



Frequently Asked Questions Regarding the Architect License Fee Increase

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When does the fee increase go into effect?

The fee increase becomes effective on July 1, 2023.

How much is the new license fee?

The fee for a license issued on or after July 1, 2023, will be \$400. The fee is reduced to \$200 if the license expires less than one year from the date of issuance.

Will the license renewal fee also increase to \$400?

Yes. If your license expires on or after July 1, 2023, the new \$400 renewal fee will apply.

Are there calculators to assist candidates and licensees in determining the correct fee?

Yes, both the Initial License Fee Calculator and Expired License Fee Calculators have been updated to assist candidates and licensees with determining the correct fee to submit. Fees are payable to the California Architects Board by either a check or money order. We can only accept credit/debit cards for license renewals at this time.

Why is CAB increasing the license fee?

CAB is required to recover the costs for providing its services to candidates, architects, and consumers. CAB is self-funded and receives no money from the State's General Fund for its operations. Operating costs have continued to increase over the past twelve years. Consequently, CAB must increase the license fee to offset some of these increased costs.