

N C A R B

National Council of Architectural Registration Boards

BEFA

The Broadly Experienced Foreign Architect Program

Eligibility:

Foreign architects are eligible to apply for an NCARB Certificate through the Broadly Experienced Foreign Architect (BEFA) program if they:

- Hold a professional architecture degree from an accredited/validated/officially recognized architecture program
- Are currently credentialed as an architect in a country other than the United States and Canada* that:
 - Has a formal record keeping method for disciplinary actions for architects
 - Provides reasonable reciprocal credentialing opportunities for U.S. architects
- Have completed a minimum of seven years of comprehensive, unlimited practice as a credentialed architect in the country in which credentialed

The BEFA Program allows foreign architects who meet the eligibility requirements to demonstrate competence to practice independently in the United States. The BEFA process requires establishment of an NCARB Record, preparation of a dossier to demonstrate experience, and a personal interview.

* Architects who hold current registration issued by a Canadian jurisdiction are eligible for NCARB Certification. (<http://www.ncarb.org/certification/canadacert.html>).

Requirements for reciprocal registration vary between jurisdictions. It is important for each BEFA candidate to confirm registration requirements including reciprocity requirements with the individual jurisdiction (<http://www.ncarb.org/stateboards/index.html>).

To contact the
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For further information about the BEFA Program including detailed information about eligibility, application, process, schedule, and fees, please refer to: <http://www.ncarb.org/certification/befacert.html>