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## Share Your Feedback: Influence the Future of Licensure

Have ideas for improving the path to licensure? NCARB is in the middle of reimagining our programs and services, and we need your feedback. [Take our short survey](#) by Friday, February 13, to help create a licensure process that's flexible and fair.

[Take the Survey](#)

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## ON THE BLOG

### Why Is NCARB Reimaging Licensure?

Watch a short video from NCARB's Licensure Process Research & Development Task Force to learn more about NCARB's Pathways to Practice initiative—and understand why we're exploring future licensure pathways.

[Watch Video →](#)

## Architect Spotlight: The Spaces That Shape Our Stories

Architect Janine Stewart shares how her early childhood experiences shaped her curiosity for human-centered design and how she navigated challenges on her journey to U.S. licensure as a Trinbagonian immigrant.

[Explore Janine's Story →](#)

## How to Gain AXP Experience Through Self-Directed Online Courses

NCARB offers a variety of experience opportunities that qualify for Architectural Experience Program® (AXP®) credit outside of typical architecture work—including the opportunity to earn experience by completing certain certification programs and continuing education (CE) courses.

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## ARE 5.0 NEWS

### Updated *ARE Guidelines* for 2026 Exam Changes Now Available

A new version of the *Architect Registration Examination® (ARE®) 5.0 Guidelines* reflecting exam changes that will become effective on April 27, 2026—including minor adjustments to some exam objectives and descriptions, as well as formatting changes to case studies—is now available.

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