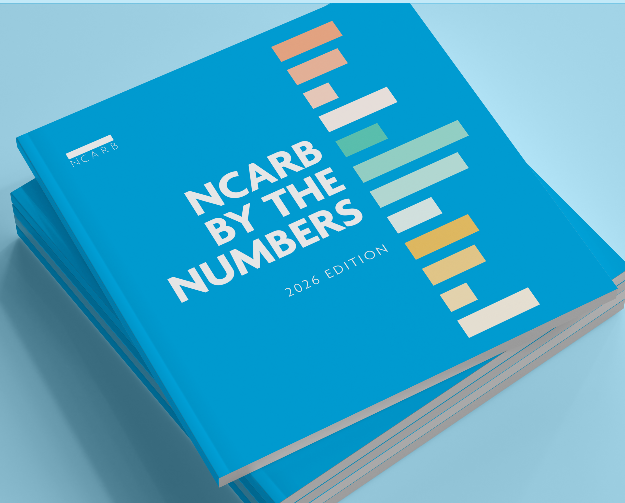


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The latest edition of [NCARB by the Numbers](#) shares new insights on time to licensure and more data from 2025. Plus, listen to a [new podcast interview](#) with NCARB Assistant Vice President of Data, Analytics, and Research Jenny Kawecki, CAE, that explores highlights from this year's report.

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Understand the Updates to NCARB's Competency Standard

The updated version of the *Competency Standard* includes detailed criteria to provide greater clarity around the expected level of competency required for newly licensed architects, as well as commentary explaining terminology used throughout the document.

[Review New Competency Standard »](#)

Sanctions Issued for Architect Seal Theft

NCARB has issued sanctions for an Oklahoma architect who violated the *NCARB Rules of Procedure* and Oklahoma state law by committing theft of another architect's professional seal.

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U.S. and South Africa Launch New Reciprocity Agreement

As of July 6, 2026, U.S. architects can take advantage of a new Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA) between NCARB and our counterpart in South Africa. This agreement enables eligible architects to benefit from a more straightforward process to earn a reciprocal license in either country.

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