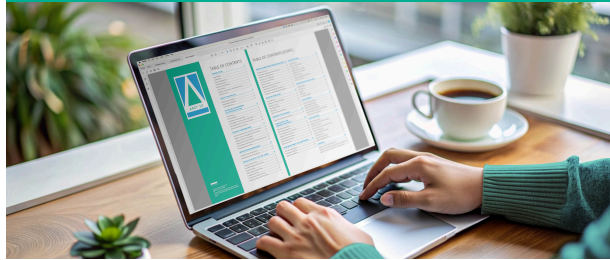# ARE update

NCARB

Hi there,

Preparing for an Architect Registration Examination® (ARE®) appointment? Here are a few reminders and updates to help your exam day go as smoothly as possible—starting with a clarification to policies around breaks and technical issues in the *ARE 5.0 Guidelines*.

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Taking a Break During Your Exam

You have the option to take a break at any point during your ARE appointment, whether you're testing online or in person. To take a break, navigate to the "Exam Summary" page, click the "Break" button, and click "Yes" to confirm that you want to take a break. Then, be sure to notify the proctor that you are taking a break **and show them your "On Break" screen.**

The latest update to the *ARE 5.0 Guidelines* clarifies that candidates must show their proctor the "On Break" screen before taking a break. This is especially important for candidates taking an online-proctored exam. Failing to show your proctor the "On Break" screen may result in your exam appointment being terminated.

Don't forget—after returning from a break, any exam items you viewed prior to your break will be locked, including those left unanswered or marked for later review.

Experiencing Technical Issues

We hope that everything goes smoothly during your exam appointment. If you do experience a technical issue, please alert NCARB in writing immediately by filling out our Contact Us form. While you should always file an incident report with your PSI proctor, keep in mind that you must *also* contact NCARB within 15 days of your exam appointment.

Our Customer Relations team will review your incident following the procedures laid out in the *ARE 5.0 Guidelines*. The update to the *ARE 5.0 Guidelines* also clarifies candidates who are unable to complete an exam due to a technical issue beyond their control will be issued a replacement seat credit.

Note: No other edits were made to the *ARE 5.0 Guidelines*.

Following ARE Security Requirements

Before your exam appointment, make sure you review the exam's security policies, including the ARE Candidate Agreement. As a high-stakes licensing exam, the ARE plays an essential role in ensuring the public's health, safety, and welfare. To protect the integrity of the exam, the details of the content you see during an exam appointment must remain confidential.

Curious what you can and can't say about your exam? Review the security policies in the *ARE 5.0 Guidelines* for a refresher.