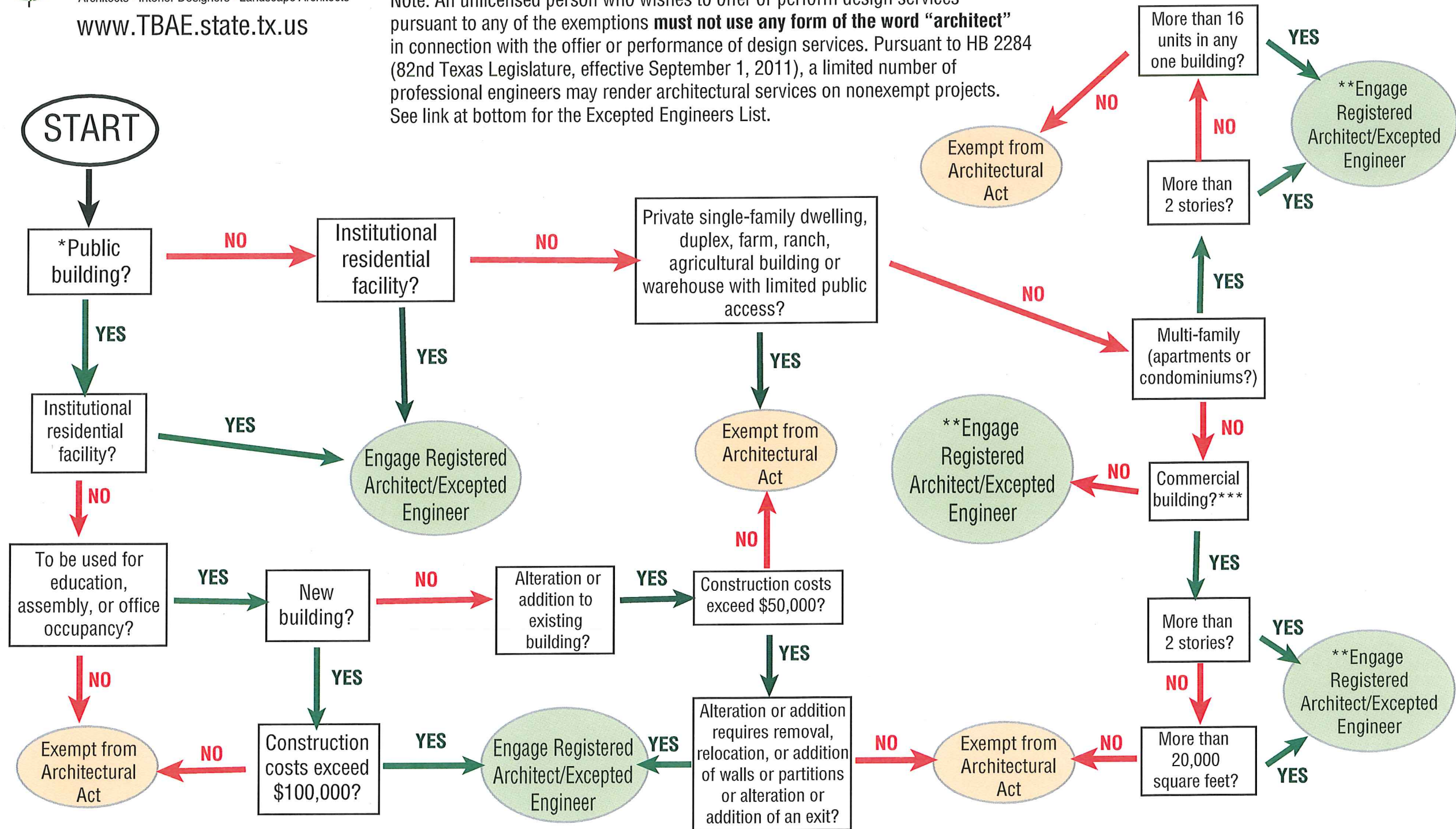




When to Engage an Architect or Excepted Engineer for Design and Construction Observation

Note: An unlicensed person who wishes to offer or perform design services pursuant to any of the exemptions **must not use any form of the word "architect"** in connection with the offer or performance of design services. Pursuant to HB 2284 (82nd Texas Legislature, effective September 1, 2011), a limited number of professional engineers may render architectural services on nonexempt projects. See link at bottom for the Excepted Engineers List.



* "Public Building" means any building that is owned by a State agency, a political subdivision of the State, or any other public entity in Texas.

** If a project involves only the alteration of an existing building and the alteration does not involve a substantial structural or exitway change to the building, the project is exempt from the architectural act.

*** "Commercial building" means an enclosed structure primarily used for the purchase, sale, or exchange of commodities or services.