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**State Board for Architecture  
Board Meeting**

1411 Broadway (between 39th & 40th Streets) - Tenth Floor – Regents' Room – Manhattan

**Wednesday, May 15, 2024**

9:00 am (start time for practical examination)

*Members of the public may attend and observe the meeting outside of the Executive Session*

**AGENDA**

1. Executive Session (9:00-10:00)
  - Practical Exam
  - Practical Exam August
  - Research Review
  - Disciplinary Case
2. Public Session (10:00 – completion)  
Introductions and Welcome New Member
3. Approval of Minutes
4. Board Chair Report
5. Board Office Report
6. Old Business
  - Education/Experience Review
  - Women in Architecture Series
  - 2024 NCARB Regional Summit Summary
7. New Business
  - NCARB ARE Candidate Misconduct Sanctions
  - 2024 NCARB Annual Meeting
    - Delegate
    - Resolutions
    - Elections
  - Miscellaneous NCARB Items
    - MBE/MBC Summit – October 17-19, 2024
  - Future Endorsement Pathway

8. Other Board Member Topics for Future Meetings
9. Adjournment

Next Meeting – *August 7, 2024 – NYC*

**Minutes of the Meeting  
State Board for Architecture**

1411 Broadway; Regents' Room  
New York, NY 10018

Present: Anik Pearson, Chair  
Nicole Dosso, Vice Chair  
Carol Bentel  
Greg Canaras  
Fred Mosher, Jr. (12:30 dep)  
Talisha Sainvil  
Marcy Stanley

Absent: Jitendra Vaidya  
Michael Samuelian

Staff: Robert Lopez, Executive Secretary

Guests: Kenneth Van Tine – NCARB  
Michael Armstrong – NCARB  
Joshua Batkin - NCARB

**February 7, 2024**

**OPEN SESSION**

1. Motion: Dosso/Bentel: That the Board enter Executive Session.
2. The Board resumed the Open Session.
3. **Introductions, Welcome Guests and New Member, Board Departure:** Chair Pearson welcomed Messrs. Van Tine, Armstrong, and Batkin from NCARB, as well as new Board member, Talisha Sainvil, and expressed thanks for Member Samuelian's service. The Executive Secretary added his thanks to Member Samuelian, who has served two terms on the State Board.
4. **New Business:**  
NCARB Visit: Mr. Armstrong gave a brief introduction of NCARB for the new Board members, including its history, advisory nature, vision, and mission of collaborating with its member boards to facilitate licensure to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public. NCARB promulgates Model Laws and Regulations to assist and advise State Boards in regulating the practice of architecture; jurisdictions decide how much or how little to incorporate into their own regulatory frameworks.

Mr. Van Tine described the importance of committees to the detailed work of NCARB and how they are formed. He encouraged New York Board members to examine potential committees that best suit their expertise and interest and to fill out the volunteer application that NCARB recently out via email. Mr. Van Tine described NCARB's current initiative to study the competencies that architects need when they are first licensed, how important those competencies are, and how they may influence the future direction of the Architect Registration Examination (ARE) and the Architectural Experience Program (AXP).

Draft NCARB resolutions put forth by NCARB were discussed, including the first two, which are simply housekeeping items. Additionally, draft resolutions that relate to Mutual Recognition Agreements (MRA) that NCARB has entered were briefly discussed, however, New York is not

a participating jurisdiction in the MRA agreements. It was noted that the MRA with Taiwan may be pulled from consideration.

The last three resolutions were discussed in more detail, as noted below:

#### ARE eligibility timing

Mr. Armstrong provided some context for the conversation around the draft resolution that would set the ARE eligibility date to graduation from high school within NCARB's Model Law. Board members described the advantages of removing potential impediments to licensure candidates should New York adopt this earlier option. Others suggested that this change would only permit a candidate to begin testing earlier; it does not mean that all candidates will test as early as graduation from high school. The Board leaned in favor of supporting an earlier eligibility date; the Executive Secretary advised that such a change would require a regulatory amendment given that New York adopted an earlier exam eligibility date in 2020.

#### Removal of NCARB Certificate requirement for non-office NCARB Board of Directors (BoD)

This draft resolution, if adopted, would require that only officer positions on the NCARB BoD hold the NCARB Certificate; other BoD members who are architects would not be required to hold the Certificate. The Executive Secretary raised the issue of whether the NCARB Certificate should be required for any architect on the NCARB BoD, including those in officer positions. After discussion, the Board agreed that this seemed like a good compromise and first step in removing this requirement for all architects on the BoD.

#### Regional Realignment

This draft resolution proposes condensing the six current regions of NCARB to five regions. If adopted, New York would move into the Northeastern Region. Members of the State Board were neutral on realignment at this time.

Chair Pearson and the Executive Secretary will be attending the NCARB Regional Summit March 1-2 and will bring information received at that time regarding the draft resolutions to the State Board meeting in May.

#### Elections – Chair and Vice Chair:

Motion: Stanley/Bentel: That Chair Pearson be re-elected as Chair. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Motion: Bentel/Stamley: That Member Dosso be re-elected as Vice Chair. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### NCARB Region 2 Pre-Board of Directors' January Meeting

A summary was in the Board package, with many of the items discussed at the NCARB BoD meeting already discussed at this meeting.

#### Overview of Elections and Resolutions

Details were included in the Board package with an overview discussed as part of this meeting.

#### Annual Meeting Attendee

Public Member Stanley and Member Canaras volunteered to attend the NCARB Annual Meeting June 13-15, 2024, if approved by New York State to travel.

MBE/MBC Summit

Given Chair Pearson's inability to attend the Member Board Executives/Member Board Chairs Summit on October 17-19, Member Canaras volunteered to attend in her place, if approved by New York State to travel.

5. Motion: Dosso/Bentel: That the minutes of the November 8, 2023 meeting of the State Board for Architecture be approved. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
6. **Board Chair Report**: Chair Pearson noted that at the November 2023 meeting of the State Board, she cited some key takeaways from the "NCARB by the Numbers" publication. The Executive Secretary again suggested that Board members may either review the video put out by NCARB on this topic, or the Board may decide to have NCARB subject matter experts give a presentation to the Board.
7. **Board Office Report**: The Executive Secretary gave the Board Report. Board office staff were thanked for pitching in to keep up with the backlog of work until a new Assistant in Professional Education is hired.
8. **Old Business**:  
Experience/Education Review: The Ad Hoc Committee on Education/Experience consists of Members Bentel and Canaras. This Committee's work is currently on hold until a new Assistant in Professional Education is hired. New York variations from national standards set by NCARB will be examined as part of this committee's work. Post meeting, Vice Chair Dosso agreed to join the group.  
  
Women in Architecture Series: Chair Pearson gave a brief background of this series of events now in its 5<sup>th</sup> season. The goals are to improve opportunities, maintain work/life balance, and give women in the architecture profession role models to hear from and to support them in their career aspirations. Chair Pearson is hopeful that this ongoing series can improve the licensure pipeline for women in architecture.
9. **New Business**:  
Additional NCARB Items: Mr. Armstrong described ongoing conversations with the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB) regarding fees paid by NCARB, AIA, ACSA, and AIAS.
10. **Other Board Member Topics for Future Meetings**: The Executive Secretary suggested that a revisiting of NCARB's MRA with the UK be a topic for conversation at a future Board meeting.
11. Motion: Bentel/Mosher: Moved to adjourn. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The next meeting of the Board will be Wednesday, May 15, 2024, in NYC.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Lopez, RA  
Executive Secretary

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**February 7, 2024**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

1. The Board was informed that the practical exam candidate scheduled for today canceled due to illness. The candidate will take the practical exam at the May 15, 2024 Board meeting. Chair Pearson, Vice Chair Dosso, and Member Bentel volunteered to conduct this practical exam.
2. The Executive Secretary notified the Board that a practical exam candidate resubmitted their application documents and was subsequently found to have met the requirements to sit for the practical exam. That exam will be conducted at the August 7, 2024 Board meeting. Vice Chair Dosso and Members Mosher and Canaras volunteered to conduct this practical exam.
3. The Board reviewed disciplinary cases.
4. Motion: Dosso/Bentel: That the minutes of the November 8, 2023 meeting of the State Board for Architecture be approved. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
5. Motion: Stanley/Mosher: That the Board resume the Open Session. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Lopez, RA  
Executive Secretary

## NEW YORK STATE BOARD FOR ARCHITECTURE BOARD OFFICE REPORT

### Registrants

Current Resident Registrants:	11,856
Current Non-Resident Registrants:	9,189
<u>Foreign Registrants:</u>	<u>416</u>
<b>Total Number of Registrants as of 1/1/24</b>	<b>21,461</b>

### Licenses Issued

**2024 – 238 (thru 3/31/24); 2023 – 905; 2022 – 953; 2021 – 804; 2020 – 681; 2019 – 814**

ARE Candidates	(January 23, 2024 – April 30, 2024)	-
Early Admit ARE Candidates	(January 23, 2024 – April 30, 2024)	289
NCARB Certification	(January 23, 2024 – April 30, 2024)	115
Endorsement	(January 23, 2024 – April 30, 2024)	4
Endorsement PE no QT	(January 23, 2024 – April 30, 2024)	2
Via Educ, Exp & Exams	(January 23, 2024 – April 30, 2024)	11

### Candidate Admissions to ARE

**2024 – 396 (thru 4/30/24); 2023 – 1,030; 2022 – 770; 2021 – 875; 2020 – 889; 2019 – 1,075**

### OP/Staff Activities

The Board of Regents appointed David Hamilton as the new Deputy Commissioner and Owen Donovan as Assistant Commissioner, Professional Licensing & Practice, on March 12<sup>th</sup>. Deputy Commissioner Hamilton's letter is included in the Board package. Sarah Benson, the former Deputy Commissioner of the Office of the Professions, retired at the end of February 2024.

Gina Sacco has been hired as the new Assistant in Professional Education in the State Board office. Gina's first day in the office was April 25, 2024.

Recruitment will begin in early May for a replacement for Nick VanDenburg, who was the Administrative Assistant 1 in the Board office. Nick's last day in the State Board office was May 8, 2024.

### Legislative / Regulatory Activity

The NYS Legislature is in a two-year session that will run from January 2023 through December 2024.

Legislation of interest follows:

**A9500 / S9064 – Relates to the requirements for certification for certified interior designers**  
Relates to the educational and examination requirements for certification as a certified interior designer; provides an exemption from the education requirements for architects licensed under Article 147 of the NYS Education Law.

*(New bill – see Board package for bill language)*

*Bill is referred to Higher Education in the Assembly and is referred to Higher Education in the Senate.*

**A9936 / No Same As – Relates to licensure requirements for professional geologists**

Provides that the education requirements to be licensed as a professional geologist may be partially substituted by practical experience; relates to the issuance of an identification card as a geologist in training.

*(New bill – see Board package for bill language)*

*Bill is referred to Higher Education in the Assembly; no “Same As” bill in the Senate.*

**S5664 / A4720 – Relates to public employees’ supervision, examination, review, and determination of acceptability of public works projects performed by contractors**

Requires certain public employees to be on the site for the duration of public works projects completed by contractors; requires such certain public employees to review a contractor’s work on public works projects and determine whether the work performed is acceptable.

*Bill has passed in the Senate and has passed in the Assembly but was vetoed by the Executive.*

**A1891-D / S5261-B – Expanded ownership in design professional corporations by employee stock ownership plans and non-licensed employees**

Provides for expanded ownership in design professional corporations by employee stock ownership plans and non-licensed employees

*Bill was signed as Chapter 439 of the Laws of 2022; effective date 7/21/24.*

**S1049 / A5051 – Relates to an engineering technology degree**

Provides that an applicant with a bachelor’s degree or higher in engineering technology and an applicant with a bachelor’s degree or higher in engineering shall have the same number of education and experience credit requirements, shall have the same eligibility for an identification card as “an engineer in training”, as well as examination and examination eligibility requirements.

*Bill is referred to Higher Education in the Senate and is referred to Higher Education in the Assembly*

**S5614 A / A4202 A – Relates to building permits**

Authorizes a city, town or village to establish a program whereby a building permit may be issued based upon certification by a registered architect or professional engineer.

*Bill is referred to Local Governments in the Senate and is referred to Local Governments in the Assembly*

**S3295 / A3389 – Relates to the establishment of the water-based fire protection licensure act**

Establishes water-based fire protection licensure act, setting forth licensure requirements for contractors engaged in the business of the layout, installing, repairing, inspecting, testing, or maintaining of water-based fire protection systems and components.



*Bill is referred to Consumer Protection in the Senate and is referred to Economic Development in the Assembly*

**S5049 / No Same As– NYC DoB False Documents**

Relates to false statements in documents submitted to the department of buildings of the city of New York

*Bill is referred to Cities in the Senate*

**A4327 / No Same As – Increases to \$50,000 for cost of construction threshold**

Increases to \$50,000 the cost of the construction of a building, structure or public work, above which a professional engineer, land surveyor or architect must be utilized to plan and supervise the construction thereof.

*Bill is referred to Higher Education in the Assembly*

**S3312 / A8066 – New York Emergency Responder Act**

Enacts the New York emergency responder act limiting the liability of certain emergency responders.

*Bill is referred to Veterans, Homeland Security and Military Affairs in the Senate and is referred to Governmental Operations in the Assembly*

**Bills Not yet Introduced**

**S / A– Establishes a program where a municipal department of buildings may accept certain construction documents for code compliance**

Establishes a program where a municipal department of buildings may accept construction documents required to be filed in relation to code compliance prior to issuance of a certificate of occupancy with less than a full examination by such municipal department of buildings based on a professional certification of an applicant who is an architect or professional engineer; makes related provisions.

*Bill is not yet introduced*

**S / A – Requires certain engineering plans that could pose a material risk to public safety to bear a stamp of approval of a professional engineer**

Requires certain engineering plans or specifications for engineering work or services that could pose a material risk to public safety to bear a stamp of approval of a professional engineer and authorizes the public service commission to promulgate rules and regulations relating to such requirement.

*Bill is not yet introduced*

**A / No Same As – Interior Design/State Contracting**

Adds interior design services as a type of contract that can be entered into and negotiated by the state

*Bill is not yet introduced*

**A / No Same As - Licensing consequences for serious abuse of self-certification privileges**

Relates to licensing consequences for architects or engineers who seriously abuse their self-certification privileges

*Bill is not yet introduced*

**S / No Same As - Requires Public Authorities to negotiate with QBS**

Requires public authorities to negotiate with most qualified architectural and engineering professional firms before negotiating with other firms

*Bill is not yet introduced*

**Office of Professional Discipline**

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March 19, 2024

Dear State Board members:

I write to update you on transitions within the Office of the Professions. As you may know, after more than 35 years in State government, including 19 years with the Education Department and the last four as Deputy Commissioner, Sarah Benson retired on February 28<sup>th</sup>. Sarah's time as Deputy coincided with the COVID-19 pandemic and she provided steady guidance that allowed the Office of the Professions to seamlessly continue its operation and support of the important work of the licensed professions.

On Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, the Board of Regents appointed me as Deputy Commissioner and Owen Donovan as Assistant Commissioner, Professional Licensing & Practice, for the Office of the Professions. Both appointments took effect immediately. In addition to his new responsibilities as Assistant Commissioner, Owen will continue to serve as Executive Coordinator for Professional Practice as recruitment efforts for that position move forward.

As State Board members, you provide an essential role in advising and assisting OP, the Department, and the Board of Regents. Whether you are participating in moral character, disciplinary and restoration proceedings; providing guidance about professional practice in an evolving environment; or supporting efforts to encourage a diverse pool of prospective students into the licensed professions, your contributions are critical to our shared mission of public protection through sound professional practice.

The OP leadership team looks forward to working with you in the coming years. If you have any thoughts or questions, please reach out to the Executive Secretary for your State board.

Sincerely,

David H. Hamilton, Ph.D., LMSW  
Deputy Commissioner

C: State Board Executive Secretaries

**A9500** McDonald Same as [S 9064](#) HOYLMAN-SIGAL

Education Law

TITLE....Relates to the requirements for certification for certified interior designers

03/14/24 referred to higher education

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**MCDONALD**

Amd §8305, Ed L

Relates to the educational and examination requirements for certification as a certified interior designer; provides an exemption from the education requirements for architects licensed under article one hundred forty-seven of the education law.

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## STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN ASSEMBLY

March 14, 2024

Introduced by M. of A. McDONALD -- read once and referred to the Committee on Higher Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to the requirements for certification for certified interior designers

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

- 1 Section 1. Section 8305 of the education law, as added by chapter 905
- 2 of the laws of 1990, paragraph (b) of subdivision 2 as amended by chapter 653 of the laws of 1993, is amended to read as follows:
- 3
- 4 § 8305. Requirements for certification. 1. To qualify for certification to use the title "certified interior designer", an applicant
- 5 shall fulfill all the following requirements:
- 6
- 7 (a) Application: file an application with the department;
- 8 (b) Education: have ~~[received at least seven years of professional~~
- 9 ~~training consisting of academic study and work experience relating to~~
- 10 ~~interior design and in accordance with the commissioner's regulations.~~
- 11 ~~These seven years shall contain at least two but not more than five~~
- 12 ~~years of post secondary education, including an associate degree or the~~
- 13 ~~equivalent, in an approved program of interior design]~~ met the educational requirements required to sit for an examination offered by a
- 14 national certifying organization for interior design professionals,
- 15 provided that such certifying organization is approved by the commissioner;
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- 17 (c) Experience: have met experience ~~[satisfactory to the board and in~~
- 18 ~~accordance with the commissioner's regulations]~~ requirements deemed
- 19 necessary to sit for an examination offered by a national certifying
- 20 organization for interior design professionals provided that such certifying organization is approved by the commissioner;
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- 22 (d) Examination: (1) pass an examination satisfactory to the board in
- 23 accordance with the commissioner's regulations, and (2) ~~[pass a separate~~
- 24 ~~examination satisfactory to the board relative to the fire, safety and~~
- 25 ~~building codes of the state]~~ provide a verification from a national
- 26 certifying organization for interior design professionals that an applicant has passed an examination offered by such certifying organization
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EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets ~~[-]~~ is old law to be omitted.

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1 for interior design professionals, and that the applicant is a certifi-  
 2 cate holder in good standing from such certifying organization for  
 3 interior design professionals, provided that such certifying organiza-  
 4 tion is approved by the commissioner;

5 (e) Age: be at least twenty-one years of age;  
 6 (f) Citizenship: meet no requirements as to United States citizenship;  
 7 (g) Character: be of good moral character as determined by the depart-  
 8 ment; and  
 9 (h) Fees: pay a fee of three hundred dollars to the department for  
 10 admission to the two department conducted examinations and for an  
 11 initial license, a fee of one hundred fifty dollars for each reexamina-  
 12 tion, a fee of one hundred thirty-five dollars for an initial license  
 13 for persons not requiring admission to a department conducted examina-  
 14 tion, and a fee of two hundred ten dollars for each triennial registra-  
 15 tion period.

16 2. On recommendation of the board, the department may exempt:

17 (a) from the requirement of subparagraph one of paragraph (d) of  
 18 subdivision one of this section, an applicant who holds a license of  
 19 certification to practice as an interior designer issued to ~~him or her~~  
 20 the applicant upon examination by a legally constituted board of examin-  
 21 ers in any other state or political subdivision of the United States,  
 22 provided that at the time the license or certificate was issued by such  
 23 state or political subdivision the applicant met the requirements of  
 24 paragraph (b) of subdivision one of this section for certification to  
 25 use the title "certified interior designer" established by this article;  
 26 ~~or~~

27 (b) from the requirements specified in paragraph (b) of subdivision  
 28 one of this section provided the applicant submits, prior to January  
 29 first, nineteen hundred ninety-six, satisfactory evidence that the  
 30 applicant has ~~held himself or herself out as~~ presented the applicant  
 31 to be an interior designer and has prepared interior design documents in  
 32 accordance with the requirements set forth in section eighty-three  
 33 hundred three of this article for a minimum of seven years, has received  
 34 a secondary school diploma or equivalent, and has passed the examina-  
 35 tions required under paragraph (d) of subdivision one of this  
 36 section~~[-]; or~~

37 (c) from the requirements of subparagraph one of paragraph (b) of  
 38 subdivision one of this section, an architect licensed under article one  
 39 hundred forty-seven of this chapter.

40 § 2. This act shall take effect on the first of January next succeed-  
 41 ing the date upon which it shall have become a law. Effective imme-  
 42 diately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation  
 43 necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are  
 44 authorized to be made and completed on or before such effective date.

**NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY  
MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF LEGISLATION  
submitted in accordance with Assembly Rule III, Sec 1(f)**

**BILL NUMBER:** A9500

**SPONSOR:** McDonald

**TITLE OF BILL:**

An act to amend the education law, in relation to the requirements for certification for certified interior designers

**PURPOSE OR GENERAL IDEA OF BILL:**

To align New York requirements for the certification of interior designers with those of a national certification organization for interior design professionals.

**SUMMARY OF PROVISIONS:**

Section 1 Amends § 8305 of the education law to align education, experience, and examination requirements for the certification of interior designers with those of a national certification organization for interior design professionals, provided that such certifying organization is approved by the commissioner. This section also allows the Board to exempt licensed architects from the requirements of the statute.

Section 2 Provides an effective date of January 1st after the date on which it becomes a law, provided that the addition and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized and directed to be made and completed on or before such effective date.

**JUSTIFICATION:**

To be eligible in New York State for registration as a Certified Interior Designer, practitioners must take and pass the NCIDQ Exam, the nationally recognized examination for the interior design profession. NCIDQ Certificate Holders must undergo formal education, thousands of hours of paid, supervised experience, and an internationally recognized, eleven-hour certification exam to prepare for protecting the health, safety, and welfare of the public in practice.

NCIDQ Certificate holders are highly qualified to independently design non-loadbearing, non-seismic, and non-structural interior design elements in code-regulated spaces. However, some NCIDQ Certificate holders, despite having passed the exam and thus demonstrating minimal competence to protect the public, are not eligible for the New York State Certified Interior Designer title.

Currently, New York is one of two states that require more education and experience to acquire the state-protected title than is required to be eligible to sit for the NCIDQ Exam. As part of the eligibility requirements for the Certified Interior Designer title, New York State even specifies educational content requirements, such as color theory, that not all NCIDQ Certificate holders may receive, despite having passed the exam and established themselves as being minimally qualified and competent. As a result, qualified practitioners who passed the exam and would be eligible for registration in most other regulated jurisdictions cannot become Certified Interior Designers in New York State.

This legislation would update statutory qualification requirements for certified interior designers with those of the NCIDQ, and remove barriers to entry for certification for many otherwise qualified interior designers already working in New York.

**PRIOR LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:**

This is a new bill.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS FOR STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:**

None

**EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect on the first of January next succeeding the date upon which it shall have become a law. Provided, however, that effective immediately, the addition and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized and directed to be made and completed on or before such effective date.



**A9936** Eachus No Same as  
Education Law

TITLE....Relates to license requirements for professional geologists; repealer  
04/26/24 referred to higher education

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**EACHUS**

Rpld §7206-b sub 2, amd §7206-b, Ed L

Provides that the education requirements to be licensed as a professional geologist may be partially substituted by practical experience; relates to the issuance of an identification card as a geologist in training.

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## STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN ASSEMBLY

April 26, 2024

Introduced by M. of A. EACHUS -- read once and referred to the Committee on Higher Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to the licensure of a professional geologist; and to repeal subdivision 2 of section 7206-b of the education law relating thereto

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Subdivision 2 of section 7206-b of the education law is  
2 REPEALED and subdivisions 3 and 4 are renumbered subdivisions 2 and 3  
3 and a new subdivision 4 is added to read as follows:

4 4. Applicants who file with the department within two years of the  
5 effective date of this subdivision an application and fee requirements  
6 pursuant to paragraphs (a) and (g) of subdivision one of this section  
7 and who, at such time or anytime thereafter, demonstrate to the satis-  
8 faction of the department that they have twelve years of practical expe-  
9 rience in work satisfactory to the board may substitute such experience  
10 for the degree and experience requirements specified in paragraphs (b)  
11 and (c) of subdivision one of this section; provided, however, that each  
12 full year of study in geology deemed satisfactory to the department may,  
13 at the discretion of the board, be accepted in lieu of up to two years  
14 of the required twelve years of experience.

15 § 2. Subdivision 2 of section 7206-b of the education law, as added by  
16 chapter 475 of the laws of 2014 and as renumbered by section one of this  
17 act, is amended to read as follows:

18 2. For an identification card as [~~an "intern-geologist"~~] a "geologist  
19 in training", an applicant shall fulfill the requirements of subdivision  
20 one of this section, except those in paragraphs (c) and (e) of such  
21 subdivision, provided that admission to the examination may be given  
22 when the applicant is within twenty credits of the completion of the  
23 requirements of the bachelor's degree or higher as prescribed in para-  
24 graph (b) of subdivision one of this section[~~, or has completed the~~  
25 ~~practical experience requirement of subdivision two of this section~~].  
26 The fee for the examination and identification card as [~~an "intern-geoi-~~

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 ~~ogist~~] a "geologist in training" shall be seventy dollars and the fee  
2 for each reexamination shall be seventy dollars.  
3 § 3. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after  
4 it shall have become a law and shall apply to applications for licensure  
5 as a professional geologist on or after such effective date. Effective  
6 immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regu-  
7 lation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective  
8 date are authorized to be made and completed on or before such effective  
9 date.

**NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY  
MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF LEGISLATION  
submitted in accordance with Assembly Rule III, Sec 1(f)**

**BILL NUMBER:** A9936

**SPONSOR:** Eachus

**TITLE OF BILL:**

An act to amend the education law, in relation to the licensure of a professional geologist; and to repeal subdivision 2 of section 7206-b of the education law relating thereto

**PURPOSE OR GENERAL IDEA OF BILL::**

This legislation updates the geology licensing requirements by removing the provision allowing for a substitution of 12 years working experience for a bachelor's degree or higher based on a program in geology. Persons with substantially equivalent educational credentials, in accordance with the commissioner's regulations, will also qualify to sit for the professional geology examination, provided all other requirements for licensure are satisfied. The legislation also changes reference to "intern geologists" to "geologists in training." Finally, a person seeking licensure pursuant to the current 12-year experience ladder is authorized to file an application within 2 years of the effective date of the legislation in order to preserve the ability to qualify for geology licensure based on experience.

**SUMMARY OF PROVISIONS::**

Section 1: Repeals subdivision 2 of section 7206-b of the education law and adds a new subdivision 4 to require a formal education in geology.

Section 2: Changes "intern geologist" to "geologist in training".

Section 3: Sets the effective date.

**JUSTIFICATION::**

Today, very few individuals secure a professional geology license without a formal education including a bachelor's degree in geology. However, a bachelor's degree is not required under current law. The bill is consistent with the standard used throughout the nation and reflects the complexity of the demands placed on geologists, which include researching, investigating, consulting and geological mapping. This work describes the natural processes that act upon the earth's materials, predicting the probable occurrence of natural resources, predicting and locating natural or human-induced phenomena which may be useful or hazardous to humankind and recognizing, determining and evaluating geological factors, and the inspection and performance of geological work and the responsible supervision thereof in furtherance of the health, safety and welfare of the public.

The practice of geology is a highly technical profession requiring extensive knowledge of math, science and geological principles, and it is necessary to have an education requirement as part of the requirements for licensure as a professional geologist. This revised education requirement for geologists will help ensure the health safety and welfare of the public, as geologists can no longer obtain the necessary foundation in math, science, and geologic principles from a high school education and twelve years of experience.

Individuals can secure a bachelor's degree in geology in New York via a variety of public and private colleges, including 4-year SUNY institutions. In order to allow licensure by those individuals currently on the 12-year experience-only pathway, a limited exception is provided for individuals who have embarked on a career path in reliance upon the 12-year ladder. Individuals seeking a license based upon the 12-year ladder provision will be afforded 2 years following the date of enactment to file an application with the Education Department thereby preserving their right to utilize this alternative approach to a license at any time in the future.

Additionally, the change in the title "intern geologist" to "geologist in training" more aptly describes those on the path to licensure as a professional geologist.

PRIOR LEGISLATIVE HISTORY::

New bill.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS FOR STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS::

To be determined.

EFFECTIVE DATE::

This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after it shall have become a law and shall apply to applications for licensure as a professional geologist on or after such effective date. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed on or before such effective date.

THE UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK  
THE STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

EDUCATION/  
EXPERIENCE  
REVIEW

**To:** Architecture Board Members

**Date:** May 1, 2024

**From:** Robert Lopez **R.L.**

**Subject:** Education/Experience Review

**In reply to:**

At its November 2023 meeting, the State Board reviewed New York's current education and experience requirements for licensure. At that meeting, it was decided that an Ad Hoc Committee of the Board would perform a deeper dive on the requirements. Vice Chair Dosso and Members Bentel and Canaras are the Ad Hoc Committee members who will be performing a more detailed analysis of the current requirements.

Immediately following this memo is a snapshot of the Board's education and experience requirements for licensure as an architect. These requirements are on the Architecture website at <https://www.op.nysed.gov/professions/architecture/general-requirements> ).

Please review these requirements so that you can make ask any questions you may have that you feel the Committee can address, questions your employees may have, or questions you feel that this Committee should be asking, in order to review the current requirements and make recommendations to the State Board about any changes that may be needed.

Eligibility for initial licensure or licensure via the NCARB Certificate is based on a combination of education and experience for which units of credit are awarded. The credit awarded for education determines the required number of units (years) of experience, where one unit of experience is equal to one year. An applicant's combination of education and experience must total at least 12 units, as determined by the State Education Department (the Department). A professional degree from an NAAB-accredited program is **NOT** required for licensure in New York.

Units assigned to each educational category below are the maximum which the Department may grant. After evaluating the degree or courses successfully completed, the Department may grant fewer units. Except for Category E, credit in the different categories may not be combined; the highest professional education level attained determines the credit. Category E may be combined with educational categories below if determined applicable by the Department.

#### Category A:

First professional degree from a program accredited by the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB)

Maximum credit granted: **9 units**

#### Category B:

First professional degree from a program not NAAB-accredited

Maximum credit granted: **8 units**

#### Category C:

Partial completion of an NAAB-accredited program: **2 units** of credit for each year completed (up to a maximum of 7 credits)

A four-year pre-professional degree in architecture (**note:** not all programs qualify; the program must exist within a School of Architecture/Design that has an NAAB-accredited program and must meet certain criteria as determined by the Department) or the foreign equivalent

Maximum credits granted: **7 units**

If full curriculum of an NAAB-accredited program was completed but no degree was granted, a maximum of **8 units** may be allowed.

**Note:** In this and following categories, "one year" means the equivalent of one academic year's full-time attendance.

#### Category D:

A degree or postsecondary coursework in an architecturally related profession

Maximum credit granted: **5 units**

#### Category E:

Master's degree in architecturally related studies depending on the category of the first degree

Maximum Credit Granted: **1 unit**

#### Category F:

Not Used

#### Category G:

A degree or postsecondary coursework in a subject unrelated to architecture

Maximum credit granted: **2 units**

#### Category H:

A degree or postsecondary coursework in an architecturally related technical program

Maximum credit granted: **2 units**

#### Foreign Education Only

New York performs its own evaluation of foreign-educated candidates through its Bureau of Comparative Education. New York does not require, nor does it accept, an EESA Evaluation or any outside evaluations of foreign education. All foreign-educated candidates are encouraged to begin the process of education review with our Bureau of Comparative Education as soon as possible.

To review an applicant's foreign education, the candidate must:

- Submit [Form 1 - Application for Licensure](#)
- Pay the licensure and first registration fee of \$377.00
- Send [Form 2 - Certification of Professional Education](#) to your foreign university to complete and send back to the Department with all required documentation. One of our Bureau of Comparative Education evaluators will assign a value for the education.

Applicants with questions regarding the foreign education review process may contact the Bureau of Comparative Education at: [COMPED@nysed.gov](mailto:COMPED@nysed.gov)

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New York has certain experience requirements that differ from NCARB's requirements. It is your responsibility to read and understand New York's experience requirements.

All experience must be appropriately documented and verified. For applicants seeking initial licensure, documentation of completion of the Architectural Experience Program® (AXP®), or its predecessor, the Intern Development Program (IDP), is required. For applicants seeking licensure via the NCARB Certificate, documentation of completion of the Architectural Experience Program® (AXP®), or its predecessor, the Intern Development Program (IDP), is required if the applicant was initially licensed on or after September 1, 1999. Applicants must also meet all of New York's experience requirements.

All experience earned must be at least one month in duration, and one year of architectural work experience is defined as an aggregate total of 12 calendar months of full-time employment. Full-time employment is defined as at least 35 hours of experience earned per week. Any portion of the experience requirement may be completed during periods of time that are not concurrent with full-time attendance at an institution of higher education. The Board may award prorated credit for part-time work, provided it meets New York's experience requirements.

All experience must be of a scope and nature satisfactory to the State Board for Architecture (State Board), and all experience must be lawful in nature for the experience to count towards New York's requirements. Generally, if experience was obtained at a company that the State Board deems not to be lawful in nature, the experience will not be awarded any credit towards New York's licensure requirements, even if NCARB accepts it towards completion of the AXP® requirements. The State Board determines the amount of credit to be awarded. Work experience need not necessarily occur in New York for it to be considered towards the experience requirement.

**Please Note:** Experience obtained in any work setting as a consultant or contract worker to an architecture firm, or work at your own "design or drafting firm" is generally not given any credit towards the experience requirement for licensure in New York.

New York splits work experience into two categories (Category I or Category J) as noted below:

#### Category I:

One unit of credit for each year of diversified experience in appropriate architectural work under the direct supervision of a **lawfully** practicing architect may be awarded by the State Board.

Maximum credit granted: **12 units**

If an applicant's experience to be considered in Category I was obtained at an architectural firm located in New York or for an out-of-state entity offering architectural services in New York, please be advised that only certain entities that have current filings may lawfully offer architectural services in New York. These include:

- Sole proprietorship, where the sole proprietor is a registered architect in New York
- Professional partnership, where all Partners are registered architects in New York
- Professional Service Corporation (PC)
- Design Professional Service Corporation (DPC)
- Professional Service Limited Liability Company (PLLC)
- Registered Limited Liability Partnership (LLP)
- Grandfathered Corporation

With few exceptions, these are the only entities authorized to provide, or offer to provide, architectural services in New York. General Business Corporations, Limited Liability Companies, Professional Associations (PA), and Limited Companies (LTD) are not permitted to offer architectural services in New York. Please see [this document](#) for more detail on permissible corporate entities.

#### Notes:

- For applicants in Category A, a total of at least eight years of education and experience is required in order to obtain 12 units of credit.
- Applicants who are awarded 9 units of educational credit and applicants in Category B must document at least two years of experience in Category I.
- Applicants in Category C must document at least four years of experience in Category I.
- Applicants in Categories D, G, and H must document the majority of their experience in Category I.

**Category J:**

One unit of credit for each year of lawful experience in appropriate work related to architecture may be awarded by the State Board.

Maximum credit granted: **0 - 5 units**, depending upon the education credit award

This may include work in the following areas:

- a professional engineer's office
- a government agency related to architectural practice
- a construction manager or contractor's office (or field)
- a related design discipline, such as landscape architecture, interior design
- teaching required courses in an NAAB-accredited architectural program (credit is based on the proportion of a full teaching load). Supplementary documentation is required for teaching.
- conducting or participating in structured research on architectural problems, culminating in a report, subject to Board approval. Supplementary documentation is required for structured research.

In determining credit for experience gained in Category J, the quality and nature of experience must be appropriately related to that gained in an architectural office engaged in diversified practice and **any experience gained must be lawful.**

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**THE STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT**

**2024 NCARB  
REGIONAL  
SUMMIT SUMMARY**

**To:** Architecture Board Members

**Date:** May 1, 2024

**From:** Robert Lopez **R.L.**

**Subject:** 2024 NCARB Regional Summit  
Summary

**In reply to:**

Chair Pearson and I attended the 2024 NCARB Regional Summit on March 1-2, 2024. Immediately following this memo is a high-level summary received from NCARB relating to the Summit.

Some additional key takeaways were:

- 7 of 10 of the candidates running for the At-Large seat on the NCARB Board of Directors were present and permitted to address the jurisdictions with short speeches, describing their backgrounds and capabilities.
- The draft NCARB Resolutions were discussed, with regional realignment within NCARB dominated the conversation, especially our Region 2 meeting
- A workshop on incidental practice was held, with discussion of the upcoming results.
- NCARB is studying competency-based licensure for multiple pathways in lieu of the current method.
- George Guida of the Harvard Laboratory Institute [George Guida | Architecture + Technology \(george-guida.com\)](https://www.george-guida.com) presented about how AI will impact architecture
  - 5% of firms are using AI, 70% are exploring its use
  - AI will not replace architects
  - Software such as Delve (Google), UpCodes, Midjourney, Open AI, Meshy, Finch, Hypar, SWAPP were all discussed
- NCARB Region 2 dues will stay at \$4,500 per jurisdiction/year. These are dues outside of the dues paid to NCARB, which are \$1,000/year.
- NCARB and the AIA are auditing the NAAB, studying operational optimization and operational efficiencies within that organization
- NCARB Region 2 held its elections, and the results were:
  - Ed Tucker – WV – Director
  - Bob Cozzarelli – NJ – Chair
  - Mary McClenaghan – PA – Treasurer
  - Tim Colley – VA – Secretary

- Next year's NCARB Regional Summit will be held in Philadelphia in late February/early March, 2025.

As is customary, the Member Board Executive (MBE) Workshop was held on February 29, 2024, the day prior to the start of the Regional Summit. Its focus was on the past, present and future for the role of the MBE within the regulatory world. The MBEs also nominated Shannon Himes from Ohio to be the candidate for the MBE on the NCARB Board of Directors.

## Press

# Regional Leadership Elected at NCARB's 2024 Regional Summit

03/18/2024

From March 1-2, members of the U.S. architectural licensing boards gathered in Savannah, Georgia, for the 2024 Regional Summit. The annual summit provides a forum for NCARB's regions to explore key national initiatives, discuss regional issues, and elect leadership for the year ahead. This year's summit was hosted by NCARB's Region 3, which is comprised of licensing boards in the southeastern U.S.

The summit's agenda is planned each year by NCARB's Regional Leadership Committee, which includes the chair, vice chair, and executive of each region. The 2024 Regional Summit kicked off on Friday with an overview of national initiatives, including an update from President Jon Alan Baker, FAIA, NCARB, LEED AP.

Next, Secretary Sylvia Kwan, FAIA, NCARB, LEED AP, reviewed the draft resolutions up for a membership vote at this year's Annual Business Meeting in June—including a potential resolution that would realign NCARB's regional structure. Attendees also heard from candidates running for positions on NCARB's FY25 Board of Directors. This includes individuals running for NCARB's new at-large director positions, which will be added to the Board of Directors for the first time in the coming fiscal year.

Attendees then met as regions to discuss these national topics, as well as region-specific topics like regional budgets, conferences, and leadership. On Friday afternoon, attendees had the opportunity to

attend one of two workshops on either incidental practice or the potential evolution of the path to licensure.

On Saturday, attendees head a keynote presentation from architect George Guida, RIBA, LEED AP BD+C, exploring opportunities to incorporate artificial intelligence during various stages of the design process, as well as how regulators can continue to ensure public protection as use of AI grows. Next, attendees split into breakout groups to discuss takeaways from the workshops and keynote presentations, before joining their regions again to conclude their regional business.

To end the summit, the chairs of each region shared the outcomes of their regional discussion, as well as each region's nominated candidate for regional director on the FY25 Board of Directors:

- Region 1: Jennifer Arbuckle, NCARB, AIA, LEED AP (Vermont)
- Region 2: Edward W. Tucker, FAIA, NCARB (West Virginia)
- Region 3: Miguel A. Rodriguez, FAIA, NCARB, NOMA (Florida)
- Region 4: Linda Alfson Schemmel, AIA, NCARB (Iowa)
- Region 5: James Devine, NCARB, AIA, LEED AP (North Dakota)
- Region 6: Scott E. Harm, AIA, NCARB (Washington)

Regional directors will be elected by NCARB's full membership at the Annual Business Meeting in June.

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## Press

# Sanctions Issued for ARE Candidate Misconduct

02/23/2024

Washington, DC—The National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) has issued sanctions for several candidates who violated the Architect Registration Examination® (ARE®) Candidate Agreement by copying, sharing, or receiving exam questions.

The ARE plays a crucial role in ensuring the public's health, safety, and welfare by affirming that candidates have the required knowledge and skills to competently practice architecture. To ensure the validity of exam results, NCARB takes several steps to protect the security of ARE—including requiring that all candidates abide by the [ARE Candidate Agreement](#). The agreement prohibits candidates from accessing, distributing, or attempting to access or distribute exam content before or after taking any ARE division and outlines other responsibilities of each candidate for licensure.

In this case, potential ARE misconduct violations were flagged by NCARB's psychometricians through the use of data forensic analysis of examination results. After a thorough investigation, several candidates were found to have violated Category 1: Seeking or Failing to Report Disclosed ARE Content of the [Policy for the ARE: Exam Candidate Conduct](#).

Following the investigation, and after providing each candidate the opportunity to address the charges against them, each candidate's actions were reviewed independently by NCARB's Professional Conduct Committee. Final disciplinary decisions were made by NCARB's Board of Directors in February 2024.

The three candidates receiving sanctions and a public reprimand are:

- Farzad Choupanian was found to have violated Category 1
- Aala Derambakhsh was found to have violated Category 1
- Zandra Jacqueline Fernandez Bucheli was found to have violated Category 1

In addition to each candidate receiving this public reprimand, any of their exam scores connected to the Category 1 violations have been invalidated. Each candidate has had their testing authorization suspended for five years from their last testing event and is required to complete six hours of ethics education within the next 12 months.

NCARB is dedicated to reviewing and strengthening the role of ethics in the regulation of architecture and maintains [a public database](#) of all disciplinary actions receiving a public reprimand. The recent candidate misconduct has been reported to the appropriate licensing boards, which may take additional disciplinary actions warranted by the individual cases.

Individuals who wish to learn more about ARE security can learn more by reviewing the security section of the [ARE Guidelines](#) or visit the [ARE 5.0 Community](#) to discuss the topic with NCARB's examination experts.

### About NCARB

The National Council of Architectural Registration Boards' membership is made up of the architectural licensing boards of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. NCARB, in collaboration with these boards, facilitates the licensure and credentialing of architects to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public.

To achieve these goals, NCARB works with its Member Boards and volunteers to develop and facilitate standards for licensure, including the national examination and experience program. NCARB also recommends regulatory guidelines for licensing boards and helps architects expand their professional reach through the NCARB Certificate. Connect with NCARB on [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#), and [YouTube](#).



THE UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK  
**THE STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT**

**FUTURE  
ENDORSEMENT  
PATHWAY**

**To:** Architecture Board Members

**Date:** May 1, 2024

**From:** Robert Lopez **R.L.**

**Subject:** Future Endorsement Pathway

**In reply to:**

As many of you are aware, New York is not a participant in the Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA) that NCARB signed in 2023 with the United Kingdom (UK). This memo will highlight some of the similarities and differences between New York and UK licensure requirements. A deeper examination suggests there may be a future endorsement pathway for the State Board to consider as an endorsement option to permit UK architects who have a certain amount of experience as an architect while working in the UK to be able to apply for licensure in New York. This option would permit New York to participate in the MRA with the UK.

A summary chart showing a comparison of New York and the UK licensure requirements as set out by the Architects Registration Board (ARB) immediately follows this memo. Also included is Section 69.3 of the Regulations of the Commissioner that stipulate the current endorsement options.

A comparison of the New York and UK licensure requirements follows below:

### **EDUCATION**

Completion of the UK Part 1 and Part 2 portion typically results in the award of a 3-4 year Bachelor's degree and the award of a 2 year Master of Architecture degree; similar to the US 4+2 programs resulting in the award of a Master of Architecture degree from an NAAB-accredited program. Students must take and pass a Prescribed Examination at the conclusion of both Part 1 and Part 2 to ensure that the student's supporting material (portfolio) demonstrates that the UK's Comparative Matrix requirements are met. As one can imagine, the Part 2 exam is more comprehensive than the Part 1 exam.

### **EXPERIENCE**

The practical training in the UK requires 2 years of practical experience under the direct supervision of a professional working in the construction industry (an architect registered in the territory where the experience is being undertaken or a chartered or similarly qualified member of an appropriate professional body) which should include at least 12 months working in a relevant European Territory, under the direct supervision of an architect. 12 of the 24 months should have been undertaken in the 2 years immediately before taking the Part 3 exam. Although the UK does not have a similar requirement as NCARB's Architectural Experience Program (AXP), the ARB Part 3 criteria set out, in broad terms, the types of experience activities which are undertaken by a UK candidate for licensure.

### **EXAMINATION**

The Part 3 Exam is not just an exam but a comprehensive process of preparation, learning and 55

assessment. It includes 12-24 months of lecture courses, the 24 months of professional experience noted above, written exams, a written case study, and an oral examination (similar to New York's practical exam).

## **POSSIBLE ENDORSEMENT MODEL**

New York's regulatory requirements outlined in Section 69.3(b) of the Commissioner's Regulations for endorsement for Canadian architects may provide a departure point for consideration of those architects licensed in the UK, as noted below:

- b. Endorsement of licenses of Canadian provinces. A license to practice architecture issued by a Canadian province may be endorsed for practice in New York State if the applicant submits the following to the Department:
  1. evidence satisfactory to the State Board for Architecture of at least five years of professional experience acceptable to such board, provided that such experience occurs following licensure in such jurisdiction and within the seven years immediately preceding application for licensure by endorsement in New York State; and
  2. evidence of meeting the examination requirements prescribed in section 69.2 of this Part or, if the candidate does not meet the examination requirements prescribed in section 69.2 of this part, passing a practical examination satisfactory to the State Board for Architecture; and
  3. evidence acceptable to the department of good standing as a licensee in each jurisdiction in which the applicant is licensed to practice architecture; and
  4. an attestation of good moral character.

Since the UK architect desiring licensure in New York will most likely not have taken NCARB's Architect Registration Examination (ARE), the UK architect could be endorsed for licensure via a similar process as Canadian architects who did not pass the ARE. Those UK architects would be required to take the State Board's practical examination to meet the examination requirement in New York.

In summary, for UK architects, the model suggests that they could be endorsed if they submit the following:

- evidence satisfactory to the State Board of at least 5 of 7 years of experience in the UK; and
- pass the practical exam; and
- evidence of good standing in each jurisdiction in which the applicant is licensed to practice architecture; and
- an attestation of good moral character.

The State Board is being asked for its consideration of this possible future endorsement pathway for UK architects. If the Board would like to recommend that New York move forward in this direction, it would require a regulatory review and amendment and be discussed with Department leadership and be approved by the Board of Regents.

Comparison of NY vs UK requirements  
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<u>NY</u>		
<b>EDUCATION</b>	<b>EXPERIENCE</b>	<b>EXAM</b>
5-Yr BArch	3 yrs Exp + AXP	ARE
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<u>UK</u>		
Part 1	Part 2	Part 3
3-4 yr BA or equivalent	2 yr MArch	
Examined @ Part 1	Examined @ Part 2	
usually followed by 1 yr Exp	usually followed by another 1 yr Exp	Professional practice qualification exam
	<b>Practical Training Requirements</b> 24 months practical experience under the direct supervision of a professional working in the construction industry which should include at least 12 months working in a relevant European Territory, under the direct supervision of an architect.	The Part 3 exam consists of 12-24 months of lecture courses; the 24 months of practical training requirements; written exams, a written case study, and an oral exam.
	12 of the 24 months should have been undertaken in the 2 years immediately before taking the Part 3 exam.	

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- a. Endorsement of licenses of other states. A license to practice architecture issued by another state or jurisdiction of the United States may be endorsed for practice in New York State if the applicant submits the following to the department:
1. evidence satisfactory to the State Board for Architecture of at least five years of professional experience acceptable to such board, provided that such experience occurs following licensure in such jurisdiction and within the seven years immediately preceding application for licensure by endorsement in New York State; and
  2. evidence of meeting the examination requirements prescribed in section 69.2 of this Part; and
  3. evidence acceptable to the department of good standing as a licensee in each jurisdiction in which the applicant is licensed to practice architecture; and
  4. an attestation of good moral character.

- b. Endorsement of licenses of Canadian provinces. A license to practice architecture issued by a Canadian province may be endorsed for practice in New York State if the applicant submits the following to the Department:
1. evidence satisfactory to the State Board for Architecture of at least five years of professional experience acceptable to such board, provided that such experience occurs following licensure in such jurisdiction and within the seven years immediately preceding application for licensure by endorsement in New York State; and
  2. evidence of meeting the examination requirements prescribed in section 69.2 of this Part or, if the candidate does not meet the examination requirements prescribed in section 69.2 of this part, passing a practical examination satisfactory to the State Board for Architecture; and
  3. evidence acceptable to the department of good standing as a licensee in each jurisdiction in which the applicant is licensed to practice architecture; and
  4. an attestation of good moral character.
- c. Special endorsement provisions. An applicant with a license to practice architecture in another state or jurisdiction of the United States as the result of successful completion of the professional examination in use before 1983 may be granted licensure upon presentation of evidence of at least five years of work experience, provided that such experience occurs following licensure in such state or jurisdiction and occurs within the seven years immediately preceding licensure by endorsement in this State and such experience is of a grade and character satisfactory to the State Board for Architecture, or upon completion of those parts of the written examination not previously passed. Such an applicant shall also submit the following to the Department:
1. evidence acceptable to the Department of good standing as a licensee in each jurisdiction in which the applicant is licensed to practice architecture; and
  2. an attestation of good moral character.

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