

# pathway to licensure BY EXAMINATION

from intern to architect in Alaska

Education

**Attain Architectural Degree** from NAAB Accredited Institution. See list of schools on NAAB website.

Typical degrees include:

- 5 year Bachelor "Professional" Degree
- 4 Bachelor Degree + 2 Master Degree
- 3 year Master Degree

NCAAB Record & IDP Enrollment

**Set up NCAAB Record.** This will basically be your record held over the duration of your professional career.  
Cost: \$75 Annual Fee after first 3 years

**Enroll in IDP.** It is possible to enroll in IDP prior to completing the NAAB Degree. Visit the NCAAB website.  
Cost: \$300

Payment can be separated into two parts: \$100 to enroll & \$250 due when authorization to sit for ARE's is granted by the AELS.

Architectural Registration Exams (ARE)

**Request transmittal of NCAAB Record** to the appropriate jurisdiction. Alaska!

**Complete and send in forms to AELS.** "Jurisprudence Questionnaire" is provided by assigned AELS Licensing Examiner and "Application Instructions for Architect Registration by Examination or Competency" form is located at the following link: [www.commerce.state.ak.us/bcc/pub/ah4321.pdf](http://www.commerce.state.ak.us/bcc/pub/ah4321.pdf)  
Cost: \$175 State Registration Fee

The AELS State Board meets quarterly and will review the transcript and issue written authorization to test. Visit AELS website for meeting dates and more information.

**Schedule exams through Thomson Prometric Testing Services**

Upon receiving authorization to test, the exams can be scheduled. Visit [www.prometric.com](http://www.prometric.com)

**Take and pass 7 Sections of ARE's:**

- Programming, Planning & Practice
- Site Planning & Design
- Building Design & Construction Systems
- Schematic Design
- Structural Design
- Building Systems
- Construction Documents & Services

Alaska maintains that all 7 sections must be passed within a 5-year period. An individual must wait 6 months before re-taking a failed section. ARE's can be taken prior to completion of IDP hours pending Board approval.  
Cost: \$210 per ARE exam

IDP

**IDP Experience Requirements.** By working under the direct supervision of a Licensed Architect, complete the required hours per IDP Guidelines. Duration is 3600 hours, which is approximately 3 years. Visit the NCAAB website.

Arctic Design

**Complete the Arctic Design Course.** Complete an approved Arctic Engineering Course over the duration of a semester. Shortened courses are offered online also. Reference the list of approved courses at the following link: [www.commerce.state.ak.us/bcc/pub/baac.pdf](http://www.commerce.state.ak.us/bcc/pub/baac.pdf)

## QUICKLINKS

**AELS** [www.board.state.ak.us](http://www.board.state.ak.us)  
Alaska State Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers, and Land Surveyors

**NCAAB** [www.naab.org/Getting-an-Initial-License.aspx](http://www.naab.org/Getting-an-Initial-License.aspx)  
National Council of Architectural Registration Boards

**IDP** [www.naab.org/Experience-Through-Internship-Intern-Development-Program](http://www.naab.org/Experience-Through-Internship-Intern-Development-Program)

**NAAB** [www.naab.org](http://www.naab.org)  
National Architectural Accrediting Board

Registration

**Coordinate with your assigned Licensing Examiner** through AELS after completion of the following:

- IDP hours
- 7 ARE's
- Arctic Design Course
- Forms required by AELS

**Patiently wait** for your registration documentation and you will become a registered Architect in the State of Alaska.

**AIA Alaska**

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