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## The Illinois Jurisdiction response to NCARBs Rolling Clock Retirement

The National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (“NCARB”) released a statement on February 23, 2023, announcing that they will be retiring the Architect Registration Examination (ARE®) five-year rolling clock policy and implementing a new score validity policy, effective **May 1, 2023**.

NCARB states that under the new policy, passed ARE divisions from both the current and prior versions of the exam will be valid. This national policy change will reinstate the validity of all passed ARE 4.0 divisions, taken between 2008 and 2018.

The Division has been in contact with NCARB regarding this change, how NCARB will support Illinois and how IDFPR will move forward for examinees and applicants under the Illinois Jurisdiction.

The Illinois Architecture Practice Act specifically states that the exams must be passed within a five-year period to be accepted. Unfortunately, until that has been removed, we will not be in line with NCARBs policy change and applicants under the Illinois jurisdiction must still complete all portions within the five years.

The Division will be looking to effect a legislative change at our earliest convenience to amend the statute to reflect this change.

If you believe you will be negatively impacted by this change, our best recommendation at this time is to change your testing jurisdiction to one that does not have a statutory impediment so your exams will not be lost, and you can ultimately be licensed in that jurisdiction. Once we can change the statutory language, you would be able to apply to Illinois for licensure via Endorsement.

Should you have questions regarding this notice, please contact the Division at [FPR.DesignUnit@Illinois.gov](mailto:FPR.DesignUnit@Illinois.gov) or call 217-524-3210.

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