



Guidance Notes

Overview of RIBA Stages

The RIBA Plan of Work consists of **8 stages** that provide a structured approach to managing architectural projects from inception to completion. Each stage has specific objectives and tasks that guide architects, clients, and other stakeholders throughout the project lifecycle.

Breakdown of RIBA Stages

Stage Number	Stage Name	Description
Stage 0	Strategic Definition	Establishes project goals, feasibility, and initial requirements.
Stage 1	Preparation and Brief	Develops a detailed project brief and plan based on client aspirations and requirements.
Stage 2	Concept Design	Transforms ideas into initial architectural concepts, considering site conditions and regulations.
Stage 3	Spatial Coordination	Ensures all design elements work together and meet planning requirements.
Stage 4	Technical Design	Produces detailed drawings and specifications necessary for construction.
Stage 5	Construction	Oversees the actual building process, ensuring adherence to design and quality standards.
Stage 6	Handover	Completes the project and hands it over to the client, ensuring all specifications are met.
Stage 7	In Use	Monitors the building's performance post-occupancy, evaluating its effectiveness and user satisfaction.