CHAPTER 3; ARCHITECTURE

3.1 Required Documents

3.1.1 Every individual seeking a licensure shall submit a completed application to the board, accompanied by the filing fee established by the board.

3.1.2 The applicant shall provide official proof of education. This record shall be forwarded directly to the board by the school(s) the applicant attended.

3.2 Education Requirements

3.2.1 Except as provided in Neb. Rev. Stat. § 81-3448 (2), an applicant must either:

3.2.1.1 Hold a professional degree in architecture from a program accredited by the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB); or

3.2.1.2 Obtain an evaluation report in accordance with board requirements stating that the applicant has met the NCARB Education Requirement with a degree in the field of architecture.

3.3 Experience

3.3.1 An applicant must satisfy the Intern Development Program (IDP) training criteria, as required and verified by NCARB at the time of application.

3.4 Examinations

3.4.1 The Examination used by the board to determine eligibility for licensure shall be the current NCARB Architect Registration Examination (ARE) as accepted by the board.

3.4.1.1 The board will follow NCARB's policies on scheduling and retaking examinations.

3.4.1.2 The board will verify applicant eligibility and forward eligibility information to NCARB.

3.4.1.3 The board may allow candidates to make application to take all divisions of the ARE after verification of having met the education requirements and enrollment in IDP.

3.4.1.4 The board will allow its applicants to take the ARE at any NCARB-approved test center, whether or not it is located within the State of Nebraska.

3.4.1.5 The board will accept the examination result as determined by NCARB and will report the result to the applicant.

3.4.1.6 If there is any alleged improper behavior on the part of an applicant, the board will investigate the allegation and take appropriate action.

3.4.1.7 An applicant must have passed the examination in accordance with the NCARB pass/fail standards current at the time the applicant took the examination.

3.4.1.8 For security reasons, items in the examination will not be available for review by the examinee. Examinees have the right to review or challenge failed examination(s) through the board.

3.4.2 Rolling Clock

3.4.2.1 Applicants shall be required to complete the ARE in accordance with NCARB requirements~~pass all divisions of the ARE within a five-year window~~.

~~3.4.2.1.1 The five years shall commence on January 1, 2008, or on the date when the first passed division is administered, whichever is later~~.

~~3.4.2.1.2 Divisions of the ARE passed prior to January 1, 2008, where the content has not changed, will not have to be retaken unless those results are invalidated by NCARB.~~

3.4.3 The Nebraska E&A Act Examination as accepted by the board.

3.4.3.1 An examination on the Nebraska E&A Act and practice ethics must be passed before an architect can be licensed to practice in Nebraska.

3.4.3.2 The purpose of the examination is to ensure that applicants are familiar with the Engineers and Architects Regulation Act and the ethics of practicing architecture. This is an open book examination administered by the board.

3.4.3.3 After a second or subsequent failure of the Nebraska E&A Act Exam, the candidate may be required to acquire additional learning before being reexamined. Such candidates shall be eligible for examination every thirty days.

3.5 Certificates

3.5.1 When the board has determined that an applicant for licensure has satisfied the licensure standards set forth herein, the board shall issue a certificate of licensure containing the licensed applicant's name and license number.

~~3.6 Architects shall not practice or offer to practice architectural engineering.~~