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Hi there,

Getting ready to take the Architect Registration Examination® (ARE®)? These tips and tricks can help your exam appointment go as smoothly as possible—especially if you're testing online. Plus, find an update on efforts to retire the rolling clock in all 55 U.S. jurisdictions.

Exam Rescheduling Policy

In August, NCARB updated the [exam rescheduling policy](#). While you can reschedule an exam appointment as many times as you need to, NCARB only provides **one free reschedule of each exam appointment**. When you attempt to reschedule an appointment you've previously rescheduled, you'll be charged a \$50 fee for the second reschedule and a \$100 fee for any subsequent reschedules.

Rolling Clock Retirement Update

In April, NCARB's Board of Directors [retired the rolling clock policy](#)—which placed a five-year expiration date on passed exam divisions—and instituted a new [score validity policy](#). At the time, 14 jurisdictions had a rolling clock-type requirement incorporated into their jurisdictional requirement. **Since then, several jurisdictions have successfully removed their rolling clock requirement**, including Arizona, Maine, New Mexico, New York, Pennsylvania, and Texas; California will retire its rolling clock policy on January 1, 2024, and Kentucky will retire its rolling clock policy on December 5, 2023.

NCARB is supporting the [remaining six jurisdictions](#) as they work to remove their rolling clock requirement. Most jurisdictions anticipate aligning with NCARB's new score validity policy by early 2024. We will continue to notify impacted candidates as their jurisdictions update their requirements.

Online Proctoring Tips

If you're preparing to take an exam via online proctoring, keep in mind that you are responsible for ensuring your testing environment meets NCARB and PSI's technical and environmental requirements. This includes:

- Using an external webcam—You **cannot** use your laptop's integrated webcam to take the ARE
- Closing other software while testing—During the exam, you should not use your web browser, check email, or open any other software applications
- Establishing a strong internet connection—Plan to use an ethernet connection (**not** Wi-Fi) to minimize connectivity-related disruptions

For more information, review the online proctoring requirements in NCARB's [ARE 5.0 Guidelines](#).

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