

Initial Licensure by Examination

NCARB Direct Registration Architecture Accredited Degree + ARE + NCARB IDP = Florida Licensure

This does not apply to examination candidates that are/were approved by the Florida Board and are/were taking the Architectural Registration Examination (ARE) prior to July 1, 2012. Examination candidates currently testing will continue to receive their grades from the Florida Board and must complete the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) Intern Development Program (IDP) prior to licensure.

Effective July 1, 2012 – Direct Registration through NCARB

Examination candidates no longer apply to the Florida Board of Architecture and Interior Design to be admitted to the Architectural Registration Examination (ARE). Examination candidates that meet Florida licensure requirements will apply directly to NCARB to begin taking the ARE.

To sit for the examination, you must have:

- Completed a professional architecture degree accredited by the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB) or the Canadian Architectural Certification Board (CACB).
- Establish an NCARB Council Record and be actively participating in NCARB IDP or have completed NCARB IDP.

Contact NCARB at www.NCARB.org or 202.783.6500 to begin a Council Record for examination and NCARB IDP. NCARB will notify the examination administrator (Prometric) that you are eligible to sit for the examination. Prometric will notify you about the procedures for scheduling the examination. You will pay the examination fees directly to Prometric. They will send your examination score reports directly to you and NCARB. Prometric will update your address as needed. NCARB will continue to evaluate and record your training for NCARB IDP.

Upon successful completion of all sections of the ARE and NCARB IDP:

- You will request or authorize NCARB to transmit or post your Council Record to the Florida Board.
- NCARB will notify the Florida board that you are eligible for registration and electronically transmit or post your NCARB Council Record to the Florida Board.
- You must complete and submit the Florida Board Initial Licensure by Examination (NCARB Direct Registration) application to the Florida Board. Visit the board's web page at www.MyFloridaLicense.com > Apply for/Update Licenses.

Foreign educated applicants must have an education evaluation performed through NCARB. NCARB and NAAB will determine if the education is equivalent to the NAAB degree. If the foreign education is equivalent, NCARB will notify the board in writing. If the foreign education is not equivalent, the applicant may be required to complete additional education.

Applications are processed administratively in the department. Applications with affirmative background answers or prior disciplinary action against the applicant require board approval.