



Hi there,

In case you missed it: We released free practice exams for the Architect Registration Examination® (ARE®) in June 2022. And so far, **candidates who use the practice exams have seen an average 12 percentage point increase in pass rates**, or higher depending on demographic group, across all six divisions compared to those who don't use the practice exams.

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Making the ARE Accessible

Findings from our joint study with the National Organization of Minority Architects (NOMA) show that candidates of color are more likely to spend over \$500 on study materials and less likely to pass the exam.

As part of the migration to PSI, NCARB wanted to ensure that all candidates have access to affordable, high-quality study materials. NCARB's release of free practice exams for each division was a key step in making the exam more accessible—and our early data shows that it's having an impact:

- All candidates who use the practice exams outperform those who don't on all six ARE divisions.
- Further, Asian, Black or African American, and Hispanic or Latino candidates using the practice exams have seen a larger impact on pass rates compared to white candidates—[see the impact by demographic](#).

You can access the exams through your Record if you're a licensure candidate with an NCARB Record. And if you're anyone else, you can access a PDF version of the practice exams on our website. [Learn how to access the practice exams](#).

We look forward to sharing more information on the practice exams' impact in the future.

Note: NCARB has resolved the case study technical issue. We are following up with impacted candidates individually. For a full update on this issue, [visit our website](#).

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