

“As my firm becomes more and more national, certification will be of significant importance ... With my NCARB Certificate, I can be licensed in more jurisdictions so that I can serve my existing clients and develop new ones.”

Trevor M. Harrison, AIA, NCARB, LEED AP

BE READY FOR OPPORTUNITIES IN EVERY ECONOMY!

Smart business people know how to make opportunities regardless of the state of the economy. If you are an architect looking to expand your prospects, getting a National Council of Architectural Registration Boards Certificate is your first step. An NCARB Certificate will give you the mobility to go after work—wherever it is.

Give Yourself a Competitive Edge

Having NCARB after your name doesn't mean you're a member of an organization—it means you have met the highest professional standards established by the registration boards responsible for protecting the health, safety, and welfare of the public and obtained the NCARB Certificate. It also makes it easier to obtain reciprocal registration in other jurisdictions. In fact, more than half of the U.S. registration boards require the NCARB Certificate for reciprocal registration. Even if your work interests center solely on projects within the jurisdiction where you are licensed, your NCARB Certificate will still give you a competitive edge—you'll be prepared to meet all your current clients' needs if they decide to move or expand across state lines.

The NCARB Certificate is a Smart Career Move

Whether you are an architect who is recently licensed, closing in on retirement, or anywhere in between, getting an NCARB Certificate can help your career. It not only gives you the option to look for work anywhere in the country, it can give you a leg up on the competition. Many architectural firms consider certification an important factor in hiring and promotion because they know that an architect with an NCARB Certificate provides the firm with greater flexibility when pursuing opportunities in other jurisdictions.

BE MOBILE!

The NCARB Certificate gives you the mobility you need to:

- take advantage of business opportunities in multiple jurisdictions
- seek new experiences
- capitalize on a boom in another jurisdiction
- move closer to family
- relocate after retirement

Your NCARB Certificate will give you the mobility to pursue work in all 54 jurisdictions, as well as in Canada.

And now, receive a free monograph with your certification!

“My NCARB Certificate helps expedite the process of becoming registered in different jurisdictions, which makes it easier for my firm to pursue projects in more states.”

Enrique Norten, NCARB
Founder and principal of TEN Arquitectos

MOBILE YOU

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Get NCARB Certified!

GET NCARB CERTIFIED

Certification Provides Discounts on Continuing Education

As an NCARB Certificate holder, you can earn free continuing education credits by reading NCARB's mini-monographs and completing the online quizzes. Mini-monographs are worth one credit each, and can also be downloaded from the NCARB web site. A \$70 annual value!

You also receive a \$100 discount on every NCARB monograph. That means you can earn continuing education credits for about \$15 per unit—one of the lowest costs available for continuing education anywhere. All credits awarded through the NCARB monograph series meet AIA's health, safety, and welfare (HSW) and sustainable design (SD) continuing education requirements.

Certification Provides Security

The information in your NCARB Record is maintained on a secure server. You don't have to worry about misplaced records or obtaining necessary verifications from a previous employer who may no longer be in business. All information contained in your NCARB Record is confidential and will only be disclosed to the registration boards you decide. When you need to get licensed in another jurisdiction, you simply submit a request to NCARB along with the \$400 transmittal fee and a verified copy of your Record will be quickly and easily transmitted to the registration board in support of your application for licensure.

Plus, Big Savings for Interns

The \$1,500 certification application fee is waived for interns who keep their NCARB Record active while they sit for the ARE. If you have a professional degree from a NAAB-accredited program and have completed IDR, you'll meet the requirements for NCARB certification after you pass the ARE and obtain your initial registration. Once you are licensed, you can start the certification process when you renew your NCARB Record online or by sending an e-mail with your request to customerservice@ncarb.org.

ARE YOU ELIGIBLE FOR CERTIFICATION?

If you hold a license to practice architecture from one of NCARB's member registration boards, it is likely that you've already met the eligibility requirements for NCARB certification. To become certified, you must also:

- Hold a professional degree in architecture from a program accredited by the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB) or the Canadian Architecture Certification Board (CACB).*
- Complete the Intern Development Program (IDP).
- Pass all divisions of the Architect Registration Examination® (ARE®).

** If you were educated in a foreign country, or you don't have a professional architecture degree from a NAAB- or CACB-accredited program, or you are licensed in a foreign country, you still may qualify for NCARB certification. Please contact NCARB at customerservice@ncarb.org for more information.*

Want to learn more about NCARB certification?

Go to ncarb.org/certification

“ My architectural practice has been greatly enhanced by my NCARB Certificate. We have worked as associate architects for Crate & Barrel for the past 10 years and my ability to gain reciprocity with ease and timeliness has allowed us to offer our services on projects across the country. I can't imagine how difficult it would be to provide architectural services on a national level without the NCARB Certificate. Registration requirements can vary greatly from state to state. The value-added of my certification far exceeds the in-house investment we would have to make to administer this process. ”

Kathryn Quinn, AIA, NCARB

How to Become Certified

If you are seeking certification through the usual process, there are six steps:

1. Go to www.ncarb.org and complete the online application for an NCARB Record.
2. Submit the \$1,500 fee to NCARB through the online application.
3. NCARB will send you an e-mail with instructions on how to verify your education and training. (NCARB will contact the jurisdiction(s) where you are registered to request an official copy of your examination and registration history.)
4. Complete your portion of the forms and forward them to your verification sources (schools, employers, etc.) and they will return them directly to NCARB. You will also need to document your work experience using the electronic Employment Verification Reporting (e-EVR) system, which will be available to you after you start your NCARB Record.
5. When all requested information has been received, NCARB will evaluate your qualifications and let you know whether or not you meet the eligibility requirements.
6. NCARB will issue your Certificate when all requirements have been satisfied.

Note: If you've already established an NCARB Record, simply log on to your online Record and select the Annual Renewal option. This will automatically put you into the certification process and charge the applicable fees.

WHEN YOU GET YOUR NCARB CERTIFICATE, YOU'LL ALSO GET A

FREE MONOGRAPH