



Division of the State Architect (DSA)



Fast Facts

- Oversees construction plans for public schools and state facilities.
- Certifies school construction inspectors and access specialists.

The Division of the State Architect provides design and construction oversight for state-owned facilities and public schools. The Division of the State Architect:

- Reviews design and construction of K-12 public schools and community colleges to ensure that they comply with all structural, accessibility, and fire and life safety codes and laws.
- Administers the DSA Project Inspector Examination that all inspectors for school projects must pass in order to become certified. Approval by a DSA regional office must be obtained before a certified inspector is permitted to work on a project.
- Is responsible for the Certified Access Specialist program (CAsp) that trains individuals to inspect buildings and sites for compliance with applicable state and federal construction-related accessibility standards. Having a business/property reviewed by a Certified Access Specialist shows that an organization cares about ensuring equal access and intends to follow the law.
- Develops and maintains accessibility and historical buildings standards and codes utilized in public and private buildings throughout California.
- Helps school districts design energy-efficient and environmentally sustainable facilities.