

**State of California
Office of Administrative Law**

In re:
California Architects Board

Regulatory Action:

Title 16, California Code of Regulations

Amend sections: 121, 124

NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF REGULATORY
ACTION

Government Code Section 11349.3

OAL Matter Number: 2024-1018-04

OAL Matter Type: Regular Resubmittal (SR)

This action proposes to update the reciprocity requirements for architects from other US jurisdictions or other countries and lists the application requirements for the California State Examination.

OAL approves this regulatory action pursuant to section 11349.3 of the Government Code. This regulatory action becomes effective on 4/1/2025.

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DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
TITLE 16. PROFESSIONAL AND VOCATIONAL REGULATIONS
DIVISION 2. CALIFORNIA ARCHITECTS BOARD

Reciprocity Requirements

Order of Adoption

Amend Section 121 of Article 3 of Division 2 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations as follows:

§ 121. ~~Form of Examinations;~~ California Reciprocity Licensure Requirements.

~~All candidates for an architectural license shall be required to take and successfully complete the Architect Registration Examination (ARE) and the California Supplemental Examination subject to the following provisions:~~

(a)(1) A candidate who is licensed or registered as an architect in another United States jurisdiction, (i.e., state, territory or possession of the United States) either by having passed a written architectural licensing examination administered by that United States jurisdiction on or before January 1, 1966 and who has engaged in the practice of architecture as a licensed architect for five (5) or more years in one or more United States jurisdiction or by having passed an examination prepared by the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB), comparable to the Architect Registration Examination (ARE) (as determined by the Board), shall be eligible to apply for licensure as specified in Section 109(g) upon passing the California Supplemental Examination (CSE) as specified in Section 124 ~~of these regulations~~. All such candidates that meet the documentary requirements set out in Section 109(b)(5) shall have the review of their application expedited and the fee waived pursuant to Section 115.5 of the code.

(2) A candidate who is licensed or registered as an architect in another United States jurisdiction and does not meet the qualifications set forth in subsection (a)(1) shall, prior to applying for licensure as specified in Section 109(g), pass the CSE as specified in Section 124 and submit:

(A) A current and valid NCARB Certification transmitted directly by NCARB, or

(B) Each of the following:

- (i) Proof of licensure or registration in another United States jurisdiction,
- (ii) License verification(s) from each jurisdiction where the candidate has possessed a license,
- (iii) Documentation supporting five (5) years of architectural educational experience or the equivalent, as specified in Section 117, and

(iv) Completion of an experience-based program as specified in Section 109(b)(2), or an Employment Verification Form, as referenced in Section 109(b)(3)(C)(iii) documenting three (3) years of post-licensure architectural practice in another United States jurisdiction.

~~(1) complete IDP or IAP, as referenced in section 109(b)(2); or (2) submit to the Board (A) proof of licensure in another U.S. jurisdiction, (B) an Employment Verification Form on his or her own behalf documenting three years of architectural practice as a licensed architect in another U.S. jurisdiction, and (C) documentation of five years of education equivalents. Both documents referred to in the preceding sentence are hereby incorporated by reference. A candidate who holds a current and valid Certification by NCARB shall be exempt from the IDP/IAP requirement and the requirement to submit items (A) through (C) prescribed in this subdivision upon receipt in the Board office of the candidate's current and valid NCARB blue cover Certification file transmitted by NCARB.~~

~~(b)(4) A candidate who is licensed or registered as an architect in a Canadian province foreign country and who holds a current and valid Certification issued by the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards NCARB shall be eligible to apply for licensure as specified in Section 109(g) upon passing the California Supplemental Examination CSE as specified in Section 124 of these regulations.~~

~~(2) A candidate who is registered as an architect in the United Kingdom and who holds a current and valid Certification issued on or before December 31, 1996 by the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards shall be eligible for licensure upon passing the California Supplemental Examination as specified in Section 124 of these regulations.~~

~~(3) A candidate who is registered as an architect in a foreign country and who holds a current and valid Certificate issued by the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards obtained by completing the Broadly Experienced Foreign Architect Program shall be eligible for licensure upon passing the California Supplemental Examination as specified in Section 124 of these regulations.~~

Note: Authority cited: Sections 115.5, 5526, 5550 and 5552.5, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 115.5, 5550, 5552 and 5552.5, Business and Professions Code.

Proposed amendments to the regulatory language are shown in single underline for new text and ~~single strikethrough~~ for deleted text.

Amend Section 124 of Article 3 of Division 2 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations as follows:

§ 124. California Supplemental Examination.

- (a) The California Supplemental Examination (CSE) shall consist of an examination covering the practice of architecture.
- (b) A candidate who has been deemed eligible for the CSE, pursuant to Section 116(b)(2) ~~of these regulations~~, shall submit the applicable fee as prescribed in Section 144 and application, as provided by the Board which shall contain:-
- (1) the applicant's legal name,
 - (2) the applicant's address and email address,
 - (3) the applicant's home and work telephone numbers, and
 - (4) the applicant's Board identification number.
- (c) A candidate who fails the CSE shall be allowed to retake the examination only after reapplying with the Board, as prescribed above in paragraph(b).
- (d) A candidate who fails the CSE shall retake it in entirety, and may not retake the examination for at least 90 days from the date that the candidate took the examination that they failed.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 5526 and 5550, Business and Professions Code.
Reference: Section 5550, Business and Professions Code.