

WAC 308-12-025 What qualifications do I need to meet for initial licensure? If you are not licensed in another jurisdiction, your combination of education and experience will determine what you need to do to get your license (see the chart below). To become licensed, register through NCARB and they will guide you through both the AXP and the ARE.

(1) If you have an NAAB accredited architectural degree, **or are enrolled in an IPAL program**, you must complete the AXP and the ARE. The board also requires a review of Washington's laws and rules relating to the practice of architecture.

(2) If you do not have an NAAB accredited architectural degree, you must have:

(a) A high school diploma or equivalent;

(b) You must complete the ARE; and

(c) You must have at least eight years' practical architectural work experience that includes the completion of the AXP.

(i) At least three of these years of work experience must be under the direct supervision of a licensed architect and be completed outside of the experience reported in the AXP.

(ii) The remaining three years can be any combination of the following as approved by the board:

(A) Postsecondary education courses in architecture, architectural technology or a related field including, but not limited to, environmental design; urban planning; landscape architecture; construction management; civil engineering; naval architecture; interior architecture; other fields as determined by the board.

(B) A year consists of three quarters (45 credit hours), or two semesters (30 credit hours), or as otherwise defined by the postsecondary school attended. You may earn a partial year of experience as follows: Each quarter (15 credits) completed equals four months of experience; each semester (15 credits) completed equals six months of experience. Experience will not be awarded for increments less than 15 credits or its equivalent.

(iii) Practical architectural work experience may be accrued simultaneously while earning postsecondary educational credit.

Part-time work will accrue on a prorated basis.

(3) The board also requires satisfactory completion of the Washington state law review exam.

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Practical architectural work experience	Gained during AXP		AXP PLUS Two additional years under the direct supervision of an architect	AXP PLUS Three or more additional years depending on your education credit Three of these additional years must be under the direct supervision of an architect	AXP PLUS Four additional years	AXP PLUS Six additional years
AXP	After graduating high school, contact NCARB to enroll in AXP and begin reporting experience					

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When to apply to take the ARE	You can start taking the ARE through NCARB while enrolled in AXP or actively participating in an NCARB-accepted Integrated Path to Architectural Licensure (IPAL) option within a NAAB-accredited professional degree program in architecture while enrolled in AXP	After completing and submitting the board's official application form with payment contact NCARB to register for the ARE				
When can you get your license	Apply to the board after you have completed your AXP and ARE	Apply to the board after you have met the education and/or experience requirements and have completed the AXP and ARE				
Additional materials	All candidates must complete the Washington law review					

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