Foreign Educated Applicants

If you received an architecture degree in a foreign country, you must follow the steps below.

1. Contact the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) regarding Foreign Educated Applicants.
2. Create an NCARB Record, complete an Education Evaluation Services for Architects (EESA) assessment to determine education equivalency, complete the Architectural Experience Program (AXP), and pass the Architect Registration Examination (ARE).
3. Upon completion of all NCARB requirements, you must request that NCARB certify your council record to the Florida Board.
4. Complete and submit the Florida Architect Initial Licensure by Examination (AR1) application.

Foreign Licensed Applicants

If you currently hold a license to practice architecture in a Foreign Country, you must follow the steps below.

1. Contact the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) regarding Foreign Licensed Applicants.
2. Create an NCARB Record and complete the NCARB Foreign Licensed Applicants requirements.
3. Upon completion of all NCARB requirements, you must obtain licensure in another United States jurisdiction prior to apply to Florida for licensure.
4. Upon NCARB certification and licensure in another United States jurisdiction, request that NCARB certify your council record to the Florida Board.
5. Complete and submit the Florida Architect NCARB Certified Endorsement (AR6) application.

Note: Florida does not accept any NCARB Mutual Recognition Agreements.

Foreign Architect former path known as Broadly Experience Foreign Architect (BEFA)

If you currently hold a National Council of Architectural Registration Board (NCARB) Certificate issued through the BEFA program, you must follow the steps below.

1. Complete and submit the Florida Architect NCARB Certified Endorsement (AR6) application.
2. Request that NCARB transmit your Certified Council Record to the Florida Board.
4. File a Petition for Variance from Rule 61G1-14, Florida Administrative Code, Architecture Examination required for licensure. The BEFA program allowed for an alternate method to complete the examination through a dossier. That dossier method is not outlined in Florida rule and therefore requires a Petition for Variance from the rule.