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NCARB Board Approves Changes to Intern Development Program (IDP)

Washington, DC—In September, the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) Board of Directors approved changes to the Intern Development Program (IDP) related to the employment duration requirement and eligibility requirement. Notably, the removal of the duration requirement will allow interns to earn IDP experience regardless of a project's duration; and the eligibility requirement is being simplified to allow interns to begin earning credit upon graduation from high school. The changes go into effect 16 December 2013.

"Over the last few years, the Council and its volunteers have been looking closely at how we can continue to streamline our programs to make them more accessible to emerging professionals seeking licensure," said NCARB CEO Michael J. Armstrong. "As a result, we are pleased to expand the opportunities to earn experience."

Employment Duration Requirement

Currently, interns are required to work for 15 hours per week for eight consecutive weeks to earn experience toward the IDP. The elimination of this requirement recognizes that all experience gained through one of the experience settings is valid regardless of the time spent working on a project. The change will allow interns to earn work experience for short-term projects and/or experience obtained over a winter or summer break while in school.

IDP Eligibility Requirement

There are currently three points of entry to begin earning IDP experience: enrollment in a NAAB/CACB-accredited program, enrollment in a pre-professional architecture degree program, or employment in experience setting A after obtaining a high school diploma. After December 16, interns will simply need to obtain a high school diploma or equivalent. Interns will be able to earn experience straight out of high school, and will no longer need to submit a form to set their eligibility date.

Engaging the Profession

The recommendations for these changes came from working with the Council's 54 member registration boards as well as the architectural collateral organizations through the Internship Advisory Committee (IAC). Co-chaired by NCARB and the American Institute of Architects (AIA), the committee also includes members from American Institute of Architecture Students (AIAS), Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture (ACSA), and Society for Design Administration (SDA).

"While NCARB administers the IDP, all members of the profession have a stake in ensuring that the next generation of architects are being prepared for practice as effectively and as efficiently as possible," said Armstrong.

Spread the Word: December 2013 Implementation

The *IDP Guidelines* will be updated in December, and the new rules will go into effect December 16. Visit the NCARB website in the coming months for more information.