

The South African Council for the Architectural Profession (SACAP) publishes a fee tariff for Professional Architectural Services on an annual basis.

This tariff, the basis of our professional fee, is divided into sections based on project value. Naturally once the base fee is determined, negotiations with the client commence to determine a final professional fee.

Architects may also charge a professional fee on an hourly basis, the rate is determined by the architects experience in the industry.

The professional fee is generally not paid as a lump sum by the client but is broken up into smaller sums due at the completion of each of the six work stages.

A lot of times clients rush for the cheapest draughtsman they can find, this is a risky option, you generally get what you pay for.

We get approached on numerous occasions to 'fix' inadequate or incomplete designs by clients who initially opted for the cheapest option which ends up costing more as they end up paying twice for the same project.

SOUTH AFRICAN COUNCIL FOR THE ARCHITECTURAL PROFESSION (SACAP) RECOMMENDED FEE TARIFF FOR PROFESSIONAL ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES BOARD NOTICE 194 OF 2011 effective 1 January 2012		
COST BRACKET	COST OF PROJECT excluding VAT	FEE excluding VAT Base + percentage of Project Cost
1	R 1 to 600000	12.50%
2	R 600 001 to R 1 200 000	R 15 000 +10.00%
3	R 1 200 001 to R 2 400 000	R 45 000 + 7.50%
4	R 2 400 001 to R 4 800 000	R 51 000 + 7.25%
5	R 4 800 001 to R 9 600 000	R 63 000 + 7.00%
6	R 9 600 001 to R 19 200 000	R 87 000 + 6.75%
7	R 19 200 001 to R 38 400 000	R 135 000 + 6.50%
8	R 38 400 001 to R 76 800 000	R 231 000 + 6.25%
9	R 76 800 001 to R 153 600 000	R 423 000 + 6.00%
10	R 153 600 001 to R 307 200 000	R 807 000 + 5.75%
11	R 307 200 001 to R 614 400 000	R 1 575 000 + 5.50%
12	Over R 614 400 001	5,75%

