



Columns

*The Newsletter of the Board of Architecture and
Registered Interior Designers
April 2024*

President's Message



*Cathy Morrison, Board
President 2023-2024*

The North Carolina Board of Architecture & Registered Interior Designers on April 1, 2024 had several rule changes take effect. This is in our regular cycle of rules review to ensure they are current and relevant. Most were updated to match the

previous statute changes to include Registered Interior Designers, while others to be in line with recent "Model Rule" changes adopted by NCARB. The following rules have been amended:

21 NCAC 02 .0108 - modifying fees assessed for licensure and registration.

21 NCAC 02 .0201 - requiring that licensees and registrants notify the Board within 30 days following the occurrence of certain adverse actions.

21 NCAC 02 .0203 - revising definition of "responsible control."

21 NCAC 02 .0206 - clarifying allowed use of unlocked copies of seal electronic documents.

21 NCAC 02 .0210 - updating standards of incompetency.

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Upcoming Meeting Dates

June 13-15, 2024, Chicago, IL NCARB ABM
July 12, 2024, Raleigh, NC

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All Board meetings are open to the public.

- 21 NCAC 02 .0213 - codifying the information required in individual renewal applications.
- 21 NCAC 02 .0214 - codifying the information required in architectural firm registration renewal applications.
- 21 NCAC 02 .0215 - codifying the information required in out-of-state architectural firm registration applications.
- 21 NCAC 02 .0302 - codifying the information required in individual applications for licensure by exam for architects.
- 21 NCAC 02 .0303 - codifying the information required in applications for reciprocity for architects.
- 21 NCAC 02 .0306 - codifying the information required in applications for registration for registered interior designers.
- 21 NCAC 02 .0307 - codifying the application process for military trained applicants and military spouses.
- 21 NCAC 02 .0606 - removing rule from the Code as it is duplicative of statutory requirements.

While most of the changes are housekeeping and language updates, a slight fee increase is included in the new language. The Board has not increased its fees in over thirty years. The Board voted for a slight fee increase to fund special projects that will enhance the opportunities for continuing education, public protection, and DEI initiatives.

In addition to updating its rules, the Board has updated many of its policies and guidelines for architects and registered interior designers. The purpose of this guidance is to help the regulated public comply with the Board's laws and rules.

The list of policies and guidelines is as follows:

[Policy on the Use of "A" Sheets](#) – Guidance on the Board's opinion on the use of "A" sheets by non-licensed individuals.

[Construction Administration](#) – Guidance on Construction Administration by an architect.

[NCGS 83A-5\(5a\) Policy / Guideline Statement](#) – The Board offers guidance on the latest changes to NCGS 83A related to the definition of the practice of registered interior design.

[NCGS 83A-13 Policy Statement](#) – The Board shall interpret exemptions in [NCGS 83A-13](#) as set forth in this policy.

[BIM/IPD](#) – The Board Policy Statement on BIM/IPD projects.

[Neighborhood Architectural Review Board](#) – Board guidance on sealing documents for ARB.

Design/Build Opinion – Board opinion on design/build arrangements. UNDER REVIEW AS OF September 13, 2023

Offsite Drafting – Board non-binding interpretive statement on Offsite Drafting.

Prototype Single Family Residences – Guideline on interpretations.

Civil Penalty Policy– Board policy on per project civil penalty for failing to renew and continuing to practice.

Renewal Notification Policy – Board policy on sending subsequent renewal notices.

Plans For Oneself – Board of Architecture guidance on G.S. 83A-13 (d).

Successor Architect Policy – Guidance on how a new architect (successor architect) can take over a project already begun by another architect.

If at any time you have questions about the rule changes or the policies and guidelines, don't hesitate to contact Cathe Evans, Executive Director at cathe@ncbarch.org

For the Board of Architecture and Registered Interior Designers,
Cathy Morrison, AIA

Executive Director's Message



Cathe M. Evans
Executive Director

If you are reading this newsletter and your license or registration is active, you can be confident that you will receive your annual renewal notice on May 15, 2024 at the same email address. We send annual notices of renewal to the email on file as of that date. If you have a change to your email address, please be sure that you update the Board. You are responsible for renewing your license in a timely manner. It might be a good idea to mark your calendar to remind you that the renewal fee is due by June 30th each year. You can renew online with your license or registration number and PIN.

As you read in the President's message, the Board has had rule changes and policy and guidelines updated in the last few months. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about these changes and updates. cathe@ncbarch.org

License and Registration Statistics as of April 18, 2024 at 2:20 EST.

Licensed Architects Expiring on June 30, 2024
7329

Break down:
NC - 2873
Out of State - 4456

Licensed Architecture Firms Expiring on December 31, 2024
2022

Break down:
NC – 751
Out of State - 1271

Registered Interior Designers Expiring on June 30, 2024
353

Break down:
NC - 282
Out of State - 71

Registered Interior Designer Firm Expiring on December 31, 2024
67

Break down:
NC - 45
Out of State – 22

Expired License and Registration Report

Individual architect licenses that expired on June 30, 2023, can be found [here](#).

Individual interior designer registrations that expired on June 30, 2023, can be found [here](#).

Architecture Firm Licenses that expired on December 31, 2023, can be found [here](#).

Interior Design Firm Registrations that expired on December 31, 2023 can be found [here](#).

These lists are current as of April 18, 2024 at 2:20 p.m. EST. If you renewed after that date you may check the status of your architecture firm or individual license by [clicking here](#) or to check the status of your interior designer or interior designer firm [registration click here](#).

The staff for the Board of Architecture and Registered Interior Designers is dedicated to assisting you in keeping your license or registration active and in good standing. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions whatsoever. The Board office main number is 984-328-1161.

For Firm Licensure or Registration, Continuing Education – Tyler Barrick, Director of Firm/CE Compliance. tyler@ncbarch.org

For Individual Licensure or Registration or status and general information – Julie Piatek, Director of Administration. juliap@ncbarch.org

For official complaints, rules or laws or inquiries from Code Officials – Cathe Evans, Executive Director. cathe@ncbarch.org

We hope you have a beautiful Spring and relaxing Summer!

Cathe M. Evans, Executive Director

NCARB NEWS

[What is NCARB's Pathways to Practice initiative?](#)

Currently, most architects (85%) pursue licensure after earning a degree from a program accredited by the National Architectural Accreditation Board (NAAB)—primarily because most U.S. jurisdictions require an accredited education for initial licensure. But not all would-be architects have the ability or desire to pursue a five- or six-year degree.

30% of our jurisdictions recognize that competency can be developed through other pathways ... What we want to do is elevate those pathways so that candidates who aren't able to take the traditional path still have a pathway into this profession.

NCARB's goal is to open up new pathways to practice across all 55 licensing boards, allowing candidates to demonstrate their competency to protect the public's health, safety, and welfare through various combinations of experience and education. Of the 55 jurisdictions, 17 jurisdictions already offer multiple pathways to initial licensure, and 48 offer multiple pathways to reciprocal licensure.

CIDQ News

[CIDQ Celebrates 50 years!](#)

Since 1974, CIDQ's mission has been to create, test and promote guidelines for determining competency in the practice of interior design. NCIDQ Certification has been the global standard for interior design professionals for 50 years.

To commemorate this major milestone, CIDQ will be celebrating our members, certificate holders, Board of Directors, countless dedicated volunteers, and the interior design community, through videos, testimonials, stories and photos.

As we continue to grow and innovate during this milestone year, CIDQ would like to recognize, celebrate, and invest in our most important stakeholders - our active NCIDQ Certificate holders. As a value-add, CIDQ has partnered with Credly to launch a [digital badge program](#), which provides a digital version of the NCIDQ credential. The image contains verified metadata that describes a certificate holder's qualifications and the process required to earn NCIDQ Certification and should be used to showcase the accomplishment.

NCBA/RID Enforcement Report

The following Enforcement Report is for the period January 10, 2024 to April 12, 2024. The Board is not bound by precedence in matters of disciplinary action. It is the prerogative of the Board to be conservative in its review of cases and to enforce the rules and laws with sanctions and civil penalties as allowed by law. You may request a copy of the entire order by sending an email to cathe@ncbarch.org be sure to include the case number with your request. The Board of Architecture and Registered Interior Designers has jurisdiction pursuant to North Carolina General Statute §83A-15 and 21 NCAC 02 to receive and investigate complaints involving dishonest conduct, incompetence and unprofessional conduct and non-licensed practice. This Board does not have the statutory authority to discipline architects regarding complaints involving contract disagreements between a client and architect or allegations of ordinary negligence, nor can the Board mediate these situations. All civil penalties collected by the Board of Architecture and Registered Interior Designers are deposited with the Office of State Budget management where they are disbursed to school systems throughout the State.

The Board dismissed one case with no action or as unfounded.

The Board dismissed two cases without prejudice.

The Board issued five Cease and Desist letters to non-licensed individuals using the title architect or offering and rendering services without a license to do so:

- Case 1262 Verma, Sanjay
- Case 1270 Utley, J. Stacey
- Case 1272 Wheeler, Zachary Luke
- Case 1276 Colucci, Christine
- Case 1278 Solkolski, Kurt

The Board issued Consent Orders to the following individuals:

- Case 1273 Wilkinson, Erich
- Case 1274 Tolson, Devon
- Case 1277 Looney, James
- Case 1280 Simpson, Dana Mark