

STATE OF WISCONSIN
EXAMINING BOARD OF ARCHITECTS, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS,
PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS, DESIGNERS AND LAND SURVEYORS

IN THE MATTER OF RULE-MAKING :
PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE :
EXAMINING BOARD OF ARCHITECTS, : NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS, :
PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS, :
DESIGNERS AND LAND SURVEYORS :

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to authority vested in the Examining Board of Architects, Landscape Architects, Professional Engineers, Designers and Land Surveyors in ss. 15.08 (5) (b) and 227.11 (2), Stats., and interpreting s. 443.03 (1) (b) 1. and 2., Stats., the Examining Board of Architects, Landscape Architects, Professional Engineers, Designers and Land Surveyors Rules Committee will hold a public hearing at the time and place indicated below to consider an order to amend A-E 3.05 (2), relating to entrance requirements to take the architect examination.

Hearing Date, Time and Location

Date: October 13, 2009
Time: 1:15 P.M.
Location: 1400 East Washington Avenue
(Enter at 55 North Dickinson Street)
Room 121A
Madison, Wisconsin

APPEARANCES AT THE HEARING:

Interested persons are invited to present information at the hearing. Persons appearing may make an oral presentation but are urged to submit facts, opinions and argument in writing as well. Facts, opinions and argument may also be submitted in writing without a personal appearance by mail addressed to the Department of Regulation and Licensing, P.O. Box 8935, Madison, Wisconsin 53708. Written comments must be received by October 23, 2009, to be included in the record of rule-making proceedings.

Analysis prepared by the Department of Regulation and Licensing.

ANALYSIS

Statutes interpreted:

Section 443.03 (1) (b) 1. and 2., Stats.

Statutory authority:

Sections 15.08 (5) (b) and 227.11 (2), Stats.

Explanation of agency authority:

The Examining Board of Architects, Landscape Architects, Professional Engineers, Designers and Land Surveyors may approve and adopt rules proposed by any section of the board.

Related statute or rule:

There are no other statutes or rules other than those listed above.

Plain language analysis:

This proposed rule-making amends the current requirement that a candidate for registration as an architect may only take the qualifying architect examination for registration within one year of the time which they are scheduled to complete the required education and experience requirements. The architect section proposes that a candidate be eligible to sit for the Architect Registration Examination (ARE) upon graduation from a National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB) accredited degree program. Under the current requirements a candidate could have to wait additional time because it will take them more than one year to complete the examination, which is completed in multiple stages.

The intent of the proposed rule is to encourage candidates to obtain registration by making it possible for them to sit for the examination immediately upon completion of their education and experience requirements, provided that they have a NAAB accredited degree program and an NCARB established IDP training record. It is shown that the increase in the delay of eligibility to sit for the examination has an adverse impact upon the number of candidates who obtain registration.

Summary of, and comparison with, existing or proposed federal regulation:

This is not an area which is regulated by federal law or subject to any proposed federal legislation. The standards for state licensure are regulated by each state.

Comparison with rules in adjacent states:**Illinois:**

Applicants can take the examination upon completion of one of several degree program paths and completing experience/training requirements. www.idfpr.com

Iowa:

Applicants can take the examination upon completion of an NAAB accredited degree program and completion of experience/training requirements. www.state.ia.us/government/com/prof/architect/home.html

Michigan:

Applicants can take the examination upon completion of an NAAB accredited degree or board equivalent degree program. www.michigan.gov/dleg

Minnesota:

Applicants can take the examination upon completion of an NAAB accredited degree or board equivalent degree program. www.aelslagid.state.mn.us

Summary of factual data and analytical methodologies:

Currently, to be eligible to take a scheduled examination, a candidate shall submit documentation certifying that he or she has all but one year of academic credit and qualifying architectural experience, as specified in s. 443.03 (1) (b) 1., Stats., or all but one year of qualifying architectural experience, as specified in s. 443.03 (1) (b) 2., Stats. As a result, the candidate can only take the examination within one year of the time which they are scheduled to complete the required education and experience requirements and they may have to wait additional time because it will take them more than one year to complete the examination, which is completed in multiple stages. The architect section proposes that a candidate be eligible to sit for the Architect Registration Examination (ARE) upon graduation from a National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB) accredited degree program. This change will make it easier for the candidate to obtain their registration immediately upon completion of their education and experience requirements for those candidates completing a NAAB accredited degree program and having an NCARB established IDP training record.

Analysis and supporting documents used to determine effect on small business or in preparation of economic impact report:

As this rule change only impacts the timing in which a candidate may begin the examination process, it will not affect or impact adversely small businesses or the private sector. No written analysis or formal research was involved in reaching this conclusion.

Section 227.137, Stats., requires an “agency” to prepare an economic impact report before submitting the proposed rule-making order to the Wisconsin Legislative Council. The Department of Regulation and Licensing is not included as an “agency” in this section.

Anticipated costs incurred by the private sector:

The department finds that this rule has no significant fiscal effect on the private sector.

Fiscal estimate:

The department estimates that this rule will require staff time in the Division of Professional Credentialing. The total one-time salary and fringe costs are estimated at \$250.

Effect on small business:

These proposed rules will have no significant economic impact on a substantial number of small businesses, as defined in s. 227.114 (1), Stats. The Department's Regulatory Review Coordinator may be contacted by email at hector.colon@wisconsin.gov, or by calling 608-266-8608.

Agency contact person:

Pamela Haack, Paralegal, Department of Regulation and Licensing, 1400 East Washington Avenue, Room 152, P.O. Box 8935, Madison, Wisconsin 53708; telephone 608-266-0495; email at pamela.haack@wisconsin.gov.

Place where comments are to be submitted and deadline for submission:

Comments may be submitted to Pamela Haack, Paralegal, Department of Regulation and Licensing, 1400 East Washington Avenue, Room 152, P.O. Box 8935, Madison, Wisconsin 53708-8935, or by email to pamela.haack@wisconsin.gov. Comments must be received on or before October 23, 2009, to be included in the record of rule-making proceedings.

TEXT OF RULE

SECTION 1. A-E 3.05 (2) is amended to read:

A-E 3.05 (2) REQUIREMENTS FOR ENTRANCE TO THE EXAMINATION. To be eligible to take a scheduled examination, the applicant shall submit documentation certifying he or she has all but one year of academic credit and qualifying architectural experience, as specified in s. 443.03 (1) (b) 1., Stats., or all but one year of qualifying architectural experience, as specified in s. 443.03 (1) (b) 2., Stats., or graduated from a national architectural accrediting board accredited degree program and obtained a national council of architectural registration boards established intern development program training record.

COPIES OF RULE

Copies of this proposed rule are available upon request to Pamela Haack, Paralegal, Department of Regulation and Licensing, 1400 East Washington Avenue, P.O. Box 8935, Madison, Wisconsin 53708, or by email at pamela.haack@wisconsin.gov.

A-E 3.05 (2) (Entrance requirement for architect exam) Hearing Notice 9-10-09