

193B—2.2(544A,17A) Licensure. All applicants for licensure will complete an online application form.

2.2(1) Initial licensure. To be eligible for initial licensure by examination, all applicants will have satisfied the architecture education requirements as detailed in paragraph 2.2(1)“a,” have passed all divisions of the ARE as provided by the NCARB, have completed the NCARB AXP as detailed in paragraph 2.2(1)“a,” and have established an NCARB council record. A completed NCARB council record shall be transmitted to and filed in the board office. Upon receipt of the council record from NCARB, the board will provide the applicant with an application for licensure form, which must be completed and returned to the board within three months of receipt of the council record. The board shall issue a license number to the applicant upon receipt of the completed application form and appropriate fee.

a. The education and experience requirements are met when an applicant completes one of the following:

(1) A professional degree in architecture from a program that satisfies the NCARB Education Standard or education deemed equivalent by the board and completion of the NCARB AXP one time.

(2) A degree from a four-year bachelor’s degree program that includes at least 60 semester credit hours in architecture-related subjects as referenced in the NCARB Certification Guidelines in the Education Alternative section and completion of the NCARB AXP two times.

(3) A two-year associate degree program that includes at least 30 semester credit hours in architecture-related subjects as referenced in the NCARB Certification Guidelines in the Education Alternative section and completion of the NCARB AXP three times.

(4) A high school degree or its equivalent and completion of the NCARB AXP four times.

NOTE: To complete each multiple of the NCARB AXP, the candidate must meet the full program requirements for each multiple as defined in the AXP Guidelines. For example, if a candidate is completing the AXP four times, the candidate must document the required number of hours in each experience area four times. Minimum and maximum hours in each experience setting apply.

b. Examinations for licensure as an architect shall be conducted by the board or its authorized representative.

(1) The board shall make use of the ARE prepared and graded by NCARB under a plan of cooperation with the architectural examining boards of all states and territories of the United States.

(2) The board may make use of a testing service selected by NCARB to administer the examination, provided the examination is held in at least one location within the boundaries of this state.

c. Examination admittance requirements.

(1) An applicant will have established an NCARB record.

(2) NCARB shall notify the testing service of the applicant’s eligibility prior to the applicant’s scheduling of an examination.

d. AXP eligibility requirements will be verified and satisfied in accordance with the NCARB Architectural Experience Program Guidelines. Documentation of AXP training units will be submitted on AXP report forms published by NCARB and will be verified by signatures of the licensed architects serving as the intern architect’s supervisors in accordance with the requirements outlined in the NCARB Architectural Experience Program Guidelines. The completed AXP report form shall demonstrate attainment of an aggregate of the minimum number of value units in each training area and shall be submitted to NCARB for evaluation.

2.2(2) Reciprocity. The board or the board administrator may waive examination requirements for applicants who, at the time of application, are licensed as architects in a different jurisdiction and hold an active NCARB certificate. All such applicants who hold an active NCARB certificate are deemed to possess qualifications that are substantially equivalent to those required of applicants for initial licensure in this state. An active NCARB council certificate shall be transmitted to and filed in the board office. Upon receipt of the certificate from NCARB, the board will provide the applicant with an application for licensure form, which must be completed and returned to the board within three months of receipt of the council certificate.

2.2(3) Verification. The board may grant registration via verification as provided for in 193—Chapter 14.

2.2(4) *Military service and veteran reciprocity.* The board may grant registration for military service applicants, spouses, and veterans as provided for in 481—Chapter 7.

2.2(5) *Applicants seeking architectural commission in Iowa.* A person seeking an architectural commission in this state may be admitted to this state for the purpose of offering to provide architectural services, and for that purpose only, without first being licensed in this state if:

- a. The person holds an NCARB certificate; and
- b. The person holds a current and valid license issued by a licensing authority recognized by this state; and
- c. The person notifies the board in writing on a form provided by the board that the person:
 - (1) Holds an NCARB certificate and a current and valid license issued by a licensing authority recognized by this state,
 - (2) Is not currently licensed in this state but will be present in this state for the purpose of offering to provide architectural services on a temporary basis, and
 - (3) Has no previous or pending disciplinary action by any licensing authority; and
- d. The person delivers a copy of the notice referred to in paragraph 2.2(5)“c” to every potential client to whom the person offers to provide architectural services; and
- e. The person provides the board with a sworn statement of intent to apply immediately to the board for licensure if selected as the architect for a project in this state.

The person is prohibited from actually providing architectural services until the person has been issued a valid license in this state.

2.2(6) *Board refusal to issue license.* The board may refuse to issue a certificate of licensure to any person otherwise qualified upon any of the grounds for which a license may be revoked or suspended or may otherwise discipline a licensee based upon a suspension, revocation, or other disciplinary action taken by a licensing authority in this or another jurisdiction. For purposes of this subrule, “disciplinary action” includes the voluntary surrender of a license to resolve a pending disciplinary investigation or proceeding. A certified copy of the record or order of suspension, revocation, voluntary surrender, or other disciplinary action is prima facie evidence of such fact.

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