AIA (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;
- 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.

Allied Membership

The AIA Honolulu Chapter includes a category for **Local Allied Member of AIA Honolulu**. This membership category was created to promote communication among all members of the design and construction team. An individual Allied Member is a construction industry teammate. Allied Membership is open to mechanical, electrical, and structural engineers, planners, landscape architects, sculptors, muralists, artists, interior designers and those in government, education, journalism, manufacturing industry, law and other fields allied to architecture.