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NCARB Data to Inform Your Licensure Strategy

Data from the 2026 edition of *NCARB by the Numbers* indicates that candidates should consider their Architectural Experience Program® (AXP®) progress when establishing a testing timeline. On average, candidates perform better on the exam when they take an Architect Registration Examination® (ARE®) division immediately after finishing the related AXP experience area.

[Explore Data](#)

ON THE BLOG

Understand the Updates to NCARB's Competency Standard

NCARB recently adopted updates to the *Competency Standard for Architects*, including 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.

[Understand Competency Updates »](#)

Advice for Licensure Candidates From Today's Architects

From architects with a non-traditional education background, to those with a gap during their path to licensure, these individuals have shared inspiring stories and plenty of advice for today's licensure candidates and emerging professionals.

[Get Licensure Tips »](#)

Get to Know John Rademacher, NCARB's New President

With decades of experience in community-focused practice and service to the profession, FY26 NCARB President John Rademacher, NCARB, AIA, NOMA, is dedicated to working alongside the 55 U.S. jurisdictional licensing boards to shape

the future of architectural licensure.

[Meet President Rademacher »](#)

ARE 5.0 NEWS

Getting Ready for Your Online-Proctored ARE Appointment

Changes to ARE online proctoring went into effect on June 1, 2026. Get a refresher on requirements for testing online—including new information regarding NCARB’s secondary camera policy.

[Set Up Testing Space »](#)

AXP RESOURCES

How to Gain Experience Through Design Competitions

Earning experience in all areas of the AXP can be challenging. NCARB offers a variety of experience opportunities that qualify for AXP credit outside of typical architecture work, including through design competitions.

[More on Design Competitions »](#)

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