



RA

REGISTERED ARCHITECT

LIKELY CANDIDATES FOR CREDENTIAL

MILITARY - OFFICER	YES
MILITARY - ENLISTED	NO
INDUSTRY	YES
GOVERNMENT	YES

REQUIREMENTS

The Registered Architect (RA) credential is offered by the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) for all 55 states and territories. Below are the major steps to becoming a registered architect:

- Attain a master's degree from a National Architectural Accrediting Board college or university.
- Successfully complete the Architectural Experience Program.
 - » This is a 3,740-hour training program under a licensed architect broken up over six categories to help candidates prepare for the exam.
- Complete an initial registration with your state to gain permission to take the Architectural Registration Exam (ARE).
- Successfully complete all six parts of the ARE.
- Complete any additional requirements your state may have.
 - » Some states require additional exams or specific courses. Check with your local jurisdiction.
- Apply for your NCARB certificate to ease the process of reciprocity in other states

TEST FORMAT

The ARE is comprised of six practice-based divisions:

- **PcM** – Practice Management
- **PjM** – Project Management
- **PA** – Programing & Analysis
- **PPD** – Project Planning & Design
- **PDD** – Project Development & Design
- **CE** – Construction & Evaluation

PUBLICATIONS AND RESOURCES

The following resources and publications are provided as the top references to assist candidates in preparation for this exam. Additional resources can be found in the NCARB ARE 5.0 Handbook Reference Matrix and through the NCARB (ncarb.org) website.

Professional Practice: A Guide to Turning Designs into Buildings

Paul Segal, FAIA

The Project Resource Manual: CSI Manual of Practice

The Construction Specifications Institute

The HOK Guidebook to Sustainable Design

Sandra F. Mendler, William Odell, and Mary Ann Lazarus

ICC A1171.1-2009 Accessible and Usable Buildings and Facilities

International Code Council

International Building Code (2018)

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CONTINUING EDUCATION

Each state sets their own continuing education requirements, so once you obtain your license check with your local jurisdiction for the requirements. The NCARB website has a great tool for checking these requirements. Items to look for:

- Whether Continuing Education Units (CEUs) are required for your state.
- Number of CEUs per renewal cycle required by your state.
- Specific types of CEUs required:
 - » Health Safety Welfare (HSW)
 - » Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)
 - » Sustainability