



Hi there,

NCARB has recently become aware of a new online scam related to the Architect Registration Examination® (ARE®). You may encounter Instagram posts or posts on other social media platforms promising an easy way to get licensed without taking the ARE. The scam typically asks you to provide your personal registration information and a sum of money, with a claim that the scammer will take your exam for you.

While follow-through on this promise would be unethical and subject to serious disciplinary and legal action, in most cases, the scammer simply takes your payment and personal information.

NCARB continues to report fraudulent social media posts to the host company to have such posts removed and accounts closed. If you come across one of these posts or something similar:

- Request the social media platform to remove the fraudulent posts and close the account
- Do not engage with the post, share any of your personal information, or provide any financial information or payment
- Notify NCARB customer service of the post by contacting customerservice@ncarb.org

Fraudulently circumventing the licensure process has serious professional repercussions. Help protect the value of licensure and the integrity of the architectural profession by reporting this activity.

Online Proctoring Systems Requirement Update

Beginning January 24, 2023, PSI's secure testing browser, Bridge, will no longer support Windows 8.1, macOS 10.15, or earlier operating systems. If you take an online proctored exam **on or after January 24**, you must launch your exam on a computer running Windows 10 or 11, or macOS 11, 12, or 13. PSI will not be able to provide support for candidates who experience technical issues if they attempt to test on an unsupported operating system.

[View System Requirements](#)

If you have an upcoming online proctored exam, please review [PSI's updated online proctoring technical requirements](#), [perform a system check](#), and [schedule a test run](#) through your NCARB Record to confirm your computer and testing space meet the requirements for online proctoring.

Scheduling Exam Appointments to Include Accommodations

Under the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA), NCARB offers accommodations for individuals with temporary or permanent medical conditions—including pregnancy and nursing. We also offer accommodations for individuals who speak English as a second language (ESL). If you have an accommodation or are considering applying for one, here are a few things to keep in mind:

- NCARB cannot apply an accommodation to an exam appointment that has already been scheduled. If you would like to test with an accommodation, do **NOT** schedule your appointment until your accommodation has been approved in writing.
- Candidates with accommodations who want to take their exam at a test center begin the scheduling process through My NCARB and must wait to be contacted by PSI via phone or email to finish scheduling their exam appointment.
- Be sure that your contact information is accurate and up-to-date, and check your spam folder or voicemail to ensure you don't miss a communication from PSI. For best results, make sure that you aren't blocking calls from unknown numbers.

Learn more about [requesting exam accommodations](#).

Upcoming Webinar: Licensure Tips

Join us on **January 19, 2023, at 3 p.m. ET** for an upcoming webinar featuring several recently licensed architects and industry experts sharing their tips for navigating the licensure process. Learn more from their experiences, ask questions, and discover helpful resources that can help you advance your career. [Register now](#).

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