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ARE update



Hi there,

NCARB has updated the [Architect Registration Examination® \(ARE®\) Guidelines](#) to reflect the new rescheduling fee policy, **which went into effect today, October 1, 2026**. The new policy includes graduated fees for rescheduling based on the number of days out from a scheduled examination appointment.

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New Rescheduling Policy

Under the rescheduling policy that went into effect today, 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
- 7-14 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 out from their exam appointment date.

In addition, exam cancellations now include a \$200 fee, and **candidates may not cancel exams less than seven days out from 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. [Learn more about the changes to the ARE Guidelines and the new rescheduling policy.](#)

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

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