

**Report From Agency**

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

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IN THE MATTER OF RULE-MAKING : PROPOSED ORDER OF THE  
PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE : EXAMINING BOARD OF  
EXAMINING BOARD OF ARCHITECTS, : ARCHITECTS, LANDSCAPE  
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS, : ARCHITECTS, PROFESSIONAL  
PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS, : ENGINEERS, DESIGNERS AND LAND  
DESIGNERS AND LAND SURVEYORS : SURVEYORS ADOPTING RULES  
: (CLEARINGHOUSE RULE 09-079)  
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PROPOSED ORDER

An order of the Examining Board of Architects, Landscape Architects, Professional Engineers, Designers and Land Surveyors to amend A-E 3.05 (2), relating to entrance requirements to take the architect examination.

Analysis prepared by the Department of Regulation and Licensing.

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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 the candidate is 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 the candidate more than one year to complete the examination, which is completed in multiple stages.

The intent of the proposed rule is to encourage a candidate to obtain registration by making it possible for the candidate to sit for the examination immediately upon completion of their education and experience requirements, provided that the candidate has a NAAB accredited degree program and a National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) established Intern Development Program (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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](mailto:hector.colon@wisconsin.gov), or by calling 608-266-8608.

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**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](mailto:pamela.haack@wisconsin.gov). Comments must be received on or before October 23, 2009 to be included in the record of rule-making proceedings.

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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.

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(END OF TEXT OF RULE)

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The rules adopted in this order shall take effect on the first day of the month following publication in the Wisconsin administrative register, pursuant to s. 227.22 (2) (intro.), Stats.

Dated \_\_\_\_\_

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Chairperson  
Examining Board of Architects, Landscape  
Architects, Professional Engineers,  
Designers and Land Surveyors

