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RULES:

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AMEND: 806-010-0010

RULE TITLE: Approved Architect and Firm Registration and Evaluation Programs

NOTICE FILED DATE: 08/28/2025

RULE SUMMARY: Updates NCARB Certification and AXP Guideline reference dates.

RULE TEXT:

- (1) The Board adopts the education standard adopted by the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB), consisting of a professional degree in architecture from a program accredited by the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB) or the Canadian Architectural Certification Board (CACB), a professional degree in architecture certified by the CACB from a Canadian University, or a NAAB determined equivalent through NAAB's Education Evaluation Services for Architects (EESA) program.
- (2) The Board adopts the requirements in the document titled NCARB Architectural Experience Program (AXP) Guidelines dated November 2025 for the experience requirement for registration.
- (3) The Board adopts the Architect Registration Examination (ARE) 5.0 prepared by NCARB, and previously adopted versions of the examination, as the approved examination to test applicant qualifications for registration. An applicant shall pass the ARE in accordance with the NCARB standards current at the time the applicant took the examination to obtain an initial registration. The Board shall accept the ARE results as determined by NCARB. To qualify for the ARE, an applicant shall present satisfactory evidence that the applicant has, at a minimum, achieved one of the following:
 - (a) Graduation from a high school; or
 - (b) Completion of a high school equivalency program.
- (4) The Board adopts the requirements in the document titled NCARB Certification Guidelines dated July 2025 for the NCARB Certificate under OAR 806-010-0035(3)(f)(A).
- (5) A person may be considered for registration by the Board by satisfying:
 - (a) The rules for registration by examination under OAR 806-010-0020; or
 - (b) The rules for registration by reciprocity under OAR 806-010-0035.

(6) A firm may be considered for registration by the Board by satisfying the rules under OAR 806-010-0080.

(7) To pass the Jurisprudence Exam (JE) an individual must do the following:

(a) Complete the JE within 90 minutes; and

(b) Score at least 84 percent.

(A) An individual who fails the JE must wait seven days before retaking the examination.

(B) Test results are final and binding on the applicant.

[Publications: Publications referenced are available from the agency.]

STATUTORY/OTHER AUTHORITY: ORS 670, 670.310, 671, 671.041, 671.050, 671.125

STATUTES/OTHER IMPLEMENTED: ORS 671.010 – 671.220

ADOPT: 806-010-0014

RULE TITLE: Criminal Conviction Determination Process

NOTICE FILED DATE: 08/28/2025

RULE SUMMARY: Creates a pre-registration determination process for those with criminal conviction(s).

RULE TEXT:

- (1) Prior to beginning an education program required for registration as an architect, a person who was convicted of a crime may petition the Board for a determination as to whether the criminal conviction or convictions will prevent the individual from receiving a registration issued by the Board to practice architecture in Oregon.
- (2) To be complete, a petition must include the following:
 - (a) A complete and signed determination request form;
 - (b) The following records related to the final judgment of each criminal conviction:
 - (A) A certified copy of the judgment of criminal conviction;
 - (B) Any charging document(s);
 - (C) All arrest report(s);
 - (D) All probation and parole records, if they exist;
 - (c) A written statement from the petitioner regarding the facts underlying the criminal conviction, and any intervening circumstances since the conviction; and
 - (d) A written statement or other document listing all criminal convictions, including dates of conviction and a summary of the facts, if the petitioner has more than one criminal conviction.
- (3) A separate completed petition must be filed for each criminal conviction for which the petitioner is requesting a determination.
- (4) If any of the records in (2)(b) no longer exist, have been sealed or are otherwise lawfully unavailable to the petitioner, petitioner must provide evidence from the agency, court, or other public body that held the record that the record no longer exists or is lawfully unavailable.
- (5) If any of the documents required under subsections (2) and (4) are not provided, petitioner will have 60 days to provide the required documents or information. Upon failure to comply, the petition will be deemed incomplete and will be closed without a determination.
- (6) The petition, the records and information submitted with the petition, and the Board's determination are subject to Oregon's Public Records Laws, and unless an exemption applies, the information in the petition and determination are subject to public disclosure.
- (7) The Board will reconsider a determination that a criminal conviction prevents the person from obtaining a registration when the person submits a completed application for registration.
- (8) Upon reconsideration, the Board may rescind a previous determination that a criminal conviction does not prevent the person from obtaining a registration if the applicant:
 - (a) Has allegations or charges pending in criminal court;
 - (b) Has failed to disclose a previous criminal conviction;
 - (c) Has been convicted of another crime during the period between the determination and the person's submission of a completed application for registration; or
 - (d) Has been convicted of a crime that, during the period between the determination and the person's submission of a completed application for registration, became subject to a change in state or federal law that prohibits registration because of a conviction of that crime.
- (9) Failure to disclose a previous criminal conviction includes any misrepresentation of a prior criminal conviction, any concealment or failure to disclose a material fact about a prior criminal conviction, and any other misinformation regarding a prior criminal conviction.
- (10) Nothing in this rule prohibits the Board from denying registration when the person submits a completed application for a reason other than conviction of a crime.

(11) A determination under this rule is not a final determination of the Board.

STATUTORY/OTHER AUTHORITY: ORS 671.125, ORS 670.280(3)

STATUTES/OTHER IMPLEMENTED: Oregon Laws 2024, chapter 95, section 44 (SB 1552)

AMEND: 806-010-0037

RULE TITLE: Architect Title

NOTICE FILED DATE: 08/28/2025

RULE SUMMARY: Clarifies architect title use parameters.

RULE TEXT:

(1) Except as provided in ORS 671.010, ORS 671.020(2), and ORS 671.065(2), and consistent with Oregon and federal constitutional free speech provisions, an individual or entity who is not registered in Oregon to practice architecture may not:

(a) Use the title "Architect" or any modification or derivative such as "architectural" or "architecture" in its name or description of its business activity in a manner that indicates or implies that the individual or firm engages in the practice of architecture, or offers to engage in the practice of architecture in Oregon;

(b) Advertise they are authorized to practice architecture in Oregon; or

(c) Use the title "Architect Emeritus", "Architect Emerita", or "Architect Emerit" unless granted the authority by the Board to do so.

(2) OAR 806-010-0037(1) prohibits the use of the title "Architect" or any modification or derivative such as "architectural" or "architecture" when such use misleads or deceives a consumer seeking services related to designing, in whole or in part, buildings and the space within and appurtenant to buildings in Oregon.

STATUTORY/OTHER AUTHORITY: ORS 670.310, 671.125, 671.220

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