

Architect

Architects provide professional services or creative work to plan and design structures and buildings, applying knowledge of design, construction procedures, zoning and building codes, and building materials to safeguard the public from hazards such as fire, panic, structural failure, and unsanitary conditions. Consult with clients to determine functional and spatial requirements along with aesthetic considerations. Plan layout of project, prepare scale drawings and contact documents for building contractors. Represent client in obtaining bids and awarding construction contracts. May direct activities of workers preparing drawings and specification documents.

Legislation

Statute: NH RSA 310-A:37
Administrative Rules: Chapter Arch 100-500

Regulatory Agency

New Hampshire Board of Architects
Office of Professional Licensure and Certification
7 Eagle Square
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

phone (603) 271-2152
web <www.oplc.nh.gov/board-architects>
contact Board Administrator
email customersupport@oplc.nh.gov

Licensure Requirements

- Be at least 21 years of age and shall have graduated from an approved high school or its equivalent
- Qualifications for licensure shall be determined as follows:
 1. Candidates possessing National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB) or Canadian Architectural Certification Board (CACB) accredited professional degree in architecture shall have at least three years of architectural experience and shall document completion of the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) Architectural Experience Program (AXP) in accordance with the NCARB Certification Guidelines March 2020 edition as specified in Appendix B;
 2. Candidates possessing a four-year pre-professional degree in architecture shall have at least seven years of architectural experience and shall document completion of the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) Architectural Experience Program (AXP) in accordance with the NCARB Certification Guidelines March 2020 edition as specified in Appendix B; or
 3. Candidates possessing no degree shall have at least 13 years of architectural experience and shall document completion of the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) Architectural Experience Program (AXP) in accordance with the NCARB Certification Guidelines March 2020 edition as specified in Appendix B; or
- Each applicant for licensure shall provide the board with the names and addresses of not fewer than five individuals, not related to the applicant, as references. At least three shall be licensed architects having detailed knowledge of the applicant's architecture experience. The board shall contact any individual, companies, or institutions whose names appear in any part of the completed application, if information submitted is unclear.
- The candidates for licensure shall have completed the training requirements of the Architectural Experience Program (AXP) through the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) or have met the minimum requirements for NCARB certification pursuant to the NCARB Certification Guidelines March 2020 edition as specified in Appendix B

Examination

All candidates for licensure shall have successfully passed all divisions of the National Council of Examiners Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) architectural registration examination (ARE).

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Continuing Education

A total of 24 units of continuing education is required per biennial renewal period in the area of health, safety, and welfare

Reciprocity

Permitted if the other state's licensing requirements are substantially equivalent to or higher than those of New Hampshire

Active Licenses

1,807

Related Training

Architecture; Environmental Design/
Architecture; Interior Architecture;
Architectural History and Criticism

Fees

Application	\$150.00
Certificate of licensure	\$50.00
Biennial renewal	\$150.00
NCARB council record application.	\$250.00
State-to-state reciprocity.	\$325.00

O*Net Codes

17-1011.00 Architects, Except Landscape and Naval

Additional Information Sources

National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB)
<www.ncarb.org>