

**Opinion No. 42-4177**

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**BY:** EDWARD P. CHASE, Attorney General

**TO:** Mr. W. C. Kruger, Secretary New Mexico Board of Examiners for Architects P. O. Box 308 Santa Fe, New Mexico

{\*271} Information has been requested concerning whether the practice of architecture is permissible in the State of New Mexico to citizens of foreign countries under the same conditions as those applicable to American citizens, or if citizens of foreign countries are subject to any particular regulations.

We have carefully examined pertinent statutes relative to the practice of architecture, and have been unable to find any statutory provision which in any way refers to the citizenship of the individual requesting to be registered.

Therefore, in our opinion, it is immaterial that a particular applicant might not be a citizen of the United States, if he meets the other requirements of the Board. However, architects who are not citizens are not eligible to be members of the State Board of Examiners for Architects, as specifically stated by Chapter 82, Section 2 D, Laws of 1939, this is the only discrimination that our statute provides against those who are not citizens of the United States.

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