

## ARE update



Hi there,

NCARB takes the security of the Architect Registration Examination® (ARE®) very seriously and has worked with our consultants to begin even greater performance tracking and analysis. [New post-exam forensic analysis](#) now allows NCARB to link candidate performance to several factors, including identifying clusters of candidates who may be working together to share exam content.

**Architects work hard to earn their licenses, and it's part of our mission to maintain the validity of that credential by continuing to strengthen security efforts.**

With the help of psychometricians and our delivery vendor, PSI, we keep a careful eye on candidate behavior [before, during, and after](#) your exam. This includes taking steps to confirm your identity, monitoring and recording your activity while testing, and tracking potential exposure to exam content. To get a better idea of how the exam security process works when checking in to an online appointment, you can use the [free test run option](#).

In addition, NCARB uses advanced psychometric data forensics to [analyze all exam results](#) for unusual testing behavior, statistical irregularities, or other abnormalities that may indicate cheating or other candidate misconduct.

But the security of the exam isn't just our responsibility—by agreeing to the [ARE Candidate Agreement](#), you also must protect the exam's content.

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### Understanding the ARE Candidate Agreement

All licensure candidates should be aware of the requirements of the [ARE Candidate Agreement](#) before, during, and after testing. By accepting the Candidate Agreement, you're agreeing not to copy, use, seek out, or share exam content before, during, or after your appointment—even if you're talking with other licensed architects! **You're also agreeing to alert NCARB if you ever suspect that you've received exam content by any means of communication.**

Candidates who violate the Candidate Agreement face loss of testing privileges, revoked exam scores, and [public reprimands](#), among other disciplinary actions.

### How to Report Concerns

Help us protect the integrity of the exam and the validity of exam scores. If you see or hear anything that you reasonably believe to be a security violation—such as disclosure of exam content—please let us know by contacting us at [ARESecurity@ncarb.org](mailto:ARESecurity@ncarb.org). This includes conduct on online forums, in study groups, and at your firm.

All emails and calls will remain confidential, and NCARB will not disclose your identity unless required by law.

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