

- Regulated and evaluated by CAB
- <http://www.cab.ca.gov/candidates/education.shtml>
- Eight years of post-secondary education and/or work experience as evaluated by the Board (including at least one year of work experience under the direct supervision of an architect licensed in a U.S. jurisdiction or two years of work experience under the direct supervision of an architect registered in a Canadian province).
- Foreign education may qualify but must be evaluated.

## EDUCATION

## EXAMINATION

- The Architect Registration Exam (ARE), administered by NCARB, assesses candidates for their knowledge, skills, and ability to provide the various services required in the practice of architecture.
- The 7 computer based exams must be completed within a 5 year window.
- Most exams have multiple choice questions as well as graphic portions.
- <http://www.ncarb.org/ARE.aspx>
- Eligibility is determined by CAB
- <http://www.cab.ca.gov/candidates/are.shtml>
- The California Supplemental Exam is an additional computer-delivered multiple choice exam required to test a candidate's ability to respond to the unique requirements and conditions in California
- The CSE may be taken when all other requirements are completed (IDP and ARE)
- <http://www.cab.ca.gov/candidates/cse.shtml>

- Once licensed, NCARB Certification can help architects achieve reciprocity in other jurisdictions.
- <http://www.ncarb.org/Certification-and-Reciprocity.aspx>
- The most straight forward path involves earning a NAAB- or CACB-accredited degree, completing IDP, passing the ARE, and receiving an initial license from a state registration board.
- Additional paths are available through the Broadly Experienced Architect (BEA) and Broadly Experienced Foreign Architect (BEFA) Programs

## RECIPROCITY

## THE PLAYERS

- National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB)  
Regulates the practice of architecture through administration of examination (ARE) and internship (IDP) programs nationwide
- California Architect's Boards (CAB)  
Regulates the practice of architecture in the state of California
- American Institute of Architects (AIA)  
Facilitates the licensure process through educational programs and resources for candidates

## INTERNSHIP

- The Intern Development Program (IDP) is a comprehensive training program administered by NCARB to ensure that interns in the architecture profession gain the knowledge and skills required for the independent practice of architecture.
- <http://www.ncarb.org/en/Experience-Through-Internships/Meeting-NCARB-Experience-Requirements.aspx>
- Interns must acquire 5,600 training hours (one training hour equals one hour of acceptable experience)
- Experience must be earned in the training categories defined by NCARB and must be in a work setting approved by NCARB.
- The IDP 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.
- Interns should have a designated supervisor, who supervises an intern on a daily basis, and a mentor, who is a loyal advisor, teacher, or coach.
- IDP 2.0, launched in April 2012, includes significant updates that are beneficial to interns pursuing licensure.
- <http://www.ncarb.org/Experience-Through-Internships/IDP-2.aspx>

## RESOURCES

- Your local AIA Chapter
- AIA National:  
<http://www.aia.org/professionals/licensed/index.htm>
- AIA California Council:  
<http://www.aiacc.org>
- Academy for Emerging Professionals: <http://aiaccaep.org/>
- AIAS: <http://www.aias.org/>
- Emerging Professionals Companion:  
<http://www.epcompanion.org/>
- NCARB Podcasts and Webinars:  
<http://www.ncarb.org/Publications/List.aspx?t=Webcasts>