

THE ARE FIVE-YEAR ROLLING CLOCK: HERE IT COMES!

The NCARB ARE Rolling Clock made its debut on 1 January 2006. This January will mark the fifth year of its existence—and the first time under the policy that division scores for candidates who have not completed the exam within five years will begin to expire.

Prior to 2006, several jurisdictions had some form of a rolling clock in place, but there was no uniform standard. Member Boards decided that requiring the exam to be passed within a reasonable period better ensures that the ARE remains a valid measure of the level of competence necessary to independently practice architecture. A uniform standard also helped facilitate reciprocity among jurisdictions.

While no jurisdiction has a timeframe requirement that is longer than NCARB's Rolling Clock, some continue to have clocks that are shorter or do not "roll." Contact your registration board for more information on its rules and requirements.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

Under the terms of the Rolling Clock, candidates for the ARE must pass all required divisions within five years. Divisions passed prior to 1 January 2006 were given an exemption and will remain valid until 1 July 2014. Divisions pass after 1 January 2006 will remain valid for five years.

Key Points:

- If a division was passed prior to 1 January 2006, the candidate's five-year period will begin on the date when the first passed division was administered after 1 January 2006.
- A passing grade for any division taken after 1 January 2006 will remain valid for five years beginning on the date the division was taken.
- If a candidate's Rolling Clock end date is reached, only the passing score for the division establishing the Five-Year Rolling Clock end date will expire.
- Once a candidate's Rolling Clock end date is reached, a new Rolling Clock end date will be established from the date of the next oldest passed division.
- Any division passed prior to 1 January 2006 will no longer be valid if a candidate has not passed all divisions of the ARE by 1 July 2014.

TRANSITION TO ARE 4.0

Candidates who began taking the ARE prior to the transition to ARE 4.0 should be mindful of the transition credits and Rolling Clock dates on their ARE score reports. ARE 4.0 divisions were given the Rolling Clock date of the earliest corresponding ARE 3.1 division. For example, if your Rolling Clock was established by passing ARE 3.1's Building Technology in January 2006 and you haven't complete all divisions of the current ARE by January 2011, you will be required to take all four divisions in ARE 4.0 that correspond to ARE 3.1's Building Technology.

ROLLING CLOCK EXTENSIONS

Extensions to the ARE Rolling Clock can be requested in circumstances where completion of the ARE is prevented by the birth or adoption of a child, a serious medical condition, active duty in military service, or other like causes. An applicant may request an extension by submitting a timely written application and supporting documentation as prescribed by NCARB. Upon proper application, parents of newborn infants or newly adopted children are allowed a six-month extension to the end of the five-year period if the birth or adoption occurred within the five-year period.

Key Points:

- A request for a Rolling Clock extension must be submitted by the candidate directly to NCARB.
- The request for a Rolling Clock extension must be received by NCARB before a candidate's current NCARB Rolling Clock end date.
- Each applicant must include a completed Rolling Clock Extension Request Form (available at www.ncarb.org) and all relevant and required supporting documentation.
- Extension requests should be submitted to are@ncarb.org.

If you have questions, or you would like to request an extension to the ARE Rolling Clock, contact NCARB at are@ncarb.org. **DC**