



Hi there,

After careful review and consideration, the NCARB Board of Directors voted in January to **retire the Architect Registration Examination® (ARE®) rolling clock policy**, effective April 30, 2023. **On May 1, your previously expired ARE 4.0 divisions will be reinstated, and you will have completed the exam—congratulations!** Read on to learn more about the policy change and next steps.

New Score Validity Policy

The rolling clock is being replaced by a new score validity policy, which bases the validity of passed exam divisions on exam version rather than a set time frame. Under the new policy, a passed division will remain valid for the entirety of the exam version under which it was taken (e.g., ARE 4.0) and will qualify for credit toward the immediately following version (e.g., ARE 5.0).

NCARB will reinstate previously expired ARE 4.0 divisions and remove the rolling clock for passed ARE 5.0 divisions for candidates testing in jurisdictions that do not have a rolling clock-type requirement.

How This Impacts You

Congratulations! Based on our exam credit model, you will be ARE-complete once the new policy goes into effect. NCARB will automatically reinstate your previously expired ARE 4.0 divisions the week of May 1.

We understand that you may have attempted to retest on one of the divisions that is now being revalidated. Your continued efforts were appropriate under the then-current policy, and NCARB is not granting refunds for any past attempts. However, if you have any current seat credits on your account, we will refund those credits.

Next Steps

If you had an exam appointment scheduled or had purchased seat credits that you no longer need due to the reinstated divisions, please contact us as soon as possible so we can begin the refund process.

Otherwise, now is a good time to [review your jurisdiction's licensure requirements](#). If you haven't met your jurisdiction's education or experience requirements, you will need to meet those before applying for licensure.

If you have met your jurisdiction's other licensure requirements, NCARB will evaluate your Record and transmit it for licensure once the updated policy goes into effect. Be sure to review your jurisdiction's application process in the meantime.

Keep in mind, some jurisdictions still require the rolling clock, and candidates seeking licensure in those jurisdictions will need to meet that jurisdiction's current rolling clock requirement. **Based on information in your NCARB Record, your current jurisdiction does not have a rolling clock requirement.** If you are considering switching jurisdictions, be sure to review your [new jurisdiction's requirements](#).

Questions? [Contact us](#).

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