

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

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Brief description of action: Housekeeping changes to NAC 623.0195, 623.644, 623.646, 623.900. The purpose of amending 623.505 is to allow residential design applicants with work experience, obtained out-of-state the option to get credits for such work experience to be able to qualify to sit for the residential design exam. Currently candidates with out-of-state work experience don't get any credit pursuant to NAC 623.505.

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Authority other than 233B NRS 623.140, 623.145, 623.190, 623.250, 623.255, 623.330

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

AUTHORITY: NRS 623.140.

A REGULATION relating to architecture, interior design, and residential design; modifying procedure to verify requirements for education and training and completion of requisite continuing education; amending references to the Board’s name and new website address; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

<to be completed by LCB>

**Section 1.** Chapter 623 of NAC is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 to 6, inclusive, of this regulation.

**Sec. 2.** NAC 623.0195 shall be amended to read as follows:

623.0195 For the purposes of paragraph (d) of subsection 1 of NRS 623.330, the Board interprets the phrase “his or her own drawings” to include only drawings prepared by a contractor or a *W-2* employee of the contractor.

**Sec. 3.** NAC 623.505 shall be amended to read as follows:

623.505 An applicant for registration as a residential designer must have a combination of at least 5 years of education and training with at least 1 year in education, or the equivalent, and at least 1 year in training. An applicant for registration as a residential designer may acquire credit for education and training only pursuant to the following table:

TABLE OF EQUIVALENTS:

DESCRIPTION OF EXPERIENCE	EDUCATION			TRAINING	
	First 2 Years	Succeeding Years (Percent)	Maximum Years Allowed	Credit Allowed (Percent)	Maximum Credit Allowed
1. For a bachelor's degree in architecture or credits from a program accredited by the National Architectural Accrediting Board, Inc., or for a master's degree in architecture from a school of architecture accredited by that Board.	100	100	4 years		
2. For the first professional degree in architecture or credits toward that degree under a program which has not been accredited by the National Architectural Accrediting Board, Inc.	75	100	4 years		
3. For a bachelor's degree or credits toward that degree in architectural engineering or architectural technology or in civil, mechanical or electrical engineering under a program which has been accredited by the Engineers' Council for Professional Development, the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology or ABET, Inc., or for a bachelor's degree in interior design					

or interior architecture under a program accredited by the Council for Interior Design Accreditation.

50                      75                      3 years

4. For an associate's or bachelor's degree with an emphasis in residential design as approved by the Board.

100                      100                      2 years

5. For any other bachelor's degree.

2 years

TABLE OF EQUIVALENTS:

DESCRIPTION OF EXPERIENCE	First	EDUCATION	Maximum	TRAINING	
	Years	(Percent)	Years	Credit Allowed (Percent)	Maximum Credit Allowed
6. For experience as an employee under the direct supervision of a residential designer or architect who is registered <del>[pursuant to]</del> <i>through qualifications that are substantially equivalent to those of</i> this chapter and chapter 623 of NRS.	2	Succeeding	Years	100	4 years
7. For employment directly related to residential design under the direct supervision of a landscape architect who is registered <del>[pursuant to]</del> <i>through qualifications that are substantially equivalent to those of</i> chapter 623A of NRS.	50		1 year	50	1 year

8. For employment directly related to residential design under the direct supervision of a licensed professional engineer who is registered ~~[pursuant to]~~ through qualifications that are substantially equivalent to those of chapter 625 of NRS.

50 2 years

9. For employment directly related to residential design under the direct supervision of a registered interior designer who is registered ~~[pursuant to]~~ through qualifications that are substantially equivalent to those of this chapter and chapter 623 of

50 1 year

10. For employment directly related to residential design as an employee of a contractor who is licensed ~~[pursuant to]~~ through qualifications that are substantially equivalent to those of chapter 624 of NRS.

50 2 years

TABLE OF EQUIVALENTS:

DESCRIPTION OF EXPERIENCE	EDUCATION		TRAINING	
	First	Maximum	Credit	Maximum
	2	Succeeding	Years	Allowed (Percent)
	Years	Years	Allowed	Allowed
	(Percent)			

11. For experience as a licensed general building contractor, with a subclassification AB or B-2, who is licensed ~~[pursuant to]~~ *through qualifications that are substantially equivalent to those of* chapter 624 of NRS. The amount of credit allowed will be determined by the Board, based on the quality of experience obtained for projects that have been designed and constructed.

As determined by the Board      4 years

12. For experience in an organization that provides residential drafting services to architects or residential designers who are registered ~~[pursuant to]~~ *through qualifications that are substantially equivalent to those of* this chapter and chapter 623 of NRS. The work experience must be documented on a form provided by the Board and verified by the architect or residential designer for whom the drafting services were provided.

50      1 year

13. For experience in an organization that provides drafting services to professional engineers who are registered ~~[pursuant to]~~ *through qualifications that are substantially equivalent to those of* chapter 625 of NRS. The work experience must be documented on a form provided by the Board and verified by the professional engineer for whom the drafting services were provided.

25      1 year

↪ For the purposes of this section, 1 year of education is equivalent to the completion of at least 32 semester hours or 48 quarter hours and one-half year of education is equivalent to

the completion of at least 16 semester hours or 24 quarter hours. The Board will only grant credit for education in increments of 1 year or one-half year of education. The Board will round down to one-half year of education any amount of credit which is equal to or greater than one-half year of education but less than 1 year of education. The Board will not count as credit for the purposes of satisfying the requirements of this section any amount of credit which is less than one-half year of education.

**Sec. 4.** NAC 623.644 shall be amended to read as follows:

623.644. 1. Each registrant shall ~~[, on or before December 31 of each calendar year,]~~ submit to the Board proof of the continuing education units claimed for that calendar year ~~;~~ *by the date specified in a notice of audit provided to that registrant.*

2. If a registrant violates the provisions of subsection 1, ~~[the application for renewal must include the appropriate fee set forth in NAC 623.290 for the late renewal of a certificate of registration]~~ *the Board may discipline the registrant .*

**Sec. 5.** NAC 623.646 shall be amended to read as follows:

623.646. Failure of a registrant to complete the requirements for continuing education or satisfy the annual requirement for reporting continuing education units to the Board is grounds for the nonrenewal of his or her certificate of registration *and disciplinary action.*

**Sec. 6.** NAC 623.900 shall be amended to read as follows:

623.900. 1. The most recently published edition of or update to the *Rules of Conduct*, or portion thereof as determined pursuant to subsection 2, published by the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards, is hereby adopted by reference as:

- (a) The code of ethics for architects; and
- (b) The code of ethics for residential designers with the following changes:



- (1) The word “architect” is amended to read “residential designer”;
- (2) The word “architects” is amended to read “residential designers”; and
- (3) The word “architectural” is amended to read “residential design.”

2. The Executive Director will, on or before August 1 of each year, review the most recently published edition of or update to the *Rules of Conduct*. Each new edition of or update to the *Rules of Conduct* shall be deemed approved by the Executive Director for use in this State on August 1 of each year, unless a notice of disapproval of the edition or update, or portion thereof, is posted pursuant to this subsection by the immediately preceding October 1. If the Executive Director wishes to disapprove a new edition of or update to the *Rules of Conduct*, or portion thereof, he or she will:

(a) Post a notice of disapproval at the largest public library in each county, the State Library and Archives, the Grant Sawyer Office Building located at 555 East Washington Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada, and all offices of the Board; and

(b) Send a notice to each person included on the mailing list that the Board is required to maintain pursuant to paragraph (e) of subsection 1 of NRS 233B.0603.

↪ If the Executive Director disapproves an edition of or update to the *Rules of Conduct*, or portion thereof, the edition or update, or applicable portion thereof, that was most recently adopted by reference or deemed approved pursuant to this section will continue in effect.

3. The rules may be obtained, free of charge, from the Board’s website at [\[http://nsbaidrd.state.nv.us\]](http://nsbaidrd.state.nv.us) <http://nsbaidrd.org> or by contacting the:

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