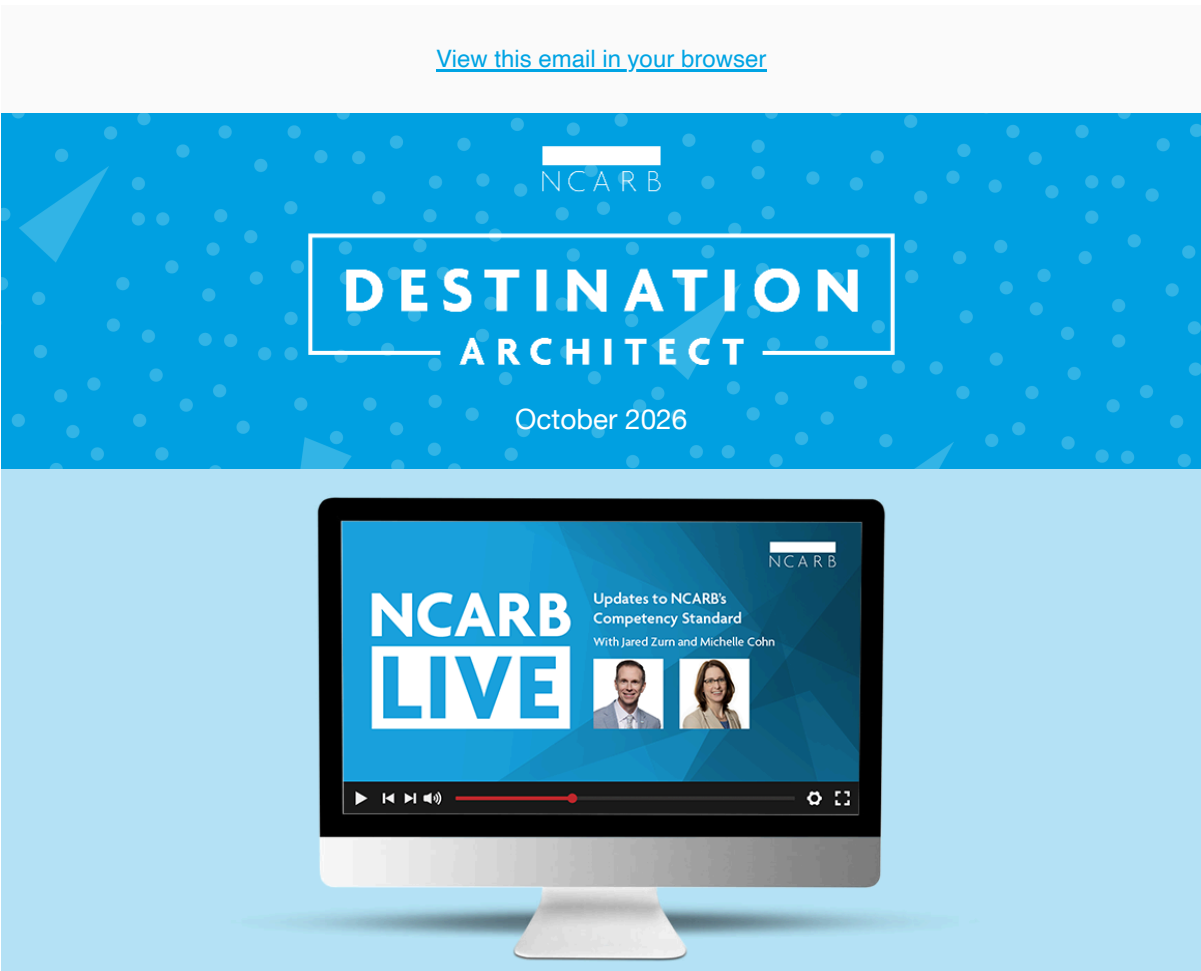




August 2026 NCARB Live: Competency Criteria Updates

During this webinar, NCARB staff shared an overview of the changes to the [Competency Standard](#), including new criteria that provides greater clarity around the expected level of competency for initially licensed architects. They also discussed how candidates can best use the *Competency Standard* to assist with the examination and experience program.

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8 Architect YouTube Channels Worth Watching

We sifted through the noise [to find eight YouTube creators](#) who leverage compelling visuals, trusted research, and expert interviews from professionals in architecture and licensure.

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September 2026 NCARB Live: How to Prepare for the ARE

Receive NCARB’s top resources and recommendations—from understanding available accommodations to taking advantage of free study materials—for a successful test day with our recent NCARB Live webinar.

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Architect Spotlight: Jack Christie, AIA

Jack Christie, AIA, is an architectural designer at Rozzi Architects, a small firm specializing in healthcare and commercial design. [In a recent interview](#), we asked Jack about formative leadership experiences in school, advocating for diverse work opportunities, and giving back to the profession.

[Get to know Jack Christie »](#)

ARE 5.0 NEWS

Effective October 1: New ARE Rescheduling Policy

NCARB has been working to address the lack of availability in exam appointments for candidates attempting to schedule divisions of the Architect Registration Exam® (ARE®). Changes to the [ARE Guidelines](#) outlining the new ARE rescheduling policy went into effect on October 1, 2026.

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AXP RESOURCES

2026 NCARB by the Numbers: Building Toward Competency

NCARB made several updates to the Architectural Experience Program® (AXP®) in 2025, including a more flexible reporting policy. As a result, **the data shows a drop in the average time to complete the program**. Candidates who completed the AXP in 2025 took an average of 4.3 years to complete the program, 6 months faster than those who completed it in 2024.

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