

# BECOMING A LICENSED ARCHITECT IN NEW YORK STATE

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## Licensure as an Architect

- Education
- Experience  
 Architectural Experience Program +  
 additional years experience
- Examination  
 Architectural Licensing Examination  
 (ARE)

## New York State Department of Education Office of Professionals Board of Architecture

Robert Lopez, Secretary for Board of Architecture  
 grants the license to practice architecture



## National Council of Architectural Registration Boards

administers Architectural Experience Program (AXP) and  
 Architectural Registration Examination (ARE)

The National Council of Architectural Registration Boards, a nonprofit organization, is a federation of the architectural licensing boards in each of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. These 54 boards constitute NCARB's membership.

NCARB serves to protect the public health, safety, and welfare by leading the regulation of the practice of architecture through the development and application of standards for licensure and credentialing of architects. NCARB is responsible for establishing, interpreting, and enforcing national standards for architectural licensure.


## Education

New York State requires 12 credits to take the ARE. These credits are based on education + experience

Degree	Units for education	Units required for experience
B.Tech	Maximum 5 units	Minimum of 7 years
M.Arch (approved by NAAB)	Maximum 9 units	Minimum of 3 years
Other master's degree in architecturally related field	Maximum 1 unit added to original degree	Minimum of 6 years

## Experience

New York State requires completion of AXP + additional years to fulfill the required credits



**Architectural Experience Program**

<https://www.ncarb.org/sites/default/files/AXP-Guidelines.pdf>

