

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

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Chapter 623 of NAC is hereby amended to read as follows:

NAC 623.235 Examination for registration as architect; oath before board. (NRS 623.140, 623.190)

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 qualifications of minimum age and good moral character which are prescribed in subsection 1 of NRS 623.190, to participate in the examination an applicant must, except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, have completed ~~the 700 units required for completion of~~ the Intern~~[-Architect]~~ Development Program of the national council as the program existed at the time of application for registration and received a first professional degree in architecture from a program accredited by the National Architectural Accrediting Board.

3. An applicant who received 7 years of credits for education and practical training before January 1, 1986, may participate in the examination after he has received a total of 8 years of credits for education and practical training as determined pursuant to NAC ~~623.415 or~~ 623.445 ~~[, or a combination thereof which is acceptable to the board]~~. 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 the program for interns must have the national council transmit adequate evidence thereof to the board. If necessary, to evaluate the training received by an applicant who participated in the program, the board will require him to substantiate the quality and character of his training during the program.

5. Requests for information regarding the Intern~~[-Architect]~~ Development Program must be directed to the:

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURAL
REGISTRATION BOARDS
1801 K Street, NW, Suite 1100K
Washington, DC 20006-1310
(202) 783-6500

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.

Chapter 623 of NAC is hereby amended to read as follows:

NAC 623.290 Fees. (NRS 623.140, 623.310)

1. The following fees are prescribed and will be collected by the board at the time an application is made or material is furnished:

(a) For an examination for a certificate:	
(1) For the written entire, four-part examination for registration as a residential designer.....	\$300
(2) For the graphic section of the examination for registration as a residential designer....	150
(3) For each written section of the examination for registration as a residential designer...	75
(2) (4) For the written examination for registration as a registered interior designer.....	550 100
(3) (5) By reciprocity or other means requiring special action by the board.....	300
(4) (6) For the computer architect registration examination, in addition to the regular fee for examination.....	50
(b) For a certificate of registration.....	125
(c) For the late renewal of an expired certificate within 1 year after its expiration.....	220
(d) For the late renewal of a certificate which has been expired for more than 1 year but not more than 3 years.....	300
(e) For an initial registration or a renewal of a registration.....	300 150
(f) For a pro-rated initial registration in November or December.....	75
(f) (g) For restoration of an expired or revoked certificate.....	300
(g) (h) For replacement of a certificate.....	30
(h) (i) For application forms.....	25

2. The board will, upon request, make available the schedule of fees charged by the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards for the examination for registration as an architect and for retaking any part or parts of the examination.

Chapter 623 of NAC is hereby amended by deleting the following section as follows:

~~NAC 623.415 Credit for education or training completed before August 9, 1982. Any person who has, before August 9, 1982, acquired one half year or more of credit for his education or training under the following table may acquire credit under this table or the table in NAC 623.445.~~

TABLE OF EQUIVALENTS:

DESCRIPTION OF EXPERIENCE	EDUCATION	TRAINING	PRACTICE
	First Succeeding Years (Percent)	Maximum Yearly Credit Allowed (Percent)	Maximum Yearly Credit Allowed (Percent)
1. For a bachelor's degree in architecture or credits under a program accredited by the National Architectural Accrediting Board or for a master's degree in architecture under a program of architecture accredited by that board.	100	100	5
2. For a bachelor's degree in architecture or for a master's degree in architecture if preceded by a bachelor's degree in architecture under a program of architecture which is not accredited by the National Architectural Accrediting Board.			4
3. For credits earned for a bachelor's degree in architecture under a program of architecture which is not accredited by the National Architectural Accrediting Board.	50	100	3
4. For a bachelor's degree in architecture and engineering, or 4 years of a 6 year program leading to a master's degree in architecture, under a program which is accredited by the Engineering Council for Professional Development or the National Architectural Accrediting Board.	50	100	3
5. For a bachelor's degree from a university or college.	50	50	2
6. For experience as a full time employee with a bachelor's degree in architecture or architectural engineering which meets the requirements of subsection 1 or 2 of this section in the office of a registered architect who is practicing as a principal or is employed in the capacity of an architectural manager.		100	No Limit
7. For experience as a full time employee without a bachelor's degree in architecture, in the office of a registered architect who is practicing as a principal or is		First 25 Years Second 2 Years	100 No Limit

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TABLE OF EQUIVALENTS:

	<u>EDUCATION</u>	<u>TRAINING</u>	<u>PRACTICE</u>
	<u>First Succeeding</u> <u>2 Years Credit</u> <u>(Percent)</u>	<u>Maximum</u> <u>Yearly</u> <u>Credit</u> <u>Allowed</u> <u>(Percent)</u>	<u>Maximum</u> <u>Yearly</u> <u>Credit</u> <u>Allowed</u> <u>(Percent)</u>
<u>DESCRIPTION OF EXPERIENCE</u>	<u>Allowed</u>		
<u>employed in the capacity of an architectural manager.</u>		<u>Succeeding</u> <u>Years</u> <u>100</u>	
<u>8. For practical training obtained in the office of and under the direct supervision of a registered architect practicing as a principal during the period for which credit is received for education. To receive credit for training, the employment must be for at least 2 consecutive months and exceed 20 hours per week.</u>		<u>25</u> <u>50</u>	<u>1 1/2</u>
<u>9. For employment or professional practice in fields related to architecture, such as interior design, structural engineering or residential design.</u>		<u>First Succeeding</u> <u>2 Years Years</u> <u>25 50</u>	<u>2</u>
<u>10. For employment in the fields of landscape architecture, city planning, or service related to construction in the military or a governmental agency.</u>		<u>25</u> <u>50</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>11. For an applicant for registration as a residential designer, for employment by a residential designer who is registered pursuant to chapter 623 of NRS and this chapter.</u>		<u>50</u> <u>100</u>	<u>3</u>

Chapter 623 of NAC is hereby amended to read as follows:

NAC 623.465 Conditions for credits for training ~~[completed after August 9, 1982]~~ for architects.

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 ~~[and 1 year for practice as a principal in architectural work].~~

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 directly related 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 training by showing that it meets the requirements of an intern in the Intern~~{Architect}~~ Development Program of the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards.

Chapter 623 of NAC is hereby amended to read as follows:

NAC 623.740 Use of corporate or fictitious names.

1. Every corporate or fictitious name proposed for use by a registrant's firm, partnership, association or corporation must be submitted to the board for review and approval before it is adopted and used by the firm, partnership, association or corporation.

2. A registrant's firm, partnership, association or corporation may do business under a fictitious name if the name is submitted to the board for review, and is approved by the board before it is adopted and used by the business. The decision by the board to approve or disapprove the name will be based upon whether the proposed name complies with the wording and intent of the board's applicable code of ethics, guidelines for corporate and fictitious names for registered architects, residential designers or interior designers and chapter 623 of NRS.

3. The name of a registrant's firm, partnership, association or corporation may include names of natural persons only as follows:

(a) The name of a living registrant who is a member of the business or a former registrant who is or was a member of the business and who is retired or deceased. The status of a retired member must be ~~{indicated}~~ indicated on the letterhead of a registrant's business by the word "retired." The status of a deceased member must be indicated on the letterhead of a registrant's business by the word "deceased" or numerals showing the years of the member's birth and death.

(b) The name of a person who is a member of another architectural or engineering business, registered interior design business, residential design business or business for the practice of landscape architecture only if the person is a living registered architect, professional engineer, registered interior designer, residential designer or landscape architect ~~{for professional engineer}~~ and is clearly indicated as being an architect, professional engineer, registered interior designer, residential designer or landscape architect ~~{for professional engineer}~~

~~— (c) The name of a person who is a member of another registered interior designer business only if the person is a living registered interior designer and is clearly indicated as being a registered interior designer.~~

4. A firm, partnership, association or corporation which is authorized by the board to use a corporate or fictitious name shall file with the board the name of each stockholder, director or other member of the business and shall display all the names and the professional status of each registrant on its letterhead.

5. Every architectural, residential design or registered interior design firm, partnership, association or corporation shall notify the board in writing within 30 days after:

~~[(a) Immediately advise the board of any change in the ownership or management of the firm, partnership, association or corporation; and~~

~~— (b) Notify the board in writing within 30 days after:~~

~~— (1)] (a) Any change in the ownership or management of the firm, partnership, association or corporation; or~~

~~— (2)] (b) Any change of a fictitious name that occurs after the initial approval of the board.~~

6. A licensee may not use the name of a registrant's firm, partnership, association or corporation or represent a registrant's firm, partnership, association or corporation in a manner which reflects the association of another licensee who is not a member of that business.

7. As used in this section:

(a) "Fictitious name" means a name [which does not include the name of a registered principal] other than the name of a registered member of the firm.

(b) The terms "registrant," "registered architect," "registered landscape architect," "professional engineer," [and] "registered interior designer" and "registered residential designer" include only persons registered in this state.

(c) "Member" means a person who holds at least one percent ownership in the firm, partnership, association or corporation.

Chapter 623 of NAC is hereby amended to read as follows:

NAC 623.766 Information required for plans submitted to public authority; date, stamp and signature required on certain documents submitted. (NRS 623.140, 623.185)

1. Plans submitted to a public authority must include:

(a) The name, address and telephone number of the firm that submits the plans;

(b) The name and location of the project for which the plans are submitted;

(c) The date the plans were issued for printing; and

(d) A statement that indicates whether the plans are preliminary or final.

2. If the plans submitted to a public authority are copies of the original plans:

(a) Each sheet must bear the original date, stamp and signature of the registrant who provided the responsible control under which the work indicated on the sheet was performed; and

(b) For each professional discipline included in the plans, the cover sheet and the first sheet for that professional discipline must be dated and include an original stamp and signature of the registrant who provided the responsible control under which the work indicated on the sheet was performed.

3. Each set of specifications submitted to a public authority must include a table of contents or cover sheet that:

(a) Indicates the professional discipline that is the source of each specification; and

(b) Contains the stamp of, and is signed and dated by, each registrant who provided the responsible control under which the work in that professional discipline was performed.

4. Each report, study, test result, certification or calculation that is submitted to a public authority must be stamped, signed and dated by the registrant who provided the responsible control under which that report, study, test result, certification or calculation was submitted.

Chapter 623 of NAC is hereby amended to read as follows:

NAC 623.780 Possession and use of drawings and specifications.

Each architect, residential designer and interior designer who holds a certificate of registration shall:

1. Take such reasonable steps as are necessary to ensure that his drawings and specifications are not used for projects not contemplated at the time those drawings and specifications are completed.
2. Include in all contracts between himself and a client the following language:

Drawings and specifications remain the property of the design professional. Copies of the drawings and specifications retained by the client may be utilized only for his use and for occupying the project for which they were prepared, and not for the construction of any other project.

3. Retain possession, in hard copy or electronic format, of all original plans, drawings, specifications or other documents issued for official use. ~~Line drawings prepared for a project.~~

~~4. Not permit the dissemination of original drawings and specifications in any form, including, but not limited to, computer disks, which, when duplicated, could be indistinguishable from the original drawings and specifications.]~~

Chapter 623 of NAC is hereby amended to read as follows:

NAC 623.915 Investigation of complaint; recommendations of executive director.
(NRS 623.140, 623.150)

1. Upon receipt of a complaint, the executive director or a person otherwise authorized by the board shall appoint a member of the board's staff to conduct an initial investigation of the complaint. The investigator shall submit a written report to the executive director or a person otherwise authorized by the board which describes the results of his investigation.

2. The executive director or a person otherwise authorized by the board shall review the written report and recommend that the board:

- (a) Dismiss the complaint;
- (b) Negotiate a resolution of the complaint;
- (c) Authorize the creation of an advisory committee to review the complaint if the respondent agrees to participate in an informal conference with an advisory committee; or

~~{(d) Schedule an informal hearing; or~~

~~{(e)}~~ (d) Schedule a formal hearing.