

The National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) is a global leader in architectural regulation, dedicated to helping professionals reach their career goals, providing key data about the path to licensure, and protecting the public's health, safety, and welfare.

We are a nonprofit organization made up of the architectural licensing boards of 55 states and territories. While each jurisdiction is responsible for regulating the practice of architecture within its borders, NCARB develops and administers national programs for licensure candidates and architects to ensure they have the mobility to go wherever their career takes them.

To accomplish this, NCARB recommends and encourages national requirements for architectural licensure. We develop and recommend standards for the 55 licensing boards, who then issue licenses to applicants who meet their specific registration requirements.

NCARB SERVICES

NCARB exists to help you advance from student to practicing architect, so our services span the many phases of your career—think of us as your professional guide. Whether you're navigating the Architectural Experience Program® (AXP®), completing the Architect Registration Examination® (ARE®), or earning your NCARB Certificate, NCARB is here to help.

And with our secure digital filing system, we can store all your major milestones, including official transcripts, employment history, examination successes, and more—a safe record of all of your achievements and accomplishments, ready to be sent to the jurisdiction of your choice.

NCARB MISSION

NCARB, in collaboration with licensing boards, facilitates the licensure and credentialing of architects to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public.



Following initial licensure, obtaining an NCARB Certificate ensures you can get the most out of your career in architecture. It provides mobility and signifies that you have met the national standards that guide the 55 licensing boards. With an NCARB Certificate in hand, it's simpler to get licensed across jurisdictions—allowing you the freedom and flexibility to pursue your career and connect with clients regardless of location.

NCARB CREDENTIAL

Obtaining and maintaining an NCARB Certificate demonstrates that you've met national standards. You can now use the letters "NCARB" after your name.

RECIPROCITY

The Certificate streamlines the process for obtaining a license in a new jurisdiction.

MOBILITY

Gaining reciprocity in multiple jurisdictions allows you the freedom to go wherever the work takes you.

COMPETITIVE EDGE

Setting yourself apart from other architects can be C BT0 (an be C 1en-US)/MCIDnC /P /Lang (en-US)/MCIMC Tf-0.0uUo w



1. ESTABLISH YOUR NCARB RECORD

To create your NCARB Record, go to the [Licensure](#) section on www.ncarb.org, and click on “Create New Account.” Once you have established your account, add the NCARB Record service. If you are interrupted in the process or need additional information to complete the application, you can save it and return later. In order to receive your NCARB Record number, you must complete the application and submit payment. Once you click “Submit,” you will receive two emails. The first will confirm receipt of your payment. The second will assign your NCARB Record number and provide further instructions.

If you have applied for an NCARB Record in the past, please do not reapply. You should reactivate your existing Record by going to [Licensure](#) online and selecting the Annual Renewal option.

MAINTAINING YOUR NCARB RECORD

You must maintain an active Record to maintain an active NCARB Certificate. You must renew your NCARB Record annually by completing an annual renewal form and submitting a fee.

All renewals and reactivations can be submitted online through My NCARB. Notify NCARB promptly of any change to your mailing and email address or update your account through “My NCARB.” Monitor your NCARB Record status online through My NCARB. This will allow you to make sure processes are taking place in a timely manner.

ALREADY HAVE A RECORD?

If you already have an NCARB Record, you can apply for the NCARB Certificate by clicking the “Certify Me” button in your Record, adding your license to the “Registration” tab, or by contacting [Customer Support](#).

NCARB FEES

Please refer to the NCARB schedule of fees on our [Fees](#) page for establishing and maintaining your NCARB Record. All fees are subject to change and are non-refundable unless otherwise noted.

Throughout your career, your Record becomes a detailed, verified account of your education, experience, and examination used to establish qualification for licensure and certification. Your NCARB Record is confidential and maintained on a secure server. The contents may only be discussed with the Record holder directly or provided to the registration board identified by the Record holder.

Establishing a Record is essential for documenting the AXP and accessing the ARE. Your NCARB Record gives you access to the online reporting system for the timely and accurate reporting of AXP experience. It is also the first step for those seeking eligibility to take the ARE, or for foreign-educated applicants who are having their education evaluated through the Education Evaluation Services for Architects (EESA).



4. CERTIFICATION

By earning the NCARB Certificate, NCARB recommends to all registration authorities that you be granted registration without further qualification. All U.S. and Canadian jurisdictions recognize the NCARB Certificate as conclusive evidence of your eligibility for registration. You must be registered in a jurisdiction before you are qualified to practice there.

The NCARB Certificate is an individual credential. By obtaining and maintaining the NCARB Certificate, you have demonstrated that you have met the established standards for certification. Once you have obtained an NCARB Certificate, you may use the letters "NCARB" after your name. Please note, the NCARB logo is reserved solely for

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5. TRANSMITTAL OF YOUR NCARB CERTIFICATE



The following requirements for NCARB certification may only be changed by an absolute majority vote of the NCARB Member Boards. Such change becomes effective July 1 following the close of the Annual Business Meeting, or such later date identified in the change, and applies both to applications for certification in process and new applications. If applicants whose applications were in process met all certification requirements that existed prior to the change, they will be eligible for certification. Applicants who fail to complete the NCARB certification process within five years will not be considered “in process” and will be required to satisfy current certification requirements.

CHANGES TO THE NCARB EDUCATION STANDARD AND THE AXP

A change in the [NCARB Education Standard](#) or the AXP becomes effective on the date of the change as described in a notice given to all Member Boards, at which time such change shall also be posted on NCARB’s website. The effective date shall be a minimum of 60 days after the date of such notice. Any change in the [CA B • , , • •](#) and the AXP applies both to Records in process and new Records. An existing Record holder who has satisfied the [CA B • , , • •](#) and/or the AXP prior to the effective date of the change shall be treated as having satisfied either or both.

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1.5 REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT

You must hold a current and valid registration to practice architecture issued by an NCARB Member Board.

1.6 GENERAL

In evaluating qualifications, NCARB may, prior to certification, require you to substantiate the quality and character of your experience, even if you have met the technical requirements set forth above.



2.1 GOOD CHARACTER

You must be of good character as verified by employers and an NCARB Member Board where you are registered.

2.2 ALTERNATIVES TO THE EDUCATION REQUIREMENT

If you do not hold a professional degree in architecture as identified in Section 1.2, NCARB will accept either of the following:

- A. Continuous licensure as an architect for the last three (3) consecutive years in any U.S. jurisdiction with no disciplinary action from any jurisdiction; and Documentation of experience gained pre-licensure and/or post-licensure. The experience must be verified either by a supervisor as allowed by the NCARB Architectural Experience Program or by an architect familiar with the work of the applicant:
1. Architects who hold a four-year bachelor's degree that includes significant coursework in architecture (as determined by NCARB) awarded by a U.S. regionally accredited institution or the Canadian equivalent must document two times (2x) the experience requirement of the NCARB Architectural Experience Program.

- B. Architects may obtain an Education Evaluation Services for Architects (EESA) NCARB evaluation report stating that he/she has met the CA B

The NCARB Architectural Experience Program is described in the [AXP Guidelines](#). The CA B is described in the [Education Guidelines](#). These documents may be revised from time to time by NCARB.

2.3 ALTERNATIVES TO THE EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENT

In lieu of completing the Experience Requirement identified in Section 1.3, NCARB will accept registration by an NCARB Member Board for at least five consecutive years together with a certification by the applicant that his or her experience as a registered architect met the intent of the AXP in each of the experience areas, and verification by one or more other architects that the applicant obtained such experience. This alternative shall not apply to applicants initially registered after January 1, 2011.

2.4 ALTERNATIVES TO THE EXAMINATION REQUIREMENT

If you fail to meet the examination requirement identified in Section 1.4, you may still be certified in the following circumstances:

- A. If your examination deficiency arose from causes other than having failed a division of an examination under applicable NCARB pass/fail standards, and the deficiency is, in NCARB’s judgment, compensated for by your dem06. 368.0F(e fr)372 81.5 368.02 6d235 (ol)-1 (me (xperienc)20 . f)25 (or)-10 ()TJETEMC /P /Lang6(en-US)/



SECTION 4



A “Foreign Architect” is an individual who holds a current registration in good standing in a country other than the United States or Canada at the time of application, which allows such individual to use the title “architect” and to engage in the unlimited practice of architecture (defined as the ability to provide any architectural services on any type of building in any state, province, territory, or other political subdivision of their national jurisdiction) in that country. A “current registration” may include a license that is eligible for reinstatement upon re-establishment of residency, and/or payment of fees.

4.1 GENERAL

A foreign architect may be granted an NCARB Certificate by meeting the requirements set forth in Section 1, under a mutual recognition agreement ratified by the Member Boards, or under the procedures set forth in this section. NCARB recommends registration be granted to the NCARB Certificate holder by any NCARB Member Board without further examination of credentials.

4.2 EDUCATION REQUIREMENT

You must hold a recognized education credential in an architecture program that leads to a license/credential for the unlimited practice of architecture in the foreign country. You are required to describe such program or submit information describing the program from the accreditation/validation/recognition authority. You are required to have an official transcript of your educational record sent directly to NCARB from the school. Where there is doubt about the nature of the professional degree, an Educational Evaluation Services for Architects (EESA) evaluation may be required.

4.3 REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT

You must be credentialed in a foreign country that has a formal record-keeping mechanism for disciplinary actions in the practice of architecture. You are required to describe the process by which you were credentialed or submit information describing the credentialing process from the credentialing authority that granted the credential, and to arrange for independent verification by the credentialing authority directly to NCARB showing that your credential has been granted and is currently in good standing. You are also required to describe the process by which and the reasons for which disciplinary actions may be taken against architects and the system in which these actions are recorded, or to submit information provided by the disciplinary authority in this regard. You shall secure a written statement from your credentialing authority stating that you either have no record of a disciplinary action or if such record exists, describing such action and its current status. This statement must be sent directly to NCARB from the credentialing authority.

SECTION 4 (CONTINUED)

4.4 EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENT

You must document completion of the NCARB Architectural Experience Program® (AXP™).

4.5 EXAMINATION REQUIREMENT

You must pass the Architect Registration Examination® (ARE®).

1. The Member Board has revoked (without limitation as to time) your registration for a cause other than non-payment of renewal fees or failure to file information with the Member Board; or

2. Facts are subsequently revealed that show you were actually ineligible for the Certificate at the time of certification.

REVOKING A CERTIFICATE

NCARB will revoke your Certificate if:

- A Member Board has revoked (without limitation as to time) your registration for a cause other than non-payment of renewal fees or failure to file information with the Member Board; or
- Facts are subsequently revealed that show you were actually ineligible for the Certificate at the time of certification.

NCARB may revoke your Certificate if:

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DESCRIPTION

The content of the Architect Registration Examination (ARE) is based on the knowledge and skills required of a newly registered architect, practicing independently, to provide architectural services. The ARE evaluates an applicant's competence in the provision of architectural services to protect the public health, safety, and welfare.

To begin taking the ARE, an applicant shall have fulfilled all requirements for eligibility established by his or her jurisdiction and shall have established an NCARB Record. To complete the ARE, an applicant must achieve a passing grade on each division.

FIVE-YEAR ROLLING CLOCK

For all initial candidates for licensure, a passing grade for any division of the ARE shall be valid for an initial period of five years, plus any extension granted under the rolling clock extension policy, after which time the division will

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Applicants for NCARB certification that completed a previous version of the ARE must have passed examination equivalents equal to those of the current ARE as defined below. Applicants that do not achieve all examination equivalents shall be required to pass the unachieved division(s) identified to meet the examination requirement for the NCARB Certificate.

Practice Management (ARE 5.0) _____ Project Management (ARE 5.0) are satisfied by successfully completing one examination in each of the following _____ groups:

APPENDIX B (CONTINUED)

Project Planning & Design (ARE 5.0) is satisfied by successfully completing one examination in each of the following groups:

GROUP 1:

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| 1. Site Planning & Design (ARE 4.0) | (2008-2018) |
| 2. Site Planning | (1997-2009) ¹ |
| 3. Division B (Written and Graphic) of the ARE | (1988-1996) |
| 4. Division B of the ARE | (1983-1987) |
| 5. Professional Examination—Section A | (1979-1982) |
| 6. Qualifying Test E and F | (1977-1978) |
| 7. Equivalency Examination III | (1973-1976) |
| 8. Examination Syllabus D | (1954-1975) |
| 9. Section 8 of the CALE | (1987-1989) |

GROUP 2:

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| 1. Building Design & Construction Systems (ARE 4.0) | (2008-2018) |
| 2. Building Design/Materials & Methods | (1997-2009) |
| 3. Division H of the ARE | (1983-1996) |
| 4. Professional Examination—Section B, Part III | (1978-1982) |
| 5. Qualifying Test C | (1978-1982) |
| 6. Professional Examination Part III | (1973-1977) |
| 7. Equivalency Examination II | (1974-1976) |
| 8. Examination Syllabus F | (1954-1975) |
| 9. Section 5 of the CALE | (1987-1989) |

GROUP 3:

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| 1. Building Design & Construction Systems (ARE 4.0) | (2008-2018) |
| 2. Building Technology | (1997-2009) ² |
| 3. Division C of the ARE | (1983-1996) |
| 4. Professional Examination—Section A | (1979-1982) |
| 5. Qualifying Test E and F | (1977-1978) |
| 6. Equivalency Examination III | (1973-1976) |
| 7. Examination Syllabus E | (1954-1975) |
| 8. Section 9 of the CALE | (1987-1989) |

GROUP 4:

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|---|-------------|
| 1. Structural Systems (ARE 4.0) | (2008-2018) |
| 2. General Structures | (1997-2009) |
| 3. Division D/F of the ARE | (1988-1996) |
| 4. Divisions D and F of the ARE | (1983-1987) |
| 5. Professional Examination—Section B, Part III | (1979-1982) |
| 6. Qualifying Test B | (1977-1982) |
| 7. Professional Examination Part III | (1973-1978) |
| 8. Equivalency Examination II | (1973-1976) |
| 9. Examination Syllabus G | (1954-1975) |
| 10. Section 1 of the CALE | (1989) |
| 11. Sections 1 and 3 of the CALE | (1987-1988) |

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GROUP 5:

1. Structural Systems (ARE 4.0)	(2008-2018)
2. Lateral Forces	(1997-2009)
3. Division E of the ARE	(1983-1996)
4. Professional Examination—Section B, Part III	(1978-1982)
5. Qualifying Test B	(1977-1982)
6. Professional Examination Part III	(1973-1978)
7. Equivalency Examination II	(1973-1976)
8. Examination Syllabus G	(1965-1975)
9. Section 2 of the CALE	(1987-1989)

GROUP 6:

1. Building Systems (ARE 4.0)	(2008-2018)
2. Mechanical & Electrical Systems	(1997-2009)
3. Division G of the ARE	(1983-1996)
4. Professional Examination—Section B, Part III	(1978-1982)
5. Qualifying Test D	(1977-1982)
6. Professional Examination Part III	(1973-1978)
7. Equivalency Examination II	(1973-1976)
8. Examination Syllabus I	(1954-1975)
9. Section 4 of the CALE	(1987-1989)

GROUP 7:

1. Schematic Design (ARE 4.0)	(2008-2018)
2. Building Planning	(1997-2009) ²
3. Division C of the ARE	(1983-1996)
4. Professional Examination—Section A	(1979-1982)
5. Qualifying Test E and F	(1977-1978)
6. Equivalency Examination III	(1973-1976)
7. Examination Syllabus E	(1954-1975)
8. Section 9 of the CALE	(1987-1989)

Project Development & Documentation (ARE 5.0) is satisfied by successfully completing one examination in each of the following _____ groups:

GROUP 1:

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| 1. Construction Documents & Services (ARE 4.0) | (2008-2018) |
| 2. Construction Documents & Services – ARE 3.1 and prior computer-based versions | (1997-2009) |
| 3. Division I of the ARE | (1983-1996) |
| 4. Professional Examination—Section B, Part IV | (1978-1982) |
| 5. Professional Examination Part IV | (1973-1977) |
| 6. Examination Syllabus H | (1954-1975) |
| 7. Section 6 of the CALE | (1987-1989) |

GROUP 2:

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| 1. Construction Documents & Services (ARE 4.0) | (2008-2018) |
| 2. Building Technology | (1997-2009) |
| 3. Division C of the ARE | (1983-1996) |
| 4. Professional Examination—Section A | (1979-1982) |
| 5. Qualifying Test E and F | (1977-1978) |
| 6. Equivalency Examination III | (1973-1976) |
| 7. Examination Syllabus E | (1954-1975) |
| 8. Section 9 of the CALE | (1987-1989) |

GROUP 3:

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| 1. Building Design & Construction Systems (ARE 4.0) | (2008-2018) |
| 2. Building Design/Materials & Methods | (1997-2009) |
| 3. Division H of the ARE | (1983-1996) |
| 4. Professional Examination—Section B, Part III | (1978-1982) |
| 5. Qualifying Test C | (1978-1982) |
| 6. Professional Examination Part III | (1973-1977) |
| 7. Equivalency Examination II | (1974-1976) |
| 8. Examination Syllabus F | (1954-1975) |
| 9. Section 5 of the CALE | (1987-1989) |

GROUP 5:

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|---|-------------|
| 1. Structural Systems (ARE 4.0) | (2008-2018) |
| 2. Lateral Forces | (1997-2009) |
| 3. Division E of the ARE | (1983-1996) |
| 4. Professional Examination—Section B, Part III | (1978-1982) |
