

ARE update



Hi there,

Starting October 1, 2026, NCARB is implementing a new rescheduling fee policy for the Architect Registration Examination® (ARE®). Instead of a graduated rescheduling policy based on the number of total reschedules, the new policy will be based on the number of days out from a scheduled examination appointment.

As a candidate with at least one exam appointment on or after October 1, your currently scheduled division will not be impacted by this new policy unless you take action to reschedule your division after October 1. [Learn more about the new policy.](#)

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Under the new rescheduling policy, candidates will pay increasing fees based on the **date of their scheduled appointment**. Candidates may reschedule an exam seat appointment up to three times for free, as long as they are 31 days or more away from their scheduled appointment.

- Candidates can reschedule a previously scheduled exam seat up to **three times**
- 31+ days out from appointment: Free
- 15-30 days out from appointment: \$75
- Seven-14 days out from appointment: \$150
- Less than seven days out from appointment: No reschedules or cancellations allowed

As of October 1, candidates may not reschedule their exam less than seven days from their exam appointment date.

In addition, NCARB is making changes to our exam cancellation policy. As of October 1, exam cancellations will include a \$200 fee, and **candidates may not cancel exams less than seven days before their appointment**. Candidates who have rescheduled their exam seat three times may cancel their appointment instead

if they are seven or more days out from their appointment. When candidates cancel an exam, a new seat credit will be added to their My NCARB account with an expiration date one year out from their cancellation date. Candidates may schedule an appointment for their new exam seat at any time.

As a candidate with at least one exam appointment scheduled, starting October 1, your upcoming appointment will be considered a “new” exam seat, and you will be able to reschedule your appointment up to three times. Any previous reschedules will not be applied to the division.

However, if your appointment is 30 days or less out from October 1, you will be subject to the new fee schedule. If your appointment is less than seven days out from October 1, you will be unable to reschedule or cancel your appointment starting October 1. **If you know that you will need to reschedule your exam less than seven days out from your appointment, please do so before the new policy goes into effect.**

Why This Change?

Over the past several years, NCARB has been working to address the lack of availability in exam appointments for candidates attempting to schedule divisions of the ARE. NCARB’s data shows that candidates reschedule their exams at a high rate, impacting the ability of candidates and others using PSI’s test network to find an in-person or virtual appointment close to their preferred testing date.

If you have questions about this policy or need assistance with your exam appointment, [contact us](#).

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