

ILLINOIS ARCHITECT INTERNS WITH A PRE-PROFESSIONAL ARCHITECTURAL DEGREE

August 9, 2013: Governor Quinn signed Public Act 98-288 amending the Illinois Architecture Practice Act of 1989 to extend the acceptance of the pre-professional degree in Architecture as a method of licensure until December 31, 2015. Previously the deadline was December 31, 2013: Pursuant to the change in the Act Illinois will require a professional degree for licensure as of January 1, 2016,

Applicants with a pre-professional degree must meet all Illinois requirements for licensure by examination and submit a completed application to the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulations postmarked no later than December 31, 2015. These requirements include:

- Completion of the pre-professional degree (the degree must allow direct entry into a NAAB accredited professional degree in order to qualify);
- Completion of 9360 experience hours through the NCARB IDP; twice the listed minimum experience hours required for each experience category and area shall be acquired - with additional hours to meet the 9360 requirement. No approval to sit for the Architectural Registration Exam (ARE) will be granted prior to completion of the IDP;
- Successful completion of the ARE in accordance with the Illinois Architecture Practice Act of 1989 as amended and the Administrative Rules;
- All authorizations to NCARB to sit for the ARE will expire for the pre-professional degree candidates on December 31, 2015.
- Submit an application to this Department postmarked by December 31, 2015.

Failure to submit an application prior to January 1, 2016 will result in an automatic denial unless the applicant has a NAAB accredited professional degree or an EESA evaluation accepted by NCARB as equivalent to the NAAB accredited professional degree.

Applicants who have a NAAB accredited professional degree will not be affected by this requirement of the Act.

If you have any questions regarding this notification of extension of the pre-professional degree, please contact the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation at 217/524-3211.