

**481—1062.1(544A,17A) Definitions.** The following definitions apply as used in Iowa Code chapter 544A, and this chapter of the architectural examining board rules, unless the context otherwise requires.

“*Applicant*” means an individual who has submitted an application for licensure to the board.

“*Approved education program*” means a degree accredited by an organization that provides an accreditation system for architecture programs or education deemed equivalent by the board to the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) Education Standard that has been evaluated and found to be an equivalent standard based on the NCARB Alternatives to Education Requirement as identified in the NCARB Certification Guidelines demonstration of successful completion of an Education Evaluation Services for Architects.

“*Architectural intern*” or “*intern architect*” means an individual who has completed or is completing an approved education program, has completed or is currently enrolled in the NCARB Architectural Experience Program (AXP), and intends to actively pursue licensure by completing the Architect Registration Examination.

“*ARE*” means the current Architect Registration Examination, as prepared and graded by the NCARB.

“*AXP applicant*” means an individual who has completed the AXP training requirements set forth in the NCARB Architectural Experience Program Guidelines and has submitted an application for licensure to the board.

“*Examination*” means the current Architect Registration Examination (ARE) accepted by the board.

“*Inactive*” means that an architect is not engaged in Iowa in any practice for which a certificate of licensure is required, including architects who have retired from active practice.

“*Issuance*” means the date of mailing of a decision or order or the date of delivery if service is by other means unless another date is specified in the order.

“*NCARB*” means the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards. The NCARB Architect Registration Examination Guidelines, NCARB Architectural Experience Program Guidelines, and NCARB Certification Guidelines are available through the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards, 1401 H Street NW, Suite 500, Washington, D.C. 20005; NCARB’s website, [www.ncarb.org](http://www.ncarb.org); or the architectural examining board.

“*NCARB Architect Registration Examination (ARE) Guidelines*” means the edition of a document by the same title published by the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards in April 2026. The document outlines the requirements for examination.

“*NCARB Architectural Experience Program Guidelines*” means the edition of a document by the same title published by the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards in November 2025. The document outlines the requirements for training.

“*NCARB Certification Guidelines*” means the edition of a document by the same title published by the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards in January 2026. The document outlines the requirements for licensure as an architect.

“*NCARB Education Guidelines*” or “*NCARB Education Standards*” means the edition of a document by the same title published by the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards in January 2026. The document outlines the requirements for licensure as an architect.

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