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# IDP 2.0

**THE INTERNS' ROLLOVER GUIDE**  
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This document, effective November 2011, provides a general overview of policies and procedures of the rollover to IDP 2.0 and supersedes all previous information regarding the rollover to IDP 2.0.

This document includes general statements regarding the IDP 2.0 requirements for informational purposes only. For the complete IDP 2.0 requirements, refer to the *IDP 2.0 Guidelines*.

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# INTRODUCTION

IDP 2.0 updates the Intern Development Program (IDP) to more closely align with the practice of architecture today. The changes, which are being rolled out in phases, identify the comprehensive experience that is essential for interns to acquire for the competent practice of architecture.

## IDP 2.0 Phase One

NCARB decided to implement IDP 2.0 in three phases. The first phase went into effect 1 July 2009, and allowed interns, whether employed or not, to earn experience in more ways—including obtaining the GBCI LEED AP credential and completing Construction Specifications Institute (CSI) certificate programs.

## IDP 2.0 Phase Two

Phase two, which went into effect 1 January 2010, converted training units to training hours and revised the definition of “direct supervision” to allow IDP supervisors to supervise their interns with a mix of personal contact and remote communication.

Additional benefits were rolled out 1 October 2010, such as new IDP eligibility dates and expanded opportunities to earn IDP credit whether or not employed—including design competitions and site visits with a mentor.

## IDP 2.0 Final Phase

The most significant phase of IDP 2.0 is the final phase. The final phase will introduce new experience categories and areas, settings, academic internships, and revisions to the IDP supervisor requirements. This guide addresses changes that will be implemented in the final phase of IDP 2.0.

## The Shutdown

At noon EDT 3 April 2012, the current electronic reporting system (e-EVR) will be shut down. All experience submitted or approved in the e-EVR prior to the shutdown will be rolled over to IDP 2.0 in accordance with the rollover rules in this guide.

3 APRIL 2012

Saved hours will be rolled over to IDP 2.0; however, they will not be considered in the calculations to determine if hours qualify as “exempt” or “satisfied” (see page 14) or for a one-time “waiver” (see page 16) as defined in this rollover guide.

“**Saved**” experience reports are training hours you have entered for a specific reporting period, but have not yet submitted to your IDP supervisor, mentor, or NCARB for approval.

“**Submitted**” experience reports are training hours you have submitted for approval, but have not yet been approved.

“**Approved**” experience reports are training hours that have been verified and they are now included in your IDP training hour totals.

*Experience must be in the “submitted” or “approved” status in the e-EVR prior to noon EDT 3 April 2012, and must be subsequently validated and approved in accordance with the rules of the IDP.*

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## The Launch

On 5 April 2012, a new electronic reporting system will launch through My NCARB. The new system will incorporate all of the program elements of IDP 2.0, and all experience reports will be submitted in the IDP 2.0 format.

5 APRIL 2012

If you are an intern in the process of completing IDP on 3 April 2012, then your experience will be rolled over to IDP 2.0. If you have previously completed IDP and your experience has been evaluated and approved by NCARB for compliance with the program, then this change will not impact you.

**All experience is subject to review and evaluation by NCARB for compliance with the program.** If NCARB determines that “submitted” or “approved” experience was invalid or was not earned in compliance with the program, then the individual will be required to complete the program requirements in compliance with IDP 2.0.

# IMPORTANT DEFINITIONS

## 5,600 Hours

You must earn 5,600 hours of experience. You earn experience hours when you are employed in experience settings recognized by your state registration board. Of the 5,600 hours required for completion of the IDP, 3,740 hours are considered core minimum hours. Core minimum hours are earned in four experience categories that include 17 experience areas. The additional 1,860 hours required are considered elective hours.

## Experience Category

There are four experience categories in IDP 2.0:

1. Pre-Design
2. Design
3. Project Management
4. Practice Management

These categories are consistent with architectural practice today.

## Experience Area

The four experience categories of IDP 2.0 include 17 experience areas. To complete the 3,740 core minimum requirement, you must satisfy the core minimum hours required in each experience area.

## Core Hours

Experience earned in IDP 2.0 categories and areas. **Core minimum hours** are the minimum number of hours you must earn in a given experience category or area.

## Elective Hours

Experience earned through core hours or supplemental experience to satisfy the 1,860 elective hours requirement.

## Supplemental Experience

Opportunities to earn experience hours outside of a traditional experience setting. Many of the supplemental experience opportunities may be completed whether or not employed. Within supplemental experience, there are opportunities to earn core and elective hours.

## Supplemental Experience for Core Hours

There are several opportunities to earn core hours through supplemental experience. Each opportunity for core hours has limitations in terms of maximum allowable hours. Core hours earned through supplemental experience are credited to the specific experience category and area in which they are earned.

## Supplemental Experience for Elective Hours

You may earn a maximum of 1,860 elective hours through supplemental experience opportunities. Elective hours earned through supplemental experience are not applied to any specific IDP experience area.

## IDP Supervisor

Your IDP supervisor is the individual who supervises you on a daily basis and has control over and professional knowledge of your work. Your IDP supervisor is required to certify that the information you submit on your experience report is true and correct. IDP supervisors are usually registered architects; however, in certain experience settings your IDP supervisor may be a professional from another discipline.

In IDP 2.0, in experience settings A and opportunities within O your IDP supervisor must be licensed in a U.S. or Canadian jurisdiction, but not necessarily in the jurisdiction where they are located.

## Mentor

You may have many mentors throughout your career. A mentor is defined as a loyal advisor, teacher, or coach. In IDP, there are opportunities for your mentor to certify certain supplemental experience opportunities and provide guidance in your professional development.

To serve as your mentor for the IDP, the individual must hold a current license to practice architecture in a U.S. or Canadian jurisdiction; however, your mentor does not have to be registered in the jurisdiction where you are located.

**IDP (TRAINING CATEGORIES AND AREAS)**

**IDP 2.0 (EXPERIENCE CATEGORIES AND AREAS)**

**A. Design and Construction Documents**

		<b>1. Pre-Design</b>	<b>260</b>		
1. Programming	80	A. Programming	80		
2. Site and Environmental Analysis	80	B. Site and Building Analysis	80	<b>2. Design</b>	<b>2,600</b>
3. Schematic Design	120			A. Schematic Design	320
4. Engineering Systems Coordination	120			B. Engineering Systems	360
5. Building Cost Analysis	80	C. Project Cost and Feasibility	40		
				C. Construction Cost	120
6. Code Research	120	D. Planning and Zoning Regulations	60		
				D. Codes and Regulations	120
7. Design Development	320			E. Design Development	320
8. Construction Documents	1,080	Areas 8 and 10 combine to become Area F		F. Construction Documents	1,200
9. Specifications and Materials Research	120			G. Material Selection and Specification	160
10. Document Checking and Coordination	80	Areas 8 and 10 combine to become Area F			

**B. Construction Contract Administration**

		<b>3. Project Management</b>	<b>720</b>		
11. Bidding and Contract Negotiation	80	A. Bidding and Contract Negotiation	120		
12. Construction Phase — Office	120	B. Construction Administration	240		
13. Construction Phase — Observation	120	C. Construction Phase: Observation	120		

**C. Management**

14. Project Management	120	D. General Project Management	240	<b>4. Practice Management</b>	<b>160</b>
15. Office Management	80			A. Business Operations	80

**D. Related Activities**

16. Professional and Community Service	80			B. Leadership and Service	80
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# IDP TO IDP 2.0: THE MAP

**IDP 2.0 EXPERIENCE CATEGORIES**

The current IDP (shades of brown) includes four training categories in which interns must earn experience. Although the IDP 2.0 experience categories (orange to yellow) are similar to those that exist now, they have been derived through the Practice Analysis to align with current architectural practice. For example, the current training category “Design and Construction Documents” is redefined into two experience categories in IDP 2.0: “Pre-Design” and “Design.”

**IDP 2.0 EXPERIENCE AREAS**

Each experience category includes specific experience areas. Just like in the current program, each of the experience areas has core minimum hours required. Through the Practice Analysis, each experience area was weighted to how important it is for the independent practice of architecture. So although the total number of hours required to complete IDP remains 5,600 hours, the distribution of the core minimums is slightly different. All hours earned in the current program will be credited to their related experience area in IDP 2.0.

# SPLITS & COMBINATIONS

Most current training areas will roll over into the corresponding IDP 2.0 experience areas. However, two of the current training areas will be split into two different experience areas and categories. One experience area, Construction Documents, is a combination of two current training areas.



## Building Cost Analysis

Building Cost Analysis will split into two experience areas, which fall under two different experience categories, in IDP 2.0.

- One quarter (1/4) of earned hours will be credited to Project Cost and Feasibility under Category 1: Pre-Design
- Three quarters (3/4) of earned hours will be credited to Construction Cost under Category 2: Design



## Code Research

Code Research will split into two experience areas, which fall under two different experience categories, in IDP 2.0

- One third (1/3) of earned hours will be credited to Planning and Zoning Regulations under Category 1: Pre-Design
- Two thirds (2/3) of earned hours will be credited to Codes and Regulations under Category 2: Design



## Construction Documents & Document Checking and Coordination

The Construction Documents and Document Checking and Coordination training areas will merge into one experience area in IDP 2.0 called Construction Documents under Category 2: Design.

# IDP 2.0: 5,600 HOURS

All interns must earn 5,600 total hours to complete IDP.

## Core Experience Hours: 3,740

Experience earned in IDP 2.0 categories and areas. Core minimum hours are the minimum number of hours you must earn in a given experience category or area. Experience can be earned in any combination of experience setting A, experience setting O, and opportunities that qualify for core hours in experience setting S (see page 18 for a detailed list).

## Elective Experience Hours: 1,860

You can earn elective hours in any experience area, or through certain supplementary experience opportunities for elective hours (see page 19 for a detailed list). Any hours earned in an experience area in excess of the core minimum hours required will count as elective hours.

1. Pre-Design	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Programming 80</li> <li>B. Site and Building Analysis 80</li> <li>C. Project Cost and Feasibility 40</li> <li>D. Planning and Zoning Regulations 60</li> </ul>	260 CORE MINIMUM HOURS	Additional Hours in 1. Pre-Design
2. Design	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Schematic Design 320</li> <li>B. Engineering Systems 360</li> <li>C. Construction Cost 120</li> <li>D. Codes and Regulations 120</li> <li>E. Design Development 320</li> <li>F. Construction Documents 1,200</li> <li>G. Material Selection and Specification 160</li> </ul>	2,600 CORE MINIMUM HOURS	Additional Hours in 2. Design
3. Project Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Bidding and Contract Negotiation 120</li> <li>B. Construction Administration 240</li> <li>C. Construction Phase: Observation 120</li> <li>D. General Project Management 240</li> </ul>	720 CORE MINIMUM HOURS	Additional Hours in 3. Project Management
4. Practice Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Business Operations 80</li> <li>B. Leadership and Service 80</li> </ul>	160 CORE MINIMUM HOURS	Additional Hours in 4. Practice Management
All interns will be required to meet the <b>3,740 core minimum hours</b> in IDP 2.0.			Supplemental Experience for Elective Hours

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 3,740 & + & 1,860 \\
 \text{CORE MINIMUM HOURS} & & \text{TOTAL ELECTIVE HOURS} \\
 & & = \\
 & & 5,600 \\
 & & \text{TOTAL HOURS}
 \end{array}$$

CATEGORIES TO AREAS:

# EXEMPT/SATISFIED

Even if you are exempt from a category or area, you must earn a total of 3,740 core minimum hours.

## EXEMPT

If you have earned the required core minimum hours required in an existing training area or category prior to the implementation of the final phase of IDP 2.0, you will be exempt from having to satisfy the new core minimum hour requirement in the corresponding experience area or category for IDP 2.0.

## SATISFIED

If your hours earned in an existing training area or category satisfy the new core minimum hour requirement in the corresponding area or category for IDP 2.0, you will be credited with having “satisfied” the new requirement.

## Area Rollover Examples

### Experience Area: Exempt

EXISTING REQUIREMENT	IDP 2.0 AREA
Core Minimum Hours Earned	Exempt

If an intern has earned the required core minimum hours for an existing training area prior to the implementation date, then they will be exempt from having to satisfy the core minimum hours in the related experience area(s) in IDP 2.0.

	HOURS EARNED	EXISTING REQUIREMENT	IDP 2.0 REQUIREMENT	HOURS NEEDED TO SATISFY MINIMUM
Schematic Design	135	120	320 (exempt)	0

### Experience Area: Must Meet Requirements

EXISTING REQUIREMENT	IDP 2.0 AREA
Core Minimum Hours Not Earned	Must Meet Requirements

If an intern has not earned the required core minimum hours for an existing training area prior to the implementation date, then they will be required to satisfy the core minimum hours in the related experience area(s) in IDP 2.0.

	HOURS EARNED	EXISTING REQUIREMENT	IDP 2.0 REQUIREMENT	HOURS NEEDED TO SATISFY MINIMUM
Schematic Design	80	120	320	320 - 80 = 240

## Category Rollover Examples

You must be exempt or have satisfied the core minimum hours in all experience areas within a new experience category to be exempt from the core minimum hours required in an IDP 2.0 experience category.

### Experience Category: Exempt

EXISTING REQUIREMENT	IDP 2.0 AREA	IDP 2.0 CATEGORY
Core Minimum Hours Earned	Exempt	Experience Category Exempt
Core Minimum Hours Earned	Exempt	
Core Minimum Hours Earned	Exempt	

If an intern has satisfied or is exempt for all experience area core minimum hours within an experience category, then they will be exempt from meeting the total core minimum hours for that experience category.

	HOURS EARNED	EXISTING REQUIREMENT	IDP 2.0 REQUIREMENT	HOURS NEEDED TO SATISFY MINIMUM
Bidding and Contract Negotiation	90	80	120 (exempt)	0
Construction Administration	145	120	240 (exempt)	0
Construction Phase: Observation	130	120	120 (satisfied)	0
General Project Management	130	120	240 (exempt)	0
<b>Total for Category 3</b>	<b>495</b>		<b>720 (exempt)</b>	<b>0</b>

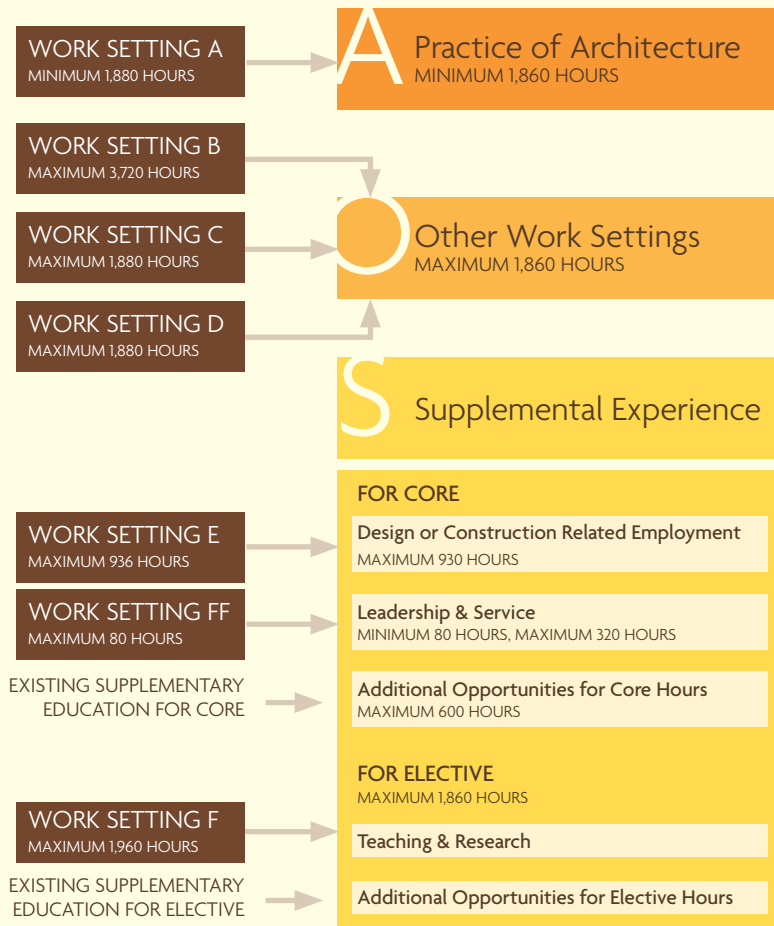
### Experience Category: Must Meet Requirements

EXISTING REQUIREMENT	IDP 2.0 AREA	IDP 2.0 CATEGORY
Core Minimum Hours Earned	Exempt	Must Meet Requirements
Core Minimum Hours Earned	Exempt	
Core Minimum Hours Not Earned	Must Meet Requirements	

If an intern has not satisfied all experience area core minimum hours within an experience category, then they will be required to satisfy the total core minimum hours for that experience category.

	HOURS EARNED	EXISTING REQUIREMENT	IDP 2.0 REQUIREMENT	HOURS NEEDED TO SATISFY MINIMUM
Bidding and Contract Negotiation	90	80	120 (exempt)	0
Construction Administration	145	120	240 (exempt)	0
Construction Phase: Observation	230	120	120 (satisfied)	0
General Project Management	100	120	240	240 - 100 = 140
<b>Total for Category 3</b>	<b>565</b>		<b>720</b>	<b>720 - 565 = 155</b>

# EXPERIENCE SETTINGS



## WAIVER

If your experience earned through existing work settings exceeds the maximum allowable hours that can be earned in the corresponding IDP 2.0 experience setting, you will be granted a one-time waiver to the maximum allowable hours. If you are granted a one-time waiver, you will not be allowed to earn any additional hours in the new experience setting.

## Experience Setting A: Practice of Architecture

1,860 HOURS MINIMUM

Direct supervision by an IDP supervisor licensed as an architect in a U.S. or Canadian jurisdiction in an organization engaged in the lawful practice of architecture.

## Experience Setting O: Other Work Settings

1,860 HOURS MAXIMUM

Direct supervision by an IDP supervisor licensed as an architect in a U.S. or Canadian jurisdiction in an organization not engaged in the practice of architecture.

Direct supervision by an architect not registered in the United States/Canada engaged in the practice of architecture outside of the United States or Canada.

Direct supervision by a landscape architect or registered engineer (practicing as a structural, civil, mechanical, fire protection, or electrical engineer in the field of building construction).

### ACADEMIC INTERNSHIPS

Many schools have programs where interns work in firms as a part of their degree curriculum. Any internship that is integrated into your academic program whether as a requirement or as an elective is considered an academic internship.

In IDP 2.0 interns may earn up to 930 hours of experience credit in any of the IDP experience areas (except for 4B: Leadership and Service) through qualifying academic internships that meet the durational requirements and are in experience setting A or O.

In order for interns to qualify for the 930 hours, the institution sponsoring the program must document their understanding of and compliance with the requirements to NCARB annually. If you are at a school that offers an academic internship, please have the IDP educator coordinator contact [idp@ncarb.org](mailto:idp@ncarb.org) for further information.

If you are not sure who your IDP educator coordinator is, check the IDP Coordinator section of [www.ncarb.org](http://www.ncarb.org).

## Experience Setting S

Opportunities to earn experience hours outside of a traditional experience setting. Many of the supplemental experience opportunities may be completed whether or not employed. Within supplemental experience, there are opportunities to earn core and elective hours.

### Supplemental Experience for Core Hours

The maximum allowable hours earned through supplemental experience for core hours varies depending on the specific opportunity.

#### DESIGN OR CONSTRUCTION RELATED EMPLOYMENT 930 HOURS MAXIMUM

Design or construction related activities under the direct supervision of a person experienced in the activity (e.g. analysis of existing buildings; planning; programming; design of interior space; review of technical submissions; engaging in building construction activities).

#### LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE 80 HOURS MINIMUM 320 HOURS MAXIMUM

Qualifying experience is pro bono, in support of an organized activity or in support of a specific organization. There must be an individual who can certify to NCARB that you have performed services in support of the organization.

#### ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR CORE HOURS 600 HOURS MAXIMUM

You may earn a maximum of 40 core hours in each of the IDP experience areas by completing any combination of the following NCARB-recognized supplemental experience opportunities:

- Community-Based Design Center/Collaborative
- CSI Certification: CCS & CCCA
- Design Competitions
- Emerging Professional's Companion (EPC): Activities
- NCARB's *Professional Conduct* Monograph
- Site Visit With Mentor

### Supplemental Experience for Elective Hours

1,860 HOURS MAXIMUM

Elective hours earned through supplemental experience are not applied to any specific IDP experience area.

#### TEACHING OR RESEARCH

Teaching or research in a NAAB or CACB accredited program under the direct supervision of a person experienced in the activity.

#### ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR ELECTIVE HOURS

You may earn elective hours through the following NCARB-recognized supplemental experience opportunities:

- Advanced Degrees
- AIA Continuing Education
- CSI Certificate Program: CDT
- Emerging Professional's Companion (EPC): Exercises
- GBCI LEED AP Credential

For complete information on current supplementary education opportunities, please refer to the current *IDP Guidelines*.

## WORK SETTINGS TO EXPERIENCE SETTINGS:

# EXAMPLES

### Ann

Project manager at an architecture firm

CURRENT: Work Setting A  
IDP 2.0: Experience Setting A

Ann has earned 960 hours at her current employment. When IDP 2.0 is implemented, Ann's current experience will be rolled over from work setting A to experience setting A. Anne will need to earn at least 900 more hours in her current setting to meet the minimum experience setting A requirement of 1,860 hours.

### Bob

Project coordinator under the direct supervision of an architect for a company that specializes in acoustical design

CURRENT: Work Setting B  
IDP 2.0: Experience Setting O

Bob has worked in work setting B for two years. He has completed 2,500 hours of IDP in work setting B. Before his current job, he had also worked overseas for a foreign architect and earned 1,000 hours in work setting C. Bob has 3,500 total IDP hours approved in the e-EVR.

In IDP 2.0, both of the current work settings B and C fall under the new

experience setting O, which has a maximum allowable of 1,860 hours. Bob will receive a one-time waiver and will have 3,500 hours credited in experience setting O. He will not be able to earn any additional hours in this experience setting. All interns must earn a minimum of 1,860 hours in experience setting A.

### Ethan

Assistant site coordinator at a construction company

CURRENT: Work Setting E  
IDP 2.0: Experience Setting S

Ethan has earned 800 hours in work setting E. Under the current program, he can earn a maximum of 936 hours in categories C and D. When IDP 2.0 is implemented, Ethan's current experience will fall under experience setting S. The 800 hours he has earned so far will be rolled over into experience setting S where he can now earn a maximum of 930 hours in any relevant experience area.

In IDP 2.0, the core hours earned through supplemental experience are subject to the limitations associated with each opportunity—these hours are separate from the 1,860 elective hours an intern can earn through supplemental experience.

### Sally

Teaching assistant at a NAAB-accredited program

CURRENT: Work Setting F  
IDP 2.0: Experience Setting S

Sally teaches full time in a NAAB-accredited degree program, which is currently work setting F where she can earn a maximum of 1,960 training hours. Outside of teaching, she has been taking advantage of the supplementary education opportunities such as AIA continuing education and the Emerging Professional's Companion (EPC) exercises. She has earned 1,200 hours of IDP credit through her teaching position and 150 hours through supplementary education for a total of 1,350 training hours.

In IDP 2.0, teaching or research in a NAAB- or CACB-accredited program is part of experience setting S. On the implementation date, Sally's NCARB Record will reflect that she has earned 1,350 hours in experience setting S. Since the experience setting allows a maximum of 1,860 hours, Sally has the opportunity to earn 510 additional hours of IDP credit in her current experience setting.

### John

Project manager under the direct supervision of an architect for a facilities management company

CURRENT: Work Setting B  
IDP 2.0: Experience Setting A

John works at an organization that only focuses on construction document production and construction administration. Since the organization's work does not encompass the comprehensive practice of architecture including each of the IDP training areas, under the current program John must report experience in work setting B. He has worked in work setting B for over three years and has already earned the maximum 3,720 hours allowed in work setting B.

In IDP 2.0, John's previously earned experience will be rolled over to experience setting O, which has a maximum allowable of 1,860 hours. John will receive a one-time waiver and will have 3,720 hours credited in experience setting O.

Additionally, in IDP 2.0, the new experience setting A is not limited to the comprehensive practice of architecture. For John, he may now be able to earn experience at his current employment through experience setting A.

# ROLLOVER TIPS

## 1. Don't panic

All experience earned under the current program will be rolled over into IDP 2.0. If you have 1,000 submitted or approved hours on the day before the third phase of IDP 2.0 goes into effect, you will have 1,000 submitted or approved hours on the day the final phase goes into effect.

## 2. Submit your experience

In order for your experience to be rolled over to IDP 2.0 and be considered for a one-time waiver or exemption, it must be submitted or approved under the current program. **Submit your experience well in advance of 3 April 2012.**

## 3. Empower yourself

Every internship experience is unique, and how this rollover will impact you is therefore unique to you. Stay connected to NCARB and consider how this rollover will impact your individual situation.

- Review your status in the training categories and areas in the e-EVR.
- Understand the limitations of your current work setting and how that will be impacted by the rollover.
- Meet with your supervisor and mentor(s).
- Consider supplementary education opportunities that may help you meet current program requirements before the rollover.
- Sign up for the *IDP e-News* and check NCARB's website regularly.

## 4. Plan for it

New experience categories and areas

- Understand the new experience categories and areas. Discuss the changes with your supervisor and mentors and consider what they mean for your internship experience.
- If you are nearly complete with a current category or area, discuss the situation with your IDP supervisor or consider supplementary education in order to facilitate completion of that category or area requirement prior to the rollover.

New experience settings

- If you are currently employed in work setting A, then the rollover to experience setting A will not impact you.
- If you have experience in work setting B, C, D, E, F, or FF, then you need to understand where this experience will rollover and what it means to you. Depending on how your experience rolls over you may have expanded opportunities to earn experience if you are currently employed in work setting B, D, or E.

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## What is IDP 2.0?

IDP 2.0 updates the Intern Development Program (IDP) requirements to more closely align with the practice of architecture today. The changes, which have been rolled out in phases, will help ensure that interns acquire the comprehensive experience that is essential for competent practice. The changes also offer many benefits to interns by allowing them to complete some of the IDP experience requirements whether or not employed, expanding the definition of “direct supervision,” and simplifying the reporting process.

## Why is IDP changing?

NCARB invited over 50,000 architects from across the United States and Canada to participate in the *2007 Practice Analysis of Architecture*. A record 9,835 practicing architects completed this extensive electronic survey to identify the tasks, knowledge, and skills that recently licensed architects, practicing independently, need to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public. The results of this study were used as a basis for IDP 2.0, the most significant update of IDP since its inception 35 years ago.

## What has changed so far?

IDP 2.0 phase one was launched 1 July 2009. Phase two was launched 1 January 2010. Phase one and two included a number of improvements that simplified the reporting process and made the IDP more user-friendly.

- Phase one and two changes allow interns, whether or not employed, to earn training hours by completing supplementary education opportunities.
- Phase two updated the definition of “direct supervision” to reflect current architectural practice, and training units were converted into training hours.
- Other changes include NCARB’s new electronic Experience Verification Reporting (e-EVR) system, which gives interns a more user-friendly reporting experience, and the Six-Month Rule that began on 1 July 2009. The Six-Month Rule requires all interns to submit their training reports in increments of six months or less and no later than two months after the work is completed.

## What other changes are planned for IDP 2.0?

All program changes reflect the experience required for the competent practice of architecture as identified in the *2007 Practice Analysis of Architecture*. The final phase of IDP 2.0 will complete the alignment of IDP to the current practice of architecture. This final phase includes new experience areas and categories, new experience settings, and expanded program opportunities. NCARB will continue to publish detailed information on the new experience areas and categories, experience settings, the rollover rules, and examples of how the rollover of experience will appear to interns. Please be sure to check the NCARB website regularly and sign up for the *IDP e-News* to receive these exciting updates!

## Why can’t all the changes be implemented immediately?

All changes to the IDP require system updates to ensure that each intern’s experience can be accurately reported and verified. NCARB is aware that IDP 2.0 offers many benefits to interns, and has worked to phase in the changes as quickly as possible. In fact, some of the program updates were fast-tracked to allow interns—whether or not they are employed—to earn experience for qualified certification and continuing education programs.

## When will the final phase of IDP 2.0 be implemented?

The final phase of IDP 2.0 will be implemented in April 2012. At noon EDT 3 April 2012, the current e-EVR will shut down to implement the final phase of IDP 2.0. All experience must be submitted or approved by noon EDT on 3 April 2012 when the rollover rules will be applied.

## Will there be a transition period for IDP 2.0?

Portions of IDP 2.0 have already launched. As each phase is implemented, all changes to the program are applicable to all interns currently participating in the IDP. When the final phase of IDP 2.0 is implemented, all previously submitted and approved hours will be converted to IDP 2.0.

## How will the change in core minimum hours affect me?

All interns have to meet the new core minimum hour requirement of 3,740 hours in IDP 2.0, but the new category and area requirements will depend on what you currently have in the reporting system.

For example, if you have met the current required core minimum hours for an existing training area, you will be exempt from meeting the new core minimum hours for the corresponding experience area. See page 14 for more examples.

### **Why did the minimum number of hours required increase in certain experience areas, and what happened to the elective hours in each category?**

The core minimum hours in IDP 2.0 were derived from the Practice Analysis. Through the Practice Analysis, each experience area was weighted to how important it is for the independent practice of architecture. As a result of this analysis, interns must meet new minimum core hour requirements in 17 experience areas. The new core minimum hours incorporate the previous elective hour requirement per category. In IDP 2.0 there is an overall elective hour requirement of 1,860. The 1,860 elective hours may be earned in any experience area or through supplemental experience.

The total number of hours to complete IDP 2.0 is still 5,600.

### **In my current work setting, I am limited to hours in certain categories. Will that be true in IDP 2.0?**

In IDP 2.0, if you are in experience settings A or O, you can earn hours in all experience areas. Certain opportunities to earn core hours within experience setting S will also allow experience to be earned in all experience areas. If you are currently employed in a work setting that has limitations, you may have an opportunity to earn hours in any area in IDP 2.0.

### **Are the requirements for an IDP supervisor changing?**

Yes. The current program requires that IDP supervisors in certain work settings be licensed in the jurisdiction where they are located. In IDP 2.0, the definition of experience setting A and opportunities within O require that the IDP supervisor be licensed in a U.S. or Canadian jurisdiction, not necessarily where they are located.

### **What is an academic internship?**

Many schools have programs where interns work in firms as a part of their education. Any internship that is integrated into your academic program whether as a requirement or as an elective is considered an academic internship.

In IDP 2.0 interns may earn up to 930 hours of experience through qualifying academic internships that meet the durational requirements and are in experience setting A or O.

### **How do I know if my academic internship will count?**

If you are at a school that offers an academic internship, please have the IDP educator coordinator contact [idp@ncarb.org](mailto:idp@ncarb.org) for further information.

If you are not sure who your IDP educator coordinator is, you can look it up in the IDP Coordinator section of our website ([www.ncarb.org](http://www.ncarb.org)).

### **Are all of the current work settings incorporated into the new experience settings?**

The new experience settings incorporate all of the opportunities that were available through the current work settings.

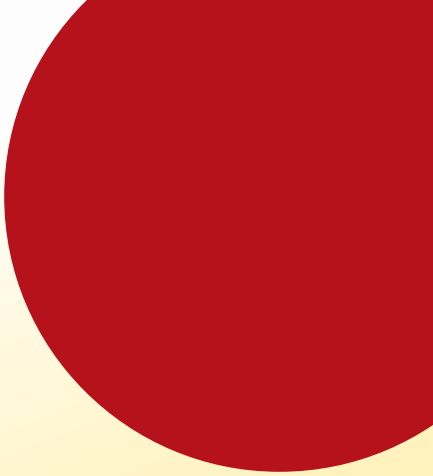
For example, the opportunities that were previously available through the existing work setting E will be reported through supplemental experience in IDP 2.0. See the chart on page 16 for more information.

### **If I have submitted hours over and above the core minimum requirements in an experience area, do those hours count toward the 1,860 elective hours requirement?**

Yes, all approved hours earned over an experience area's core minimum hour requirement will be credited toward the elective requirement of 1,860 elective hours.

### **I have earned hours in several of the current work settings, what happens if my hours exceed the maximum allowable when they are rolled over into the new experience setting?**

If you have earned experience in current work settings and the hours exceed the maximum allowable hours in IDP 2.0, you will receive a one-time waiver to the maximum allowable hours. However, you will not be able to earn any additional hours in the new experience setting.



*Experience must be in the “submitted” or “approved” status in the e-EVR prior to noon EDT 3 April 2012, and must be subsequently validated and approved in accordance with the rules of the IDP.*

**All experience is subject to review and evaluation by NCARB for compliance with the program.** If NCARB determines that “submitted” or “approved” experience was invalid or was not earned in compliance with the program, then the individual will be required to complete the program requirements in compliance with IDP 2.0.



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