

MINNESOTA BOARD OF ARCHITECTURE, ENGINEERING, LAND SURVEYING,  
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE, GEOSCIENCE AND INTERIOR DESIGN

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# APPLICATION FOR ARCHITECT REGISTRATION EXAMINATION (ARE®) INSTRUCTIONS

Read the education and experience qualifications for admission to the exam  
(MN Rule [1800.1000 Subpart 5 & 6](#)) on the Board's website [mn.gov/aelslagid/rules.html](http://mn.gov/aelslagid/rules.html).

Applicants must be graduates of an architectural curriculum accredited by the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB) and they must establish an NCARB Record for reporting hours towards completion of the Architectural Experience Program (AXP). Minnesota allows candidates to sit for the ARE while they are still earning their AXP hours.

## FIRST-TIME APPLICANTS:

1. Complete the ARE Application Form ([pages 1-3](#)).
2. Establish an [NCARB record \("My NCARB"\)](#) and specify "Minnesota" as your jurisdiction. If you have another jurisdiction specified; you **must** notify NCARB to change the jurisdiction to Minnesota so that the Board has access to your record and can verify your enrollment in AXP (formerly called IDP).
3. If your educational transcripts are not included in your NCARB record, request that your institution send an official copy, showing the degree awarded and the date of graduation. This official transcript must be sent to the Board office in the original, sealed envelope from the institution.

**Foreign-educated applicants:** You must have [Education Evaluation Services for Architects](#) (EESA) evaluate your education to determine if it meets the NCARB Education Standard for licensure. If it does, this information will be added to your NCARB record (which you must establish first; the EESA is a fee-based service under "[MyNCARB](#)"); you will not need to submit transcripts to the Board.

4. If any of your records are under a former name, you must submit to the Board, along with your application, a copy of your marriage certificate or legal name change document.
5. Submit along with your application and any required documentation the non-refundable application fee of **\$75.00** to the address above. Make check payable to the **MN Board of AELSLAGID**. Do not send cash.

ARE candidates may take each of the divisions of the exam once per application. In order to retake one or more failed divisions, a new application and fee must be submitted (see instructions at right to re-apply).

## PREVIOUS APPLICANTS— Choose the instructions that fit your situation:

**Situation 1)** You have taken **any** division of the ARE in Minnesota **within the last three years** and have failed one or more divisions of the exam:

1. Complete Parts [A](#), [D](#) and [E](#) of the ARE Application.
2. Submit along with your application the non-refundable application fee of **\$75.00** to the address above. Make check payable to the **MN Board of AELSLAGID**. Do not send cash.

No other documentation needed.

**Situation 2)** It has been **more than three years** since you sat for any division of the ARE:

Contact Laurie Nistl at the Board Office for application instructions: 651-757-1515.

If your application to take the NCARB ARE® is approved, you will be notified in writing by the Board. Upon completion of each division of the exam, you will receive a pass/fail notification from the Board and, as applicable, instructions regarding your next steps towards licensure.

If you have questions on establishing an NCARB Record, the AXP, or the ARE, visit [NCARB.org](http://NCARB.org).

**If you have questions regarding your application, contact Laurie Nistl at 651-757-1515 / [laurie.nistl@state.mn.us](mailto:laurie.nistl@state.mn.us). Or call the Board office at 651-296-2388.**

### Data Practices Act Warning

The data you furnish on this form will be used by the Board to assess your qualifications for examination. You are not legally required to provide this data; however, if you fail to do so, the Board may be unable to process your application. Until licensure is granted all application data, except name and designated address, are private data pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 13.41, subdivision 2 (2016). All data, except social security number and email address, become public record when licensure is granted pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 13.41, subdivision 5 (2016).

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Application #

## APPLICATION FOR ARCHITECTURAL REGISTRATION EXAM (ARE®)

**Application Fee: \$75**

Fee must accompany your application.  
Make checks payable to MN Board of AELSLAGID.  
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License #
Date Licensed Issued
Application Fee \$

### Part A: Applicant Information (All fields are required.)

- Are you or your spouse an active duty military member? Or have you left service in the last two years with an honorable or general discharge?  No  Yes
- The address below is my (check one):  Home  Business. If **business**, list firm name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_ (First) (Middle) (Last) (Suffix) SS # \_\_\_\_\_ (Or Individual Taxpayer ID #, if no Social Security #)  
 Former Name \_\_\_\_\_ (If applicable) Gender:  Male  Female  
 Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ (No PO boxes) Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_ (MM) (DD) (YYYY)  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province \_\_\_\_\_  
 Zip/Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_
- Do you currently hold a license in Minnesota?  No  Yes  
 If **yes**, list profession: \_\_\_\_\_ and license # \_\_\_\_\_.
- Have you ever had a professional license disciplined, denied, surrendered, suspended or revoked?  Yes  No  
 If **yes**, provide a statement of explanation on a separate sheet of paper.

### Part B: Education

List all undergraduate and graduate institutions.

If your transcripts are not included in your NCARB record and this is your **first** application to the Board, you must request that your institutions send an official transcript to the Board ([see Instructions](#)).

College/University Attended	City, State, Country	Graduation Date (mm/yyyy)	Degree Received

### Part C: NCARB AXP Enrollment

Are you enrolled in NCARB AXP **and** the jurisdiction listed in your record is Minnesota?  Yes  No

**Note:** Contact NCARB if you need your jurisdiction changed to Minnesota.

## Part D: Rules of Professional Conduct (MN Rules 1805.0100-1805.0900)

Read below, then **sign** and **date**. **Keep a copy of this document for your records.**

### 1805.0100 PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT.

Subpart 1. Purpose. This rule of professional conduct is adopted for the purpose of implementing the laws and rules governing the practice of architecture, engineering, land surveying, landscape architecture, and geoscience including Minnesota Statutes, section 326.11.

Subp. 2. Scope. This rule is applicable to and binding upon each person, corporation, or partnership subject to the regulatory jurisdiction of the board and each person subject to the control of the licensee.

Subp. 3. Imputed knowledge of professional responsibility. Each licensee who holds a certificate of licensure issued by the board is charged with knowledge of this rule. In the exercise of the privileges and rights granted by the certificate of licensure, the licensee shall conform professional conduct to the public and to the board in accordance with the provisions of this rule, and shall, as a condition of licensure, subscribe to and agree to conduct the practice in accordance with the provisions of this rule.

### 1805.0200 PERSONAL CONDUCT.

Subpart 1. Public confidence and personal integrity. A licensee shall avoid any act which may diminish public confidence in the profession and shall, at all times, conduct himself or herself, in all relations with clients and the public, so as to maintain its reputation for professional integrity.

Subp. 2. False statements and nondisclosure. A licensee shall not submit a materially false statement or fail to disclose a material fact requested in connection with the application for certification or licensure in this state or any other state.

Subp. 3. Knowledge of unqualified applicants. A licensee shall not further the application for certification or licensure of another person known by the licensee to be unqualified in respect to character, education, or other relevant factor.

Subp. 4. General prohibitions. A licensee shall not:

- A. circumvent a rule of professional conduct through actions of another;
- B. engage in illegal conduct involving moral turpitude;
- C. engage in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation;
- D. engage in conduct that adversely reflects on the licensee's fitness to practice the profession; or
- E. permit the licensee's name or seal to be affixed to plans, specifications, or other documents which were not prepared by or under the direct supervision of the licensee.

Printed Name

Date

Signature

### 1805.0300 CONFLICT OF INTEREST.

Subpart 1. Employment. A licensee shall avoid accepting a commission where duty to the client or the public would conflict with the personal interest of the licensee or the interest of another client. Prior to accepting such employment the licensee shall disclose to a prospective client such facts as may give rise to a conflict of interest.

Subp. 2. Compensation. A licensee shall not accept compensation for services relating or pertaining to the same project from more than one party unless there is a unity of interest between or among the parties to the project and unless the licensee makes full disclosure and obtains the express consent of all parties from whom compensation will be received.

Subp. 3. Gifts. A licensee shall not, directly or indirectly, solicit or accept any compensation, gratuity, or item of value from contractors, their agents, or other persons dealing with the client or employer in connection with the work for which the licensee has been retained without the knowledge and approval of the client or the employer.

### 1805.0400 IMPROPER SOLICITATION OF EMPLOYMENT

A licensee shall seek and engage in only the professional work or employment the professional is competent and qualified to perform by reason of education, training, or experience.

A licensee shall not falsify or misrepresent the extent of the licensee's education, training, experience, or qualifications to any person or to the public; nor misrepresent the extent of the licensee's responsibility in connection with any prior employment.

A licensee shall not transmit, distribute, or publish or allow to be transmitted, distributed, or published, any false or misleading information regarding the licensee's own qualifications, training, or experience or that of his or her employer, employees, associates, or joint venturers.

A licensee shall not tender any gift, pay, or offer to pay, directly or indirectly, anything of substantial value, whether in the form of a commission or otherwise, as an inducement to secure employment. A licensee is not prohibited from paying a commission to a licensed employment agency for securing a salaried position.

### 1805.0500 FALSE OR MALICIOUS STATEMENTS.

A licensee shall make no false or malicious statements which may have the effect, directly or indirectly, or by implication, of injuring the personal or professional reputation or business of another member of the profession.

### 1805.0600 KNOWLEDGE OF IMPROPER CONDUCT BY OTHERS.

A licensee who has knowledge or reasonable grounds for believing that another member of the profession has violated any statute or rule regulating the practice of the profession shall have the duty of presenting such information to the board.

A licensee, when questioned concerning any alleged violation on the part of another person by any member or authorized representative of the board commissioned or delegated to conduct an official inquiry, shall neither fail nor refuse to divulge such information as the licensee may have relative thereto.

### 1805.0700 ACTION BY OTHER JURISDICTION.

Convictions of a felony without restoration of civil rights, or the revocation or suspension of the certificate of licensure of a licensee by another jurisdiction, if for cause which in the state of Minnesota would constitute a violation of law or of these rules, shall be deemed to be a violation of these rules of professional conduct. Any licensee adjudged mentally incompetent by a court of competent jurisdiction shall, until restored to mental competency, be deemed to be incompetent to practice the profession within the meaning of Minnesota Statutes, section 326.11, subdivision 2.

### 1805.0800 EMPLOYMENT ON THE BASIS OF MERIT.

A licensee as an employer shall refrain from engaging in any discriminatory practice prohibited by law and shall, in the conduct of the business, employ professional personnel solely upon the basis of merit.

### 1805.0900 MISCONDUCT.

Misconduct within the meaning of Minnesota Statutes, section 326.11, subdivision 1 shall include any act or practice in violation of the rules of professional conduct as set forth in parts 1805.0100 to 1805.0800.

**Part E: Affidavit**

Read the statements and **sign** and **date** below **in the presence of a notary public**.

- I have read and will comply with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes §§ 326.02 – 326.15 (2016) and the Rules and Regulations adopted thereunder;
- I am not now under any disciplinary proceeding or action, pending or otherwise, in any other jurisdiction;
- I have never been convicted of a felony;
- I have not represented myself as an architect, professional engineer, land surveyor, landscape architect, professional geologist, professional soil scientist, or certified interior designer, without proper licensure or certification, either verbally or on any printed matter, in the State of Minnesota, nor will I do so until such time as my license or certificate has been issued by the Minnesota Board of Architecture, Engineering, Land Surveying, Landscape Architecture, Geoscience and Interior Design; and
- I have not performed or offered to perform architectural, professional engineering, land surveying, landscape architectural, professional geological, professional soil scientific, or certified interior designer services, without proper licensure or certification in the State of Minnesota, nor will I do so until such time as my license or certificate has been issued by the Minnesota Board of Architecture, Engineering, Land Surveying, Landscape Architecture, Geoscience and Interior Design.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Notarization (To be completed by the notary public.)**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, a Notary Public in and for the County of \_\_\_\_\_, State of \_\_\_\_\_, do certify that this application was subscribed

and sworn to before me by \_\_\_\_\_,

on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.



Notary Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**THIS SECTION FOR BOARD USE ONLY**

Application Withdrawn Date
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<b>RECOMMEND DENIAL OF APPLICATION</b>
Board Member Signature
Board Member Name
Date

<b>RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF APPLICATION</b>
Board Member Signature
Board Member Name
Date

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**AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE  
APPLICANT INFORMATION  
TO A THIRD PARTY**

**THIS FORM IS NOT REQUIRED**

Only complete this optional form if you intend someone other than yourself to contact the Board regarding the status of your application.

Minnesota law prohibits the Board from sharing any information regarding your application (prior to final licensure) with **anyone** other than yourself unless you submit this authorization.

**AUTHORIZATION/RELEASE**

Applicant data is classified as private or confidential under the Minnesota Data Practices Act. However, **I hereby waive my rights under the Minnesota Data Practice Act** and authorize the Minnesota Board of Architecture, Engineering, Land Surveying, Landscape Architecture, Geoscience and Interior Design to provide information contained in my application materials, including any documents, to the following individual:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Provide first and last name of third party who may receive information.

I understand that I am not legally required to sign this form. The purpose of this authorization is to facilitate the processing of my application. This authorization automatically expires one year after this date.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant Signature