

Dear Candidate,

NCARB has issued sanctions for eight candidates who violated the Architect Registration Examination® (ARE®) Candidate Agreement. As a reminder, all exam candidates must follow the [ARE Candidate Agreement](#), which outlines the policies around ARE confidentiality. Candidates who violate the agreement are subject to serious repercussions.

In 2018, NCARB was alerted to the alleged misconduct of several individuals. Each case underwent substantial investigation by NCARB's Examination team, who were able to confirm the claims. As a result, each candidate received due process in having their case reviewed by the NCARB Professional Conduct Committee, followed by a review and final action by the NCARB Board of Directors. Each of these candidates received differing sanctions including a public reprimand and exam score invalidation among other disciplinary actions.

More information about the disciplinary actions taken by the NCARB Board of Directors can be found on [the NCARB website](#).

The ARE plays an important role in ensuring the public health, safety, and welfare by affirming that candidates have the required knowledge and skills to competently practice architecture. Because of this, it is crucial that licensing boards can trust the validity of exam results.

Going forward, NCARB will maintain [a public database](#) of all disciplinary actions receiving a public reprimand. The candidate misconduct has been reported to the appropriate licensing board, which may take additional disciplinary actions warranted by the individual cases.

NCARB has updated both the ARE Candidate Agreement and the [NCARB Policy for the ARE: Exam Candidate Conduct](#) to more clearly reflect candidate expectations.

Individuals who wish to learn more about ARE security can visit the [NCARB blog](#) or the [ARE 5.0 Community](#) to discuss the topic with NCARB's examination experts.

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