

**PROPOSED TEMPORARY REGULATION OF THE  
NEVADA STATE BOARD OF ARCHITECTURE, INTERIOR DESIGN AND  
RESIDENTIAL DESIGN**

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets *[omitted material]* is material to be omitted.

AUTHORITY: NRS 623.140(2)(b).

A REGULATION relating to examinations for architects and changing the name of the national organization for registered interior design.

**Section 1.** Chapter 623 of NAC is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 to 8, inclusive, of this regulation.

**Sec. 2.** NAC 623.400 shall be amended to read as follows:

1. The Board hereby adopts the architectural examination prepared by the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards as the examination to be used in this State to test applicants for registration as architects.

2. In addition to the qualification of minimum age and good moral character which is prescribed in subsection 1 of NRS 623.190, to participate in the examination an applicant must, except as otherwise provided in subsection 3~~[,have]~~ :

*(a) Have* completed or be enrolled in the ~~[Intern Development Program]~~ *Architectural Experience Program* of the National Council as the Program existed at the time of application for registration and have received or be eligible to receive a first professional degree in architecture from a program accredited by the National Architectural Accrediting Board, Inc. ; *or*

*(b) Have completed or be enrolled in an Integrated Pathway to Architectural Licensure option that will culminate in a professional degree in architecture from a program accredited by the National Architectural Accrediting Board, Inc.*

3. An applicant who received 7 years of credits for education and practical training before January 1, 1986, may participate in the examination after the applicant has received a total of 8 years of credits for education and practical training pursuant to NAC 623.445. Of the 8 years immediately preceding the date on which the application is submitted, the applicant must have had 3 years of experience in the office and under the direct supervision of a registered architect.

4. An applicant who has completed or is enrolled in the ~~[Intern Development Program]~~ *Architectural Experience Program* must have the National Council transmit adequate evidence thereof to the Board. ~~[If necessary, to evaluate the training received by an applicant who participated or is enrolled in the Program, the Board will require the applicant to substantiate the quality and character of the training during the Program.]~~

5. Requests for information regarding the ~~Intern Development Program~~ *Architectural Experience Program* must be directed to the

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURAL  
REGISTRATION BOARDS  
~~[1801 K Street, N.W., Suite 700K  
Washington, D.C. 20006-1310  
(202) 783-6500]~~  
*1401 H Street NW, Suite 500  
Washington, DC 20005  
(202) 879-0520  
www.ncarb.org*

6. Upon the applicant's successful completion of all parts of the written examination, each applicant must personally appear before the Board to take an oath prescribed by the Board.

**Sec. 3.** NAC 623.465 shall be amended to read as follows:

The credit to be allowed for the training described in the table in NAC 623.445 is subject to the following conditions:

1. Credit for training may be earned only after at least 2 1/2 credits have been earned for education.

2. After 5 years of education, each applicant must earn at least 1 year of credit for employment in the office of a registered architect.

3. To be allowed credit for a master's or doctoral degree in architecture or for teaching or research in an architectural program, the subjects studied, taught or researched by the applicant must be evaluated by the Board and found to be related directly to architecture. Twenty semester hours or 30 quarter hours of teaching or research is considered to be 1 year.

4. Credits may not be used for both education and training.

5. An applicant, upon request by the Board, must substantiate his or her training by showing that it meets the requirements of an intern in the ~~[Intern Development Program]~~ *Architectural Experience Program* of the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards.

**Sec. 4.** NAC 623.472 shall be amended to read as follows:

1. The provisions of this section:

(a) Apply only to an application submitted pursuant to NRS 623.192 by an applicant who has successfully completed a program of interior design which is not accredited by the Council for Interior Design Accreditation.

(b) Do not apply to an applicant who submits to the Board a letter of approval from the [National] Council for Interior Design Qualification or its successor organization indicating that the applicant has successfully completed an alternative program of interior design developed by the National Council and approved by the Board. The Board may issue a certificate of registration to practice as a registered interior designer to such an applicant.

2. Upon the receipt of an application and appropriate supporting information from an applicant specified in paragraph (a) of subsection 1, the Executive Director shall:

(a) Establish a subcommittee of the Board to review the application. If possible, at least one of the members of the subcommittee must be a registered interior designer. A subcommittee established pursuant to this paragraph may be composed of architects or registered interior designers who hold a certificate of registration issued pursuant to chapter 623 of NRS.

(b) Provide each member of the subcommittee with a copy of each pending application and any supporting information.

3. The subcommittee shall:

(a) Meet at least once during each period of 90 days in which any applications are awaiting its review.

(b) Meet in a closed session to consider the qualifications of an applicant.

(c) Weigh the application against the requirements of NAC 623.562 to 623.594, inclusive.

(d) Open its meeting to the public when taking any action.

4. After the subcommittee reviews an application, the subcommittee shall:

(a) Provide the applicant with its preliminary decision concerning the application.

(b) If the subcommittee finds that the application and supporting information:

(1) Are sufficient to determine whether the program of interior design completed by the applicant is substantially equivalent to a program of interior design accredited by the Council for Interior Design Accreditation, recommend to the Board whether to approve pursuant to subparagraph (2) of paragraph (d) of subsection 1 of NRS 623.192 the program of interior design completed by the applicant. The application will be placed on the agenda for consideration by the Board at its next regularly scheduled meeting.

(2) Are not sufficient to determine whether the program of interior design completed by the applicant is substantially equivalent to a program of interior design accredited by the Council for Interior Design Accreditation, provide the applicant with a written request for the information necessary to make that determination. Within 90 days after receiving such a request, the applicant must provide to the subcommittee an original and three additional copies of the information requested or a written request for additional time to supplement the information supporting the application, or may notify the subcommittee of the applicant's intention not to supplement that supporting information. Within 90 days after the subcommittee receives any supplemental information from an applicant pursuant to this subparagraph, the subcommittee shall forward to the Board its

recommendation of whether to approve pursuant to subparagraph (2) of paragraph (d) of subsection 1 of NRS 623.192 the program of interior design completed by the applicant.

5. As used in this section, “application” means an application submitted pursuant to NRS 623.192 by an applicant who has successfully completed a program of interior design which is not accredited by the Council for Interior Design Accreditation.

**Sec. 5.** NAC 623.632 shall be amended to read as follows:

1. The self-directed educational activities in which a registrant may earn the continuing education units required by paragraph (a) of subsection 1 of NAC 623.630 include, without limitation:

(a) Active participation as an officer or a committee or board member of a professional society, organization, board or commission which is related to the registrant’s profession.

(b) Completion of a course of self-study sponsored by a professional association, a course that is architecturally significant, or an organized individual or group study on a topic which is related to the registrant’s profession.

(c) Making a professional or technical presentation at a meeting, convention or conference.

(d) Participation in an activity that contributes to the welfare of the community and is related to the registrant’s profession.

(e) Publication of material that is related to the registrant’s profession in a paper, article or book.

(f) Reading a book or magazine article that is related to the registrant’s profession.

(g) Serving as a mentor or supervisor for the Intern Development Program of the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards or the Interior Design Experience

Program of the [National] Council for Interior Design Qualification. A registrant may not claim more than 2 continuing education units annually pursuant to this paragraph.

(h) Teaching or instructing a topic that is related to the registrant's profession. A registrant may not claim continuing education units pursuant to this paragraph more than once for the same or similar presentations, or if the registrant is a part-time or full-time faculty member at a college, university or other educational institution.

(i) Viewing a video presentation that is related to the registrant's profession.

(j) Visiting a site that is architecturally significant to maintain and strengthen competency in the registrant's profession.

2. The Board may require a detailed synopsis or report concerning any continuing education units claimed by a registrant for a self-directed educational activity.

3. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise requires, "self-directed educational activity" means an educational activity which primarily consists of a registrant engaging in an activity concerning a subject relating to public health, safety and welfare which is not systematically presented by another person, including the study of such subjects.

**Sec. 6.** NAC 623.640 shall be amended to read as follows:

1. Each registrant who claims credit for continuing education units earned during a calendar year shall retain records sufficient to support the continuing education units claimed for not less than 3 years after the date of renewal of his or her certificate of registration. The records must include any continuing education units that the registrant has carried forward.

2. The records that must be retained by a registrant include, without limitation:

(a) A log, on a form prescribed by the Board, which shows the type of activity claimed, sponsoring organization, location, duration, name of the instructor or speaker, and continuing education units earned;

(b) Verification of attendance, in the form of a certificate of completion, signed attendance receipt, paid receipt, copy of a list of all persons who attended the activity signed by the person in charge of the activity, or other documentation supporting evidence of attendance; or

(c) Records as maintained by professional repositories which are approved by the Board, including, without limitation, the American Institute of Architects and the ~~[National]~~ Council for Interior Design Qualification.

**Sec. 7.** NAC 623.830 shall be amended to read as follows:

The Board adopts by reference the standards of the ~~[National]~~ Council for Interior Design Qualification for the experience required pursuant to subsection 1 of NRS 623.192 for a certificate of registration to practice interior design. The standards may be obtained, free of charge, from the ~~[National]~~ Council for Interior Design Qualification, *225 Reinekers Lane, Suite 210, Alexandria, VA 22314*, telephone (202) 721-0220, or at the Internet address ~~[<http://www.ncidq.org>]~~ <http://www.cidq.org>.