

**APPROVED REGULATION OF THE 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: § 1, NRS 623.140 and 623.210.

A REGULATION relating to professions; revising provisions relating to the waiver of certain examinations required for registration to practice architecture in this State for an applicant who is registered as an architect in another jurisdiction; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

Existing law prohibits a person from practicing architecture in this State unless the person holds a certificate of registration issued by the State Board of Architecture, Interior Design and Residential Design. (NRS 623.180, 623.360) Existing law authorizes the Board to waive all examinations required for such a certificate of registration if an applicant is registered as an architect in another jurisdiction where the qualifications required for such registration are equal to the qualifications required in this State. Under existing law, the Board is authorized to require an applicant who is seeking a waiver of required examinations to submit to the Board a certificate from the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards as satisfactory evidence of registration as an architect in another jurisdiction. (NRS 623.210)

Existing regulations establish the qualifications an applicant who is registered as an architect in another jurisdiction must satisfy to obtain a waiver of certain examinations required for a certificate of registration to practice architecture in this State. Such qualifications to obtain a waiver of those examinations include, without limitation, that: (1) at the date the application is submitted, the applicant qualifies to take the architect’s examination, including, without limitation, satisfying certain education and training requirements; (2) the applicant holds a current certification by the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards; and (3) the applicant has passed one examination prepared by the National Council or an examination considered equivalent by the Board. (NAC 623.410)

This regulation amends the qualifications to obtain a waiver of certain required examinations for a certificate of registration to practice architecture in this State to provide for the waiver of required examinations for applicants who have a certification from the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards pursuant to a Mutual Recognition Agreement between the National Council and a similar entity in a foreign country. Specifically, this

regulation: (1) exempts such an applicant from the requirement that, at the date of application, the applicant qualifies to take the architect's examination; (2) includes a current certification that has resulted from such a Mutual Recognition Arrangement as a type of current certification by the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards; and (3) exempts applicants who are subject to a Mutual Recognition Arrangement from the requirement of passing certain examinations.

This regulation also amends certain other qualifications to obtain a waiver of certain required examinations for a certificate of registration to practice architecture for any applicant who is registered as an architect in another jurisdiction. Specifically, this regulation: (1) removes the inclusion of the seven-part national examination prepared by the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards as an examination that the applicant may pass to satisfy the requirement to have passed an examination prepared by the National Council or an examination considered equivalent by the Board; and (2) revises the acceptable qualifications concerning seismism.

**Section 1.** NAC 623.410 is hereby amended to read as follows:

623.410 1. Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (g), the Board will, in lieu of all examinations, accept satisfactory evidence of an applicant's registration and certification as an architect in another jurisdiction if the applicant has all of the following qualifications:

(a) Is of good moral character.

(b) ~~Has~~ *Except for an applicant who is subject to a Mutual Recognition Arrangement, at the date of application, qualifies to take the architect's examination.*

(c) Holds a current certification by the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards, *including, without limitation, a current certification that has resulted from a Mutual Recognition Arrangement*, and the file which is maintained by the National Council shows that the applicant is in good standing. The applicant must request that the National Council transmit a copy of this file to the Board.

(d) ~~Has~~ *Except for an applicant who is subject to a Mutual Recognition Arrangement, has* passed the:

(1) Architect Registration Examination prepared by the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards;

(2) Professional examination prepared by the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards and the qualifying test or equivalency examination if required by the standards of the National Council; *or*

(3) ~~{Seven-part national examination prepared by the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards, for which 36 hours are scheduled for its completion; or~~

~~—(4)}~~ Any other examination the Board considers equivalent.

↪ If the examination was prepared by the National Council ~~{}~~ *of Architectural Registration Boards*, the examination and the procedures used in grading it must meet the standards of the National Council at the time the applicant took the examination.

(e) Has acceptable qualifications concerning seismism, such as having : ~~{completed:}~~

(1) ~~{The}~~ *Completed the* structural examination of the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards; or

(2) ~~{A treatise that has been accepted by a member Board within Region 6 of the Western Conference of the Architectural Registration Boards.}~~ *An equivalent proof of qualification concerning seismism, as determined by the Board.*

(f) Has a record which does not show any revocation or suspension of a registration for any disciplinary reason.

(g) Has successfully completed a brief written examination covering chapter 623 of NRS, the appropriate code of ethics and the provisions of this chapter.

(h) If required, at the discretion of the Executive Director or a person otherwise authorized by the Board, has received a favorable evaluation based on a personal interview before the Board.

Each interview will be conducted at a time and place designated by the Board.

2. If the applicant meets all the qualifications set forth in this chapter and chapter 623 of NRS and receives the approval of the Board, the applicant is entitled to registration as an architect if the applicant submits the applicable fee for certification.

*3. As used in this section, “Mutual Recognition Arrangement” means a Mutual Recognition Arrangement between the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards and an entity that represents architectural licensing authorities or registration boards in a foreign country.*