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TO: **All Architects and Interns in Canada**

FROM: CANADIAN ARCHITECTURAL LICENSING
AUTHORITIES(CALA)

DATE: January 21, 2015

RE: **Updates re. the NCARB / CALA Mutual Recognition
Agreement and acceptance of the Architect Registration
Exam (ARE)**

NCARB / CALA Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA)

As a reminder, the new NCARB / CALA Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA) **came into effect on January 1, 2014**. All **11 Canadian architectural regulators are signatories** to the MRA. As of January 1, 2015, **40 of the US Member Boards** of the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) have become signatories to the MRA through completion of their individual Letters of Undertaking.

The **new MRA supersedes the previous Inter-Recognition Agreement as well as other avenues under which a Canadian architect could previously obtain an NCARB Certificate**. Canadians wishing to obtain an NCARB Certificate can do so based on meeting the eligibility requirements of the MRA, i.e. a holder of a licence/registration in one of the Canadian jurisdictions and having 2,000 hours of post-licensure experience in CANADA.

Further details of the MRA and information regarding eligibility can be obtained from your regulatory body directly. You can apply for an NCARB Certificate at <https://my.ncarb.org/login> and select "Establish Record."

Below is a list of US State Licensing Boards that have signed on.

Alabama	Arizona	Arkansas	California
Colorado	Connecticut	Delaware	District of Columbia
Georgia	Guam	Indiana	Iowa
Kansas	Kentucky	Louisiana	Maryland
Massachusetts	Michigan	Missouri	Montana
Nebraska	New Hampshire	New Mexico	North Carolina
North Dakota	Ohio	Oregon	Puerto Rico
Rhode Island	South Carolina	Tennessee	Texas
Utah	US Virgin Islands	Vermont	Virginia
Washington	West Virginia	Wisconsin	Wyoming

The remaining US jurisdictions (*Alaska, Florida, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Maine, Minnesota, Mississippi, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, and South Dakota*) are continuing to consider implementation and the list of signatories will be updated accordingly.

Reciprocal licences granted under the former Inter-Recognition Agreement are not affected by the new MRA and remain valid as long as the Architect maintains an active licence and meets all renewal requirements.

Continued acceptance of the ARE

ExAC, the Canadian exam for licensure, is recognized and administered by all 11 architectural regulators. All Canadian regulators however currently continue to recognize the ARE as also meeting the examination requirement in Canada (with the exception of the OAQ). Some of the architectural regulators however have or will be reviewing this position with a view to phasing out recognition of the ARE for initial licence. **If you are currently taking the ARE, or are considering taking the ARE in the future, please contact your regulator directly to confirm the status of acceptance of the ARE in that jurisdiction.** Any regulator that has made such a decision will ensure that a reasonable and appropriate notice/transition period will be identified so as to not cause undue hardship for Canadian Interns.

This bulletin is intended to update Architects and Interns across Canada and we hope that you will find this useful. If you have any further questions please contact your regulatory body directly.