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Board Schedules Public Hearing for Proposed Changes to Regulations

The NSBAIDRD is proposing the amendment of regulations pertaining to Chapter 623 of Nevada Administrative Code (NAC).

A public hearing has been set for **10:00a.m. on March 4, 2020** at the NSBAIDRD Office, 2080 East Flamingo Road, Suite 120, Las Vegas, Nevada. The purpose of the hearing is to solicit comments from interested persons on the proposed regulation change contained in [Legislative Counsel Bureau \(LCB\) File Number R092-19](#).

The purpose of the adoption of this regulation is to:

- * Increase the registration/renewal fee from \$150 to \$180 and prorated fees (for registrations issued in November or December) from \$75 to \$90.
- * Revise certain requirements for applicants that do not have a social security number to provide another type of identification card issued by the state of Nevada. (This change is being made in order to comply with [AB 275](#).)
- * Provide applicants the option of submitting applications electronically or by mail.

The fee increase is needed so that the board can continue to work efficiently and effectively by supporting administration, operations, enforcement and other related activities. The \$30 minimal increase will alleviate a portion of the constantly rising technology cost that the board currently incurs, such as database and website improvements, and other online processes and payments.

Persons wishing to comment upon the proposed action may appear at the public hearings or may address their comments, data, views or arguments, in written form to Monica Harrison, Executive Director, via U.S. mail at NSBAIDRD, 2080 E. Flamingo Road, Suite 120, Las Vegas, Nevada 89119, or via email at mharrison@nsbaidrd.nv.gov. **Written submissions must be received by the board on or before March 3, 2020.** If no person who is directly affected by the proposed action appears to request time to make an oral presentation, the board may proceed immediately to act upon any written submissions.

Documents relating to the proposed regulations, including the Notice of Intent to Act Upon a Regulation, Small Business Impact Statement, and



Calendar

March 4, 2020
Board Meeting
Las Vegas

March 4, 2020
Hearing on Proposed
Changes to NAC 623
Las Vegas

April 10, 2020
RID Nevada Supplemental
Exam
Las Vegas

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LCB File No. R092-19 (Revised Proposed Regulation), can be found on the [Meetings page of the board website](#).

Board Randomly Selecting Registrants for Continuing Education Audits

A percentage of registrants who renewed their licenses for 2020 will be randomly selected for audit of their continuing education units this month. The selected registrants will be notified by mail. The notice of audit will explain the audit process and will require a response by a specified date.

Submittals will be reviewed to determine if the continuing education requirements were met. Supporting documentation to prove completion of a course or activity is required. Registrants who fail to meet the requirements will be notified and offered an opportunity to resolve the violation. Registrants who choose not to resolve the violation will be subject to the board's disciplinary process.

For more information on the continuing education requirement or audit process, please refer to the [Continuing Education page of the board website](#).

Frequently Asked Questions

How can students, emerging professionals, licensure candidates and other unlicensed people participate in design competitions and still comply with Nevada law?

Great question with a simple answer. If the design competition is site-specific to Nevada, a Nevada registrant must be in responsible control of each submission. In other words, if the project would be located in Nevada, a registrant must be in responsible control.

This can be done through a contract between a registrant and the designer or design team submitting for the competition. The entity sponsoring the competition can work with a registered design professional to be in responsible control of all the submissions, or each competitor can be responsible for contracting with a registrant.

If you have questions about hosting or entering a design competition, please contact the board office at (702) 486-7300.

If you have a question you would like to see addressed in a future newsletter, please email shatfield@nsbaidrd.nv.gov.

NSBAIDRD on Social Media

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Moving? Changing Jobs?

Registrants have 30 days to notify the board of a change of address or place of employment per NRS 623.720.

Download a [change of address form](#), or [email the following information](#) to the board office:

- Full name
- Registration Number
- Prior Address & Phone #
- New Address & Phone #
- Email Address
- Effective Date of Change
- Type of Change (Business or Home)

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Are Nevada #architects getting licensed more quickly than in the past? UNLV School of Architecture Prof. Glen Nowak seems to think so. This is what he said at a recent board meeting: "This morning I was shaving my grey beard and tried to convince myself that I'm not getting older... These three (new registrants) just came through my studio a few years ago. I realized I'm not getting older, our profession is getting younger. They are getting licensed more quickly out of school. They are getting great experience in offices throughout our state..." EPYAF (Emerging Professionals / Young Architects Forum)

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New Registrants By Examination



New architects Shannon W. Ferguson (Reno) #8271 and Timothy P. Rudloff (Henderson) #8272, who were sworn-in at the January board meeting.

New registered interior designers Hannah DeHaven (Reno) #256-ID and Lina Scally (Fernley, NV) #257-ID, who were sworn-in at the January board meeting.



NCARB Renames Monograph Series to Continuum Education Program

NCARB’s Monograph Series has been renamed the Continuum Education Program. Through the Continuum Education Program, NCARB seeks to provide continuous learning and professional development for individuals at every stage in their architecture careers, ranging from students to seasoned professionals.

Originally launched in the 1990s to provide self-study continuing education (CE) materials for architects seeking to meet license renewal requirements, the refreshed Continuum Education Program emphasizes

the importance of lifelong learning. Over the next several years, NCARB will work to develop additional CE resources as part of the Continuum Education Program.

NCARB will continue to release regular self-study CE courses—formerly called mini-monographs—as a free benefit for NCARB Certificate holders and licensure candidates with an active NCARB Record. The courses are also available for purchase for individuals without an active NCARB Record.

All NCARB CE courses are accepted for the purpose of license renewal in Nevada. These courses are considered “structured educational activities” (NAC 623.634).

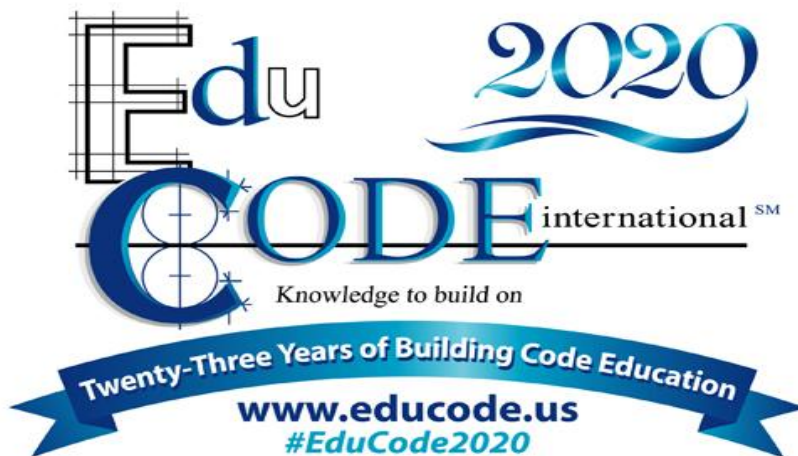
For more information or to view the library of courses, go to the [NCARB website](#).

EduCode Returning to Las Vegas March 9-13

Registration is open for Educode 2020, which is scheduled for March 9-13, 2020 at the Orleans Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas.

EduCode features specialized courses, including architecture, plumbing, mechanical, electrical, structural, fire protection, code enforcement and leadership topics, which are essential for building design, expanding skills, and earning and maintaining certifications and other credentials. Full and half-day sessions are available.

For more information or to register, visit [educode.us](#).



CIDQ Completes Practice Analysis, Updates Exam Blueprint

The Council for Interior Design Qualification (CIDQ) completed its Interior Design Practice Analysis Study last year. The results of that analysis are reflected in new exam blueprints, or content outlines, for all three sections of the NCIDQ Exam. These updates go into effect for the October 2020 exams.

Changes made include:

- * Eliminated overlap within the test blueprints

- * Additional examples added for each knowledge statement
- * Greater alignment between knowledge areas and domains
- * Redistributed content from IDFX to IDPX, and from the IDPX to the PRAC
- * Life Safety and Universal Design become separate domains on the IDFX
- * Increased emphasis placed on codes on the IDPX

It is important that exam candidates use the correct blueprint to study for upcoming exams. Candidates testing for the April 2020 exam should continue to use the old blueprints.

For more information and to download blueprints, please visit the [CIDQ website](#).

Disciplinary Actions

(October 24, 2019 through January 15, 2020)

Inquiries are routinely sent to both registrants and non-registrants for alleged violations of Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) and Nevada Administrative Codes (NAC).

There were 12 cases this period that were submitted for board consideration and approved. Additionally, nine cases were closed because there was no basis for the allegations or the complaint did not fall within the board's jurisdiction.

The following cases were closed by means of settlement agreement; as part of the agreement respondents agreed to assure compliance with Chapter 623. Should the respondents be involved in a subsequent case and found to have again violated NRS, NAC or Rules of Conduct, the case may be used as an aggravating factor.

Every effort is made to ensure that the following information is correct. Before making any decision based on this information you should contact the NSBAIDRD.

Working Outside the Exemption for a Contractor Licensed Pursuant to NRS 624 and Holding Oneself Out, Advertising, and Unlicensed Practice of Architecture: NRS 623.035.1(d) and NRS 623.360.1(a)(b)(c)

Case 19-045N

The allegations against *Benjie Swenson* and *Merge, Inc.* were that they worked outside the exemption for contractors, held themselves out as being qualified to provide services that fall under the practice of architecture, and engaged in the practice of architecture, without having a certificate of registration with the board. The matter was resolved through a settlement agreement incorporating an administrative penalty of \$7,500 plus investigative costs of \$1,500.

Case 20-28N

The allegations against *Kyle Wuelzer* and *H&L Custom Builders* were that they worked outside the exemption for contractors, held themselves out as being qualified to provide services that fall under the practice of architecture, and engaged in the practice of architecture, without having a certificate of registration with the board. The matter was resolved through a settlement agreement incorporating an administrative penalty of \$2,500 plus investigative costs of \$1,300.

Case 20-030N

The allegations against *Daniel Matus* and *Desired Space, LLC* were that they worked outside the exemption for contractors, held themselves out as being qualified to provide services that fall under the practice of architecture, and engaged in the practice of architecture, without having a certificate of registration with the board. The matter was resolved through a settlement agreement incorporating an administrative penalty of \$2,500 plus investigative costs of \$2,000.

Negligence in Applying the Technical Knowledge and Skill Ordinarily Applied by Architects by Not Taking Responsibility for Plans He Prepared: NRS 623.185.2 and NRS 623.270.1(c) (f)

20-027R

The allegation against *Alfred Salzano (#2119)* was that he did not sign or seal drawings he had prepared. The matter was resolved through a settlement agreement incorporating an administrative penalty of \$2,500 plus investigative costs of \$1,300.

Engaging in Conduct Involving the Deliberate Disregard of the Rights of Others: NRS 623.270.1(f) and Rule of Conduct 4.2

Case 19-032R

The allegations against *Thomas Wucherer (#2925)* and *YWS Architects, LLC* were that they engaged in conduct involving a deliberate disregard for the rights of others. The matter was resolved through a settlement agreement incorporating an administrative penalty of \$10,000 plus investigative costs of \$2,200.

Holding Oneself Out, Advertising, and Unlicensed Practice of Architecture, Registered Interior Design or Residential Design: NRS 623.360.1(a)(b)(c)

Case 20-010N

The allegations against *Jacinto Raviz* and *R2 Concepts, LLC* were that they held themselves out as being qualified to provide services that fall under the practice of architecture and engaged in the practice of architecture, without having a certificate of registration with the board. The matter was resolved through a settlement agreement incorporating an administrative penalty of \$10,000 plus investigative costs of \$1,500.

Case 20-033N

The allegations against *Bradley Nederhoff* and *Verner Johnson Inc.* were that they held themselves out as being qualified to provide services that fall under the practice of architecture and engaged in the practice of architecture, without having a certificate of registration with the board. The matter was resolved through a settlement agreement incorporating an administrative penalty of \$5,000 plus investigative costs of \$1,300.

Putting out a Device Indicating Qualifications to Practice Architecture, Registered Interior Design or Residential Design: NRS 623.360.1(b)

Case 20-014N

The allegations against *John Hagler* and *Seed to Cup Coffee Solutions* were that held themselves out as being qualified to provide services that fall under the practice of architecture. The matter was resolved through a settlement agreement incorporating an administrative penalty of \$3,000 plus investigative costs of \$1,500.

Case 20-019N

The allegations against *Anna Noble* and *Noble Design Co, LLC* were that they held themselves out as being qualified to provide services that fall under the practice of architecture and registered interior design. The matter was resolved through a settlement agreement incorporating an administrative penalty of \$4,000 plus investigative costs of \$1,500.

Advertising and Unlicensed Practice of Architecture, Registered Interior Design or Residential Design: NRS 623.360.1(b)(c)**Case 20-005N**

The allegations against *Jeanne Moller* and *JM Moller Consulting* were that they held themselves out as being qualified to provide services that fall under the practice of architecture and residential design and engaged in the practices of architecture and residential design, without having a certificate of registration with the board. The matter was resolved through a settlement agreement incorporating an administrative penalty of \$10,000 plus investigative costs of \$1,800.

Case 20-006N

The allegations against *Caitlin Rae Perry* and *Caitlin Rae Designs* were that they held themselves out as being qualified to provide services that fall under the practice of architecture and registered interior design and engaged in the practices of architecture and registered interior design, without having a certificate of registration with the board. The matter was resolved through a settlement agreement incorporating an administrative penalty of \$5,000 plus investigative costs of \$1,500.

Case 20-035N

The allegations against *Haneen Khater* were that she held herself out as being qualified to provide services that fall under the practice of architecture and engaged in the practice of architecture, without having a certificate of registration with the board. The matter was resolved through a settlement agreement incorporating an administrative penalty of \$3,500 plus investigative costs of \$1,200.

Expired Certificates of Registration

[See a list of certificates of registration that expired on December 31, 2019.](#)

Late Registration Policy

Registrants whose certificate of registration expired and have failed to renew their registration must pay a late renewal fee of \$220, in addition to the \$150 annual registration fee.

Registrants who do not renew their certificate of registration within one year of its expiration can renew it before the end of the third year by: submitting a letter of application for renewal; paying the required late registration fees (\$220 late fee plus \$150 for every year lapsed); paying the renewal fee for the current year (\$150); and completing the required CEUs for each year the license was lapsed.

For further questions regarding late registration, please contact the board office at (702) 486-7300.

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