Inside NCARB
IDP, ARE, Licensure & Certification

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What is NCARB?

The National Council of Architectural Registration Boards, a nonprofit organization, is a federation of 54 architectural licensing boards of the United States.

NCARB is responsible for establishing, interpreting, and enforcing national standards for architectural licensure.

NCARB Office

- 90+ staff members (including architects)
- Washington DC

Volunteers

- Hundreds of architects serving on committees
Roles and Responsibilities in the Licensure Process

NCARB: Regulates licensure through the state boards
Develops and administers the IDP
Develops and administers the ARE
Administers the NCARB Certificate Program

Florida Board of Architecture and Interior Design:
Regulates state requirements
Issues the license to practice architecture
What Is AIA?

The American Institute of Architects (AIA) is the professional society who, through its national, state and local components, has the primary responsibility for identifying, organizing, and educating the IDP State, Educator, and Auxiliary Coordinators and Mentors.

The AIA, through its Continuing Education programs, offers supplementary education resources and the system to record participation in those programs to interns and architects.

J.Q. Intern, Associate AIA = Non Licensed Member
R. A. Architect, AIA = Licensed Member
Components of Licensure

- Education – *most jurisdictions require a NAAB-accredited professional degree.*

- Experience (IDP) – *all jurisdictions require participation in a structured internship for some period of time.*

- Examination (ARE) – *all jurisdictions require you to pass the NCARB Architect Registration Examination® (ARE®).*  

  *Supplemental exam (in some jurisdictions)*
Design Your Career

Investigate jurisdictional requirements - www.ncarb.org

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**FLORIDA**

Florida Board of Architecture and Interior Design
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Tallahassee, FL 32399-5377
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850/922-2918
callcenter@dbpr.state.fl.us

Each jurisdiction sets its own requirements for initial registration, examination, and corporate practice. The information presented here was submitted to NCARB by each registration board in response to NCARB’s 2009 Member Board Requirements survey. Because each jurisdiction may change its rules, statutes, and regulations at any time, it is always advisable to check with the individual board to verify registration and practice requirements.

NCARB does not set national requirements. However, you may view the NCARB position on each requirement, based on requirements specified in the 2008-2009 NCARB Education Standard, Rules of Conduct, and Legislative Guidelines and Model Law/Model Regulations.

Request Transmittal Canadian Boards International Practice

- INITIAL REGISTRATION
- RECIPROCAL REGISTRATION
- REGISTRATION RENEWAL
- PRACTICE REQUIREMENTS
- MISCELLANEOUS

Understand your timeline…don’t wait for life to get simpler…
Establishing an NCARB Record
Establishing an NCARB Record

New Users
Click here to begin your NCARB Record Application.

Returning Users Login
E-mail Address:
Password:
Login

Forgot your password?
Click here.

Note: in your browser security settings, per-session cookies must be turned on to log into Record Services.
Before you begin your application, please download and save the Intern Development Program (IDP) Guidelines and Handbook for Interns and Architects for reference purposes.

They contain the rules and procedures associated with IDP practice and NCARB Certification. It is critical that you download and read these publications as they provide the necessary instructions to understand the program(s) and the related requirements.

I have complied with the above statements, I understand that the rules and requirements for the Intern Development Program and NCARB Certification process are provided in these publications and should be utilized (in combination with consultation from NCARB staff) to properly document my experience.

I agree □

Please note that policies and procedures are subject to change on an annual basis and it is the applicants' responsibility to routinely check the NCARB website for updates and rule changes.

Begin NCARB Record Application

Notes: in your browser security settings, per-session cookies must be turned on to log into Record Services.
### Application for NCARB Record

**Profile**

**Note:** Please do not use this form if you have already been assigned a Record Number. You can access and/or renew your record online at My NCARB Record. Please contact NCARB Customer Service if you have additional questions about the application or renewal process or for assistance with accessing your online record.

#### Application Type:
- Select
- [ ] Intern
- [ ] US/Canadian Architect
- [ ] Foreign Architect

#### Preferred Contact Address:
- [ ] Business
- [ ] Home

#### Social Security No.:

#### Date of Birth:
- mm/dd/yyyy

#### Daytime Telephone:

#### Other Telephone:

### Home Address

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What Does It Cost?

$285.00 NCARB Record Application Fee

- Three year service period
- Time spent continuously enrolled in a NAAB program does not count against the three year service period

$100.00 Initial Application Fee if in school (or within 6 months of graduation)

$185.00 Balance Due upon transmittal of an NCARB Record to a jurisdiction to sit for the ARE®, or completion of 3 year service period—whichever comes first.

$60.00 Annual Renewal Fee after three-year service period
Request Transcripts

- www.ncarb.org
- Form 122 (Request for transcript)
- Form 122 & any associated fee should be sent to the school’s registrar
- Form 122 & Transcript must be received by NCARB directly from the school’s registrar
The Intern Development Program (IDP)

www.ncarb.org
When can I start IDP?

- Completion of 3rd year in a NAAB accredited degree program (5-year B. Arch, M. Arch or D. Arch)

- Completion of 3rd year in a pre-professional degree that is a component of a NAAB accredited degree program (4yr+2yr M. Arch)

- End of 1st year in a NAAB accredited masters degree program following a non-professional degree (3 / 3.5-Year M. Arch)
Work Settings for IDP

- Registered Architect
  - Architecture Office
- Registered Architect
  - Non-Architecture Office
- Foreign Architect
- Registered Engineer or Registered Landscape Architect
- Work related to building design and construction
- Full-time teaching or research
- Professional and community service while in school
Employment Duration

If you are documenting experience earned while employed, you must meet the employment duration requirement.

Employment Duration Requirement

Part time: 15 hours per week for 8 consecutive weeks  
Full time: 32 hours per week for 8 consecutive weeks

There are opportunities to earn IDP experience if employed or not.
IDP Supervisor

- To earn training hours the intern must work under the direct supervision of an IDP supervisor.
- The supervisor shall hold a current license in the jurisdiction where their office is located.
- The supervisor shall have control over and knowledge of the intern’s work.
- The supervisor shall verify the training activities of the intern and foster a professional relationship that is grounded in a direct professional association between the intern and the supervisor.
The IDP Supervisor Guidelines

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Mentor

- Must be licensed
- Does not need to be licensed in the jurisdiction where the intern is located
- It is recommended that the mentor and the IDP supervisor be two distinct individuals, and preferably work in two separate firms.
- The mentor can certify experienced earned through the Emerging Professional’s Companion.
IDP Basics

- One Training Hour (TH) = one hour of experience
- You must acquire 5600 Training Hours to satisfy IDP
- 5600 Training Hours = approx. three years experience
- There is no time limit for completion of the IDP
## Training Areas Min. Training Hours

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Supplementary Education

- The Emerging Professional’s Companion [www.epcompanion.org](http://www.epcompanion.org)
- AIA Continuing Education Programs [www.aia.org](http://www.aia.org)
- LEED accreditation [www.usgbc.org](http://www.usgbc.org)
- NCARB Professional Conduct Monograph [www.ncarb.org](http://www.ncarb.org)
- CSI Certificate Programs [www.csinet.org](http://www.csinet.org)
- Approved Post-Professional Degrees
Reporting Training Hours (The e-EVR)
WELCOME TO MY NCARB RECORD

Your NCARB Record is a detailed, verified record of your education and training. Maintained in Washington, DC, the record is used to compile qualifications for examination, registration, and certification.

My NCARB Record is a secure section of the NCARB website where you may check your renewal date, renew your Record, request transmittals to registration boards, review your Record summary, review your IDP progress, and/or change your contact information.

[MORE]

NOTICE

On 1 January 2010, training units will become training hours. One training unit equals eight training hours. The IDP training requirement will go from 700 training units to 5,600 training hours. The actual number of hours required to complete the IDP remains the same.

One hour of acceptable work experience equals one training hour for all experience reports entered after 1 January 2010. The conversion of previously entered units to training hours will happen automatically within the e-EVR. No experience will be lost.

Click here for more information.
Your NCARB Record home Page

- e-EVR, the electronic Experience Verification Reporting system
- Ready to TAKE the ARE while completing the IDP?
- Annual Renewal Form (not available)
- Request Transmittal of NCARB Record
- NCARB Record (IDP) Transmittal Process Timeline
- Record Summary Report

New! Interns! Download NCARB’s Professional Conduct Monograph for free (a $150 value), take the quiz, and if you pass you will be awarded two training units in Training Area 15! Once you pass the quiz, the units will show up in your e-EVR within 4-6 weeks.

- Professional Conduct (6361 KB)
- Click here to retrieve your quiz password

- Change Address/Contact Information
- Change Password
Experience Verification Reporting system (e-EVR)

This system is designed to streamline the process of verifying your employment history as it pertains to your NCARB Record. Please start by adding your first experience.

The e-EVR now allows you to report Supplementary Education Experience electronically. Add your Supplementary Education experience here.

The form below displays a visual representation of your progress in the IDP. Use the radio buttons to toggle between a summary and detail view of the hours associated with your NCARB Record.

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**Category Minimums:**
- Design and Construction Documents: 3720.00
- Program Minimums:
  - 5600.00
  - 240.00
  - 120.00
  - 2896.00
  - 984.00

**Program Minimums:**
- 2344.00

**Progress Bar Legend**
- Saved Hours
- Pending Hours
- Approved Hours
- Remaining Hours

**Hours Grid Legend**
- Earned more hours than minimum required, additional hours apply towards additional category hours required.
- Earned exactly the minimum required hours for the training area.
- Additional hours needed to fulfill training area or category minimums.

**Resources**
- IDP Guidelines
- Supervisor Guidelines
- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)
- Contact NCARB Staff
### Manage Experience

| Start Date: | 6/1/2009 |
| End Date:   | 7/31/2009 |
| Employer:   | NCARB     |
| Supervisor: |            |

**Work Setting:**
- A: Training under the direct supervision of a registered architect and when the organization’s practice (a) is in the charge of a person practicing as a principal and (b) encompasses the comprehensive practice of architecture, including each of the training areas.

**Notes:**

- Return to My Experience...

**Notes to your supervisor:**

- I have read and understood the warnings.
- Submit

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The Six-Month Rule requires interns to submit their training hours:

- in reporting periods of no longer than six months
- and within two months of completion of each reporting period

The rule does **not** apply to registered architects required to document past experience when applying for certification.
The Six-Month Rule is being implemented in two phases.

For interns who established an NCARB Record before 1 July 2009, the rule will begin on 1 July 2010.

For interns who established an NCARB Record on or since 1 July 2009, the rule is in effect.
How It Works

A typical six-month reporting period

Reporting period start date: August 1
Reporting period end date: January 31
Filing period start date: February 1
Filing period end date: March 31

However, anything earned prior to August can not be included in this six-month reporting period.
Additional Florida Rules

- Must have at least three years of work experience
- MArch candidates are only required to complete 3,720 Training Hours (465 Training Units) of the IDP
ARE 4.0 Guidelines

This document, effective March 2008, supersedes all previous editions of the ARE 4.0 Guidelines. Please check NCARB's website www.ncarb.org regularly for updates to the ARE Study AIDS and for the most current information regarding the ARE.

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Eligibility requirements for examination vary between Boards—so become familiar with your jurisdictional requirements

- Jurisdiction’s education requirement must be satisfied prior to taking the ARE
- Candidate must establish an NCARB Record
- The IDP and ARE may be completed concurrently in certain jurisdictions

** Florida allows ARE eligibility after 1,880 Training Hours (235 Training Units) **
Programming, Planning & Practice 85 Multiple-choice + Site Zoning

Site Planning & Design 65 Multiple-choice + Site Grading and Site Design

Building Design & 85 Multiple-choice + Construction Systems Accessibility / Ramp, Stair Design and Roof Plan
Schematic Design Interior Layout and Building Layout

Structural Systems 125 Multiple-choice + Structural Layout

Building Systems 95 Multiple-choice + Mechanical & Electrical Plan
Construction Documents 100 Multiple-choice + & Services Building Section
Rolling Clock

- Most jurisdictions have some form of a time restraint related to completing the exam.
- Your NCARB rolling clock will begin on the date your first passed division is administered.
- Each division passed will be valid for five years from the administration date. After the five-year period, the division must be retaken if all remaining divisions have not been passed.
ARE® Version 4.0 Fees

All divisions = $210.00/exam

7 DIVISIONS TOTAL = $1,470.00
Respecting the ARE®

SITE PLANNING

CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT

- I understand that the content of this examination is confidential and subject to U.S. copyright laws.
- I agree that I will not divulge any questions on this examination to any individual or entity.
- I understand that the unauthorized possession, reproduction, or disclosure of any examination materials, including the nature or content of examination questions, before, during, or after the examination is in violation of law and this Confidentiality Agreement. A violation of this agreement can result in civil liability and/or disciplinary action by my Board of Architecture and the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards ("NCARB").
- I agree that, in the event that I violate this Confidentiality Agreement, NCARB may suspend my test taking privileges, cancel test scores, and in addition take other disciplinary actions and seek recovery in a court of law of costs and civil damages which could be substantial.

Clicking on the ‘I Accept’ button signifies that you have read this Confidentiality Agreement and pledge to keep all contents of this examination confidential.

If you do not wish to continue with this examination, raise your hand to alert the test center administrator now.

I ACCEPT
ARE Study Tips

- Schedule a test
- Use NCARB’s study materials
- Don’t over study/choose study materials wisely
- You only have to pass, not necessarily get an “A”
- Sleep well for a couple of nights in a row
- Prepare the night before
- Don’t give up, don’t get frustrated
After IDP, ARE & Licensure…
Then what?

NCARB Certification
Facilitates reciprocity in other states
Many jurisdictions:

- Require the NCARB Certificate in order to earn a reciprocal license
- Require an extensive reciprocal license application for those candidates without an NCARB Certificate
  - Interview
  - Portfolio review
  - Documentation of education, training, examination, and registration
- Expedites licensure to help aid in earning commissions in other jurisdictions

Why do I need an NCARB certificate?
NCARB Certificate requirements

Education
- A professional degree in architecture from a NAAB accredited program

Training
- Completion of the IDP Training Requirement

Examination
- Passing the Architect Registration Exam®

Registration
- A current registration to practice architecture issued by an NCARB Member Board
What to Look for in a Firm

- Full-service architecture firm
- IDP Firm Award
- In-house IDP program
- Good reputation among other interns
Working Overseas

- Limited experience allowed toward the IDP
- Must be working under a licensed architect
- Hard to connect with after you leave
- US architect or foreign architect?
What to ask in an Interview

Do you support interns through the IDP?

Do you encourage interns to pursue licensure?

Do you have an in-house program?

Will my supervisor be knowledgeable about the IDP?

How do you ensure interns receive training in all IDP areas?

Do you subsidize the cost of the ARE?

Do you provide paid time-off to take the ARE?
Pay attention to what THEY ask YOU!

Do they ask . . .

If you are interested in licensure?

If you have started an NCARB record?

If you have earned any IDP training units from a summer job?
What your career goals are?

Do they . . .

Mention opportunities for advancement?

Promote their in-house IDP program?
Who is interviewing you?

Is your eventual supervisor in the interview?

Who will you report to?

Are other interns in the interview?

Is an IDP Coordinator in the interview?
Common pitfalls

Not working in a proper work setting

Not verifying that the supervisor is licensed

Procrastinating

Telling yourself you are not ready

Thinking that licensure will do nothing for you

Thinking that your firm will not value you more after licensure
Be wary of:

"You don’t need a license here."

"Licensure is not important."

"Do you want a paycheck or IDP hours?"

"You must work here 1 year before we’ll sign your IDP forms"
Once You are Licensed

- Maintain your license
- Promote your credentials
- Take ownership of your career
- Set new goals
- Take on additional responsibilities
- Be a Supervisor
- Be a Mentor
- Volunteer with NCARB!
Empowering Yourself

- Use the Intern Development Program as a tool to gain experience in Architecture

- Create a plan for taking the exam, do not get discouraged.

- Obtain NCARB Certification to allow maximum flexibility in your career as an Architect
Your most powerful tools

Interested in these NCARB Guidelines?

WEBCASTS

**Essential IDP**
Learn about all things Intern Development Program (IDP) with NCARB's new webinar, "Essential IDP." With upcoming changes to the program being implemented in the coming months, it is important to have a clear understanding of all the rules and requirements so your experience can be properly documented and counted toward IDP.

**IDP 2.0**
Learn everything you need to know about IDP 2.0 from Director, IDP Harry Falconer Jr., AIA

**IDP Through Certification**
Discover what you need to know about the IDP, the Architect Registration Examination® (ARE®), and NCARB certification.

**Licensure and Your Career**
Licensed architects from NCARB staff present on a range of topics relevant to students and interns. The presentation will review how NCARB works as an organization, how to begin an NCARB Record, and how to progress successfully through the IDP program, what to anticipate with the newly implemented ARE 4.0, how to obtain a license, and the value of NCARB certification. The presentation will also cover tips regarding making a successful transition from school to work and pursuing licensure once employed.

**Six-Month Rule**
Learn about the Six-Month Rule at your desk with NCARB's Nick Persha, AIA, LEED AP, Assistant Director, IDP and Rachel Kriss, AIA, Manager, Programs. The Six-Month Rule will go into effect on 1 July 2008 for interns who begin an NCARB Record on or after that date and 1 July 2010 for all interns regardless of application date.
Your Most Powerful Tools:

**ARE® e-news**

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*at a glance: ARE Security and Development*

**ARE Fees Will Increase 1 October 2009**

The National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) will increase the fees for the Architect Registration Examination (ARE) for candidates who take the ARE effective 1 October 2009. ARE fees currently are $300 for candidates who take the ARE for the first time in a given year, and $200 for candidates who take the ARE for a second time in a given year. Candidates who take the ARE for the third or subsequent time in a given year will pay $100. The ARE fees for candidates who take the ARE again within 2 years of the date of their first ARE administration will be $200 for candidates taking the ARE for the second time and $100 for candidates taking the ARE for a third or subsequent time in the following year. For candidates who take the ARE for the first time in a given year, ARE fees will remain $300 for the year. The ARE fees are based on an examination administration cost per candidate and the number of candidates who take the ARE each year. The National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) will increase the fees for the Architect Registration Examination (ARE) for candidates who take the ARE effective 1 October 2009. ARE fees currently are $300 for candidates who take the ARE for the first time in a given year, and $200 for candidates who take the ARE for a second time in a given year. Candidates who take the ARE for the third or subsequent time in a given year will pay $100. The ARE fees for candidates who take the ARE again within 2 years of the date of their first ARE administration will be $200 for candidates taking the ARE for the second time and $100 for candidates taking the ARE for a third or subsequent time in the following year. For candidates who take the ARE for the first time in a given year, ARE fees will remain $300 for the year. The ARE fees are based on an examination administration cost per candidate and the number of candidates who take the ARE each year.

**IDP Supervisor e-News**

October 2009

*Welcome to the IDP Supervisor e-News: A New Resource*

The IDP Supervisor e-News is a quarterly electronic newsletter. It provides your interns with the best tips for successful supervising and navigating the IDP program. The IDP Supervisor e-News is a great way to stay informed about the IDP program, visit the website regularly.

**IDPe-news**

JULY 2009

*at a glance: NEW! Submit Supp Ed Through the e-EVR!*

**Supplementary Education can be Reported Through e-EVR!**

You can now report supplementary education training units through the NCARB electronic Experience Verification Reporting (e-EVR) system. The system currently accepts activities completed from the Emerging Professionals Companion (EPC), LEED NCARB Near You.

NCARB staff may be coming to a city near you to answer your questions! Please check with the contact person for details.

1 August 2009
Questions?

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