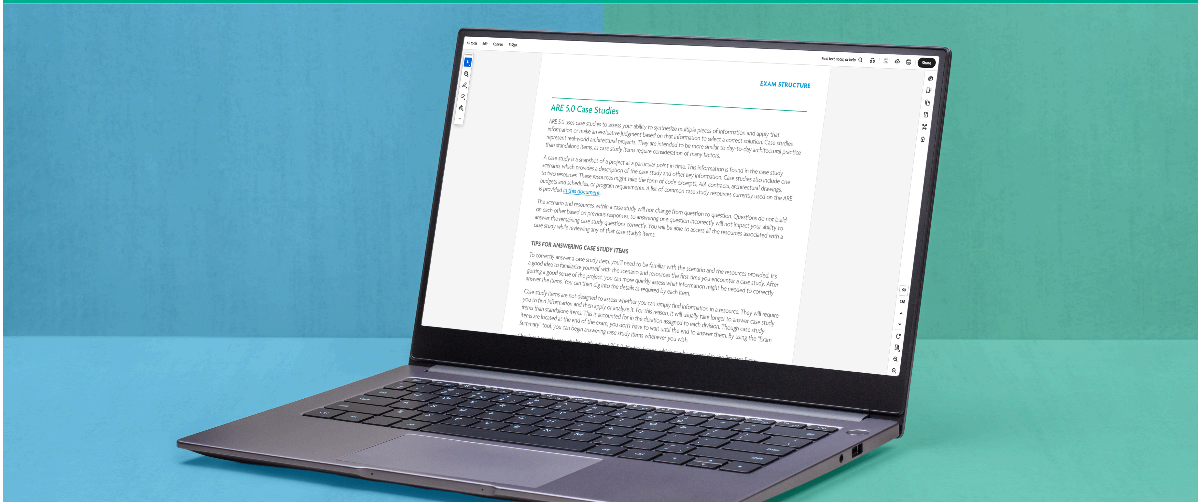


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# ARE update

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Hi there,

Several Architect Registration Examination® (ARE®) changes go into effect today, including minor adjustments to some exam objectives and formatting adjustments to case studies. To learn more about the changes, download the new [ARE 5.0 Guidelines](#) and read about the policy updates below.

[Download the Guidelines](#)

## ARE Changes Effective Today, 4/27

- 1. Exam Objective Adjustments:** As of today, NCARB has made minor adjustments to 12 of the 91 exam objectives identified in the *ARE 5.0 Guidelines*. These adjustments are limited to small clarifying updates and, in some cases, narrowing the competency expectations assessed in the exam to align with the [Competency Standard](#). [Learn more about the specific exam objective changes and description adjustments.](#)
- 2. Refreshed Case Studies:** The format of the exam's case studies has also been refined to make case studies more efficient for candidates. Case studies now feature fewer total resources and fewer items per individual case study—reducing exam loading times as well as time spent reviewing case study

resources during the exam. You should still expect to see the same total number of case study items per exam division.

3. **Software Update:** Testers should also notice reduced item loading times due to updated exam delivery software.

Remember—the changes will not impact the ARE’s overall division structure, number of items per division, or testing time per division. Candidates’ passed divisions, including divisions reinstated through the retirement of the former rolling clock policy, will not be impacted. To learn more, [read answers to the top questions we’ve received about the changes](#).

## Reminder: NCARB Live Tomorrow, 4/28

Have questions about the changes to the online proctored divisions of the Architect Registration Examination® (ARE®) that will go into effect on June 1? Join us for a live [webinar tomorrow, April 28, 2026, at 3 p.m. ET](#), to learn more about the new secondary camera device and Windows Operating System requirements.

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