



Architects
Registration Board
of Victoria



A residential building company from Mitcham was convicted of charges laid by the ARBV following investigation of the company's representations that it was an architect and able to provide architectural services.

On 26 June 2019, the company was fined \$1500 for each of three offences under the *Architects Act 1991*.

The company did not hold approval with the ARBV to provide architectural services, nor did the director hold registration with the ARBV as an architect.

Magistrate Gilligan determined that the offences were of a serious nature and commented that they are absolute liability offences.

The use of the title 'architect' is protected by law, only people, companies or partnerships registered or approved with the ARBV may use the title.

Other defined terms are also restricted by the legislation.

Architects registered with the ARBV have attained the necessary qualifications, completed practical experience, attained a satisfactory standard of practice and hold required professional indemnity insurance.