

Architect Registration Initial Application

Apply for a Washington State architect registration by:

- direct registration if you have an accredited degree
- examination if you do not have an accredited degree
- reciprocity if you are licensed in another state

Apply online: <https://professions.dol.wa.gov>

Or mail the application, application fee, and initial licensing fee to:

Washington State Board for Architects
Department of Licensing
PO Box 3777
Seattle, WA 98124-3777

Mail all other supporting documents to:

Washington State Board for Architects
Department of Licensing
PO Box 9012
Olympia, WA 98507-9012

Register by direct registration

If you have an accredited bachelor's or master's degree in architecture from a university recognized by the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB)

1. Apply by direct registration with NCARB for your:

- Architect Experience Program (AXP) training.
- Completion of the Architect Registration Examination (ARE).

For more information, see "Certification and Reciprocity" at the NCARB website.

2. After you've completed your licensing requirements through NCARB, send us all of the following:

- A completed Architect Registration Initial Application.
- A check or money order, payable to the Department of Licensing, for the \$205.50 fee (\$100 non-refundable application fee plus \$105.50 initial 2-year registration fee—includes a \$6.50 Washington State Building Code Council fee).
- A completed, signed, and dated Architect Law Review Exam. **You must score 100% to pass this exam** which covers RCW 18.08, RCW 18.235, and WAC 308-12.

Register by examination

If you have a non-accredited bachelor's or master's degree in architecture from a university not recognized by the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB) or are applying with work experience only:

1. Send us your completed Architect Registration Initial Application and a check or money order for the non-refundable fee (payable to the Department of Licensing).

2. **Have your verifiers** send us completed Employment and Experience Summary forms (AR-636-004) to document your work experience gained before starting AXP.

3. **Have your college or university** send us any official transcripts.

4. Once your application is approved, contact NCARB to register for AXP.

5. After you've successfully completed AXP:

- **Have NCARB** transmit your record to us
- Request to take the ARE via your **My NCARB account**

6. When your application is complete, we'll approve you to take the Architect Registration Exams (ARE).

7. **When you've passed** the entire ARE and, if necessary, the oral exam, submit:

- A check or money order, payable to the Department of Licensing, for the \$105.50 initial 2-year registration fee (includes a \$6.50 Washington State Building Code Council fee).
- And a completed, signed, and dated Architect Law Review Exam with a passing score of 100%, covering RCW 18.08, RCW 18.235, and WAC 308-12.

Register by reciprocity

How to get your architect's license by reciprocity

To qualify for reciprocity, you must:

1. Have a current architect license in good standing in another state, province, or recognized jurisdiction that is a member of the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB). If you did not complete AXP/IDP (5600 hours and 3 years), you must have been licensed in another recognized jurisdiction for at least 9 years.
2. Demonstrate that your qualifications and experience are equivalent to those required under RCW 18.08.350.
3. Provide documentation that you've met the NCARB seismic exam requirements. If you can't prove completion of seismic exam requirements, you may be required to complete Division LF (Lateral Forces) of the Architect Registration Examination (ARE).
4. Submit a completed, signed, and dated Architect Law Review Exam. See page 1.
5. Complete an oral interview, if you don't have an accredited degree or AXP/IDP. The Board may waive this requirement for applicants with an NCARB "Blue Cover" certificate.

How to apply if you have an NCARB council record

Have NCARB transmit your council record to our office and submit all of the following:

- Architect Registration Initial Application (Sections 1, 3, and 5).
- A check or money order, payable to the Department of Licensing, for the \$495.50 fee (\$390 non-refundable reciprocity application fee and \$105.50 for the initial 2-year registration fee—includes a \$6.50 Washington State Building Code Council fee).
- A completed, signed, and dated Architect Law Review Exam. See page 1.

How to apply if you don't have an NCARB council record

Submit all of the following:

- A completed Architect Registration Initial Application.
- A check or money order, payable to the Department of Licensing, for the \$495.50 fee (\$390 non-refundable reciprocity application fee and \$105.50 for the initial 2-year registration fee—includes a \$6.50 Washington State Building Code Council fee).
- A current state certification and certification of written examination from the jurisdiction where you were originally registered, including verification that you completed seismic requirements (sent directly from the issuing jurisdiction).
- A completed, signed, and dated Architect Law Review Exam. See page 1.

If licensed less than nine years, you must also submit:

- Document your practical work experience (page 4 of this form) See the [Prerequisite Requirements for NCARB Examination](#) to determine how much experience you need to report.
- An official college transcript indicating the degree you received, sent directly from the issuing institution.



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For questions or language help call: (360) 664-1388

Licenses are available for self-printing with an online account.

If you want us to print and mail your license add a \$5 print fee for each copy to your payment.

- \$0 self-print license online.
- \$5 each. DOL print and mail license. Quantity _____ Total \$ _____

Application method (check one, see first page for fees):

- Board approval to begin experience program
- Reciprocity
- Direct registration via NCARB

Personal information

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| TYPE or PRINT Name (as you would like it to appear on your license) | | | |
| Full legal name (First, Middle, Last) | | | |
| Social Security number* (or ITIN, Green Card, Canadian SIN) | | Date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy) | |
| Mailing address | | | |
| City | State | ZIP code | County |
| (Area code) Daytime phone number | (Area code) Residence phone number | Email | |
| Would you like to be added to the Board's electronic mailing list? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | | If NCARB certified, enter certification number | |
| Military? (check if applicable) Current or former: <input type="checkbox"/> Military member <input type="checkbox"/> Military spouse or domestic partner | | | |

*You are not required to have a Social Security Number (SSN) or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN or TIN) to apply for or be issued a license. If you do not have an SSN or ITIN, leave that section blank. If you do have a SSN, ITIN or TIN, you are required by federal and state law to provide it on the application (42 U.S.C. 666(a)(13) and RCW 74.20A.320).

Reciprocity only

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| Current state of licensure | Date of original registration | Registration number | State where qualifying exams taken |
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Educational background

| Name of college, university, technical school | Location | Dates of attendance From To | Degree |
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| Applicable education and supplemental training | Location | Dates of attendance From To | Certificate/Degree, etc. |
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Legal background

Answer the following
 Answer the questions below. If you answer "Yes," attach a detailed explanation.

1. Within the last 5 years, in this state or any other jurisdiction, have you had any action (fine, suspension, revocation, censure, surrender, etc.) taken against any professional or occupational license, certification, or permit held by you? Yes No

2. Within the last 5 years, in this state or any other jurisdiction, have you defaulted, or been convicted of, or entered a plea of no contest to a gross misdemeanor or felony crime? (Don't include traffic convictions.) Yes No

Qualifying experience – Place in chronological order (*Most recent first*)

Include only **practical work experience** performing activities involved in the practice of **architecture**. A resume alone is not enough.

| Full name and complete current address of employer, including self-employment and military service | Period of employment Month/Year | Total hours worked per week | Nature of service performed – List types of projects, major duties | Verifier name – Should match the name listed on your Employment and Experience Summary |
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If additional space is required, please attach an 8 1/2" x 11" sheet.

Certification

Unsigned applications will not be accepted by the Board. Before signing the application, you must familiarize yourself with the architect laws and rules.

If you are downloading the application packet from the architect web site, also download the RCWs (laws) and WACs (rules) posted there.

Answer the following

1. Do you agree to abide by all the applicable laws and rules regarding the practice of architecture? Yes No

2. Do you authorize any business associates (past and present) and any governmental agencies (local, state, or federal) to release to the Department of Licensing any information, files, or records which may be required for a background investigation? Yes No

3. Do you understand that if you provide any false information in this application we may deny, suspend, or revoke your license to practice in Washington? Yes No

Declaration

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I declare under penalty of perjury under the law of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct.

TYPE or PRINT Name

X

Applicant signature

Date and place

Providing any false information in this application may be cause for denial, suspension, or revocation of your professional license in the State of Washington.