State of California
Office of Administrative Law

In re: **California Architects Board** **Regulatory Action:** **Title 16, California Code of Regulations** **Adopt sections:** **Amend sections: 116** **Repeal sections:**	**NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF REGULATORY ACTION** **Government Code Section 11349.3** **OAL Matter Number: 2025-0626-03** **OAL Matter Type: Regular (S)**

This action amends regulations governing eligibility to be a candidate for the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) Architect Registration Examination (ARE) and the California Supplemental Examination (CSE). This action removes (1) the experience requirement for eligibility to become eligible for the ARE; and (2) the experience and ARE completion requirements to be eligible for the CSE.

OAL approves this regulatory action pursuant to section 11349.3 of the Government Code. This regulatory action becomes effective on 10/1/2025.

Date: August 4, 2025



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For: Kenneth J. Pogue
Director

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AGENCY WITH RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: California Architects Board

AGENCY FILE NUMBER (If any):

A. PUBLICATION OF NOTICE (Complete for publication in Notice Register)

1. SUBJECT OF NOTICE	TITLE(S)	FIRST SECTION AFFECTED	2. REQUESTED PUBLICATION DATE

3. NOTICE TYPE	4. AGENCY CONTACT PERSON	TELEPHONE NUMBER	FAX NUMBER (Optional)
☐ Notice re Proposed Regulatory Action ☐ Other			

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B. SUBMISSION OF REGULATIONS (Complete when submitting regulations)

1a. SUBJECT OF REGULATION(S): Examination Eligibility

1b. ALL PREVIOUS RELATED OAL REGULATORY ACTION NUMBER(S):

2. SPECIFY CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS TITLE(S) AND SECTION(S) **(Including title 26, if toxics related)**

SECTION(S) AFFECTED (List all section number(s) individually. Attach additional sheet if needed.)

ADOPT:

AMEND: 116

TITLE(S): 16

REPEAL:

3. TYPE OF FILING

- ☑ Regular Rulemaking (Gov. Code §11346)
- ☐ Certificate of Compliance: The agency officer named below certifies that this agency complied with the provisions of Gov. Code §§11346.2-11347.3 either before the emergency regulation was adopted or within the time period required by statute.
- ☐ Emergency Readopt (Gov. Code, §11346.1(h))
- ☐ Changes Without Regulatory Effect (Cal. Code Regs., title 1, §100)
- ☐ Resubmittal of disapproved or withdrawn nonemergency filing (Gov. Code §§11349.3, 11349.4)
- ☐ File & Print
- ☐ Print Only
- ☐ Emergency (Gov. Code, §11346.1(b))
- ☐ Resubmittal of disapproved or withdrawn emergency filing (Gov. Code, §11346.1)
- ☐ Other (Specify) _____

4. ALL BEGINNING AND ENDING DATES OF AVAILABILITY OF MODIFIED REGULATIONS AND/OR MATERIAL ADDED TO THE RULEMAKING FILE (Cal. Code Regs. title 1, §44 and Gov. Code §11347.1)
N/A

5. EFFECTIVE DATE OF CHANGES (Gov. Code, §§ 11343.4, 11346.1(d); Cal. Code Regs., title 1, §100)
☑ Effective January 1, April 1, July 1, or October 1 (Gov. Code §11343.4(a)) ☐ Effective on filing with Secretary of State ☐ §100 Changes Without Regulatory Effect ☐ Effective other (Specify) _____

6. CHECK IF THESE REGULATIONS REQUIRE NOTICE TO, OR REVIEW, CONSULTATION, APPROVAL OR CONCURRENCE BY, ANOTHER AGENCY OR ENTITY
☐ Department of Finance (Form STD. 399) (SAM §6660) ☐ Fair Political Practices Commission ☐ State Fire Marshal
☑ Other (Specify) Kimberly Kirchmeyer, Director, Department of Consumer Affairs

7. CONTACT PERSON	TELEPHONE NUMBER	FAX NUMBER (Optional)	E-MAIL ADDRESS (Optional)
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8. I certify that the attached copy of the regulation(s) is a true and correct copy of the regulation(s) identified on this form, that the information specified on this form is true and correct, and that I am the head of the agency taking this action, or a designee of the head of the agency, and am authorized to make this certification.

SIGNATURE OF AGENCY HEAD OR DESIGNEE	DATE
Laura Zuniga	06/24/2025

TYPED NAME AND TITLE OF SIGNATORY: Laura Zuniga, Executive Officer, California Architects Board

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

Examination Eligibility

Order of Adoption

Amend Section 116 of Article 3 of Division 2 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations as follows:

§ 116. Eligibility for Examination.

This section shall apply to candidates who are not licensed architects and who are not eligible for reciprocity pursuant to Section 121.

(a) To be eligible for the Architect Registration Examination (ARE), a candidate shall ~~meet one of the following requirements below and~~ possess an active NCARB Record with the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards and submit an application with a fee to the Board pursuant to Section 109.~~:~~

~~(1) Have a degree in architecture accredited by the National Architectural Accrediting Board from a school of architecture as approved by the Board, or~~

~~(2) Have at least sixty (60) net months of architectural training and experience under the direct supervision of an architect in private practice or the equivalent as evaluated by the Board, or~~

~~(3) Have a combination of educational and experience credit as evaluated by the Board such as to total sixty (60) net months.~~

(b)~~(1)~~ To be eligible for a California Supplemental Examination ~~administered prior to January 1, 2005~~, a candidate shall have submitted an application as set forth in subsection (a) and submit the application with a fee pursuant to Section 124~~been granted Board credit for all required divisions of the ARE and have at least seven and one-half (7 ½) net years of educational and/or experience credits as evaluated by the Board, of which at least one year of experience shall have been under the direct supervision of an architect(s) licensed in a United States jurisdiction~~.

~~(2) To be eligible for a California Supplemental Examination administered on or after January 1, 2005, a candidate shall have been granted Board credit for all required divisions of the ARE and have at least eight (8) net years of educational and/or experience credits as evaluated by the Board, of which~~

~~at least one year of experience shall have been under the direct supervision of an architect(s) licensed in a United States jurisdiction granted at 100% credit or at least two years of experience under the direct supervision of an architect(s) registered in a Canadian province granted at 50% credit, including completion of the IDP/IAP requirement if applicable pursuant to Section 109.~~

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