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NCARB-certified architects

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## Explore NCARB's FY24 Annual Report »

See an overview of NCARB's key efforts and achievements from July 2023 to June 2024 in our FY24 Annual Report! From the launch of our Pathways to Practice initiative to the impact of the five-year rolling clock retirement, NCARB's annual report sheds light on the progress toward our mission of protecting the public's health, safety, and welfare.

[VIEW THE ANNUAL REPORT](#)

## FREE CONTINUING EDUCATION

### **Design for Net-Zero Energy and Carbon: Defining Energy and Carbon**

Part of a seven-part series, this course explains the relationship between net-zero energy and net-zero carbon design and demonstrates how net zero is included in codes, standards, and certifications.

[Earn 1.50 HSW LUs →](#)

### **Getting to Yes: Making Effective Use of the Alternate Means Process**

Although the building code is intended to protect public health and safety for most projects, every structure and site is unique. This course explores the provisions for alternate materials and methods requests (AMMRs) in the International Building Code® and how they may be used to achieve code compliance. [Earn 1.25 HSW LUs →](#)

## WHAT'S NEW AT NCARB



### **Artificial Intelligence in the Architectural Profession**

To ensure that licensure and regulation keep pace with practice, NCARB is exploring how the responsibility and accountability of an architect may evolve alongside technological advancements like artificial intelligence (AI).

[Explore NCARB's Position on AI →](#)

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### **Australia, New Zealand, and the US Launch New Reciprocity Agreement for Architects**

As of November 6, 2024, U.S. architects can take advantage of an update to the mutual recognition agreement between NCARB and our counterparts in Australia and New Zealand, the Architects Accreditation Council of Australia (ACA) and the New Zealand Registered Architects Board (NZRAB).

[Learn More About the MRA →](#)

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### **Five Ways to Support Licensure Candidates at Your Architecture Firm**

Fostering a firm culture that values and supports licensure requires dedication and effort—from offering free access to study resources to celebrating licensure successes, here are five opportunities to get started. [Learn More →](#)

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### **Architect Spotlight: Ray Vigil on Learning Through Experience**

Albuquerque-based architect Ray Vigil shares his experience of overcoming socio-economic barriers to become an architect and eventually start his own firm. [Read His Story →](#)

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## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### **Serve on a Licensing Board »**

Service on a state licensing board is a rewarding opportunity to contribute to the development of architectural regulatory policies that protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public.

The following state boards are currently seeking volunteer architects and members of the public: Arkansas, Colorado, Illinois, Maine, Minnesota, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin. [Learn more about the roles of state licensing boards](#), or contact us at [council-relations@ncarb.org](mailto:council-relations@ncarb.org) for more information.

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