

A LOUISIANA ARCHITECTURAL NEWS

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TEENY'S TIDINGS

I must begin my article by congratulating ULL's Team BeauSoleil (which means sunshine in Cajun French) for being chosen to participate in the U. S. Department of Energy's Solar Decathlon. BeauSoleil won the much coveted "Market Viability" competition and the "People's Choice Award". To my knowledge, this is the first time a Louisiana university's department of architecture has been chosen to participate. Robert McKinney, Director of UL Lafayette's School of Architecture and Design and Geoff Gjertson, Associate Professor and Faculty Team Coordinator, need to be commended for their efforts in assembling the team and following it through to the end. The house was a hybrid structure in every sense, with a focus on the culture and lifestyle of south Louisiana. It combined traditional local design concepts with the latest innovations in energy efficiency and solar technology.

I had the privilege of representing the Board in Washington DC during the display of the home on the National Mall. I had the pleasure of meeting and talking with several of the persons involved in the project. I loved hearing the comments of so many people who viewed the home and came out saying, "Now that is the home I'd love to own and live in right now."



TEAM BEAUSOLEIL, YOU MADE OUR STATE, OUR BOARD, YOUR UNIVERSITY AND THE ARCHITECTURAL PROFESSION PROUD

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I hope you find this to be another interesting and informative newsletter that brings you up to date on what your Board has been doing this year. Please note we have hired a part time investigator on a contract basis and his article will give you his background. He has hit the floor running. We have always wanted to be more proactive than reactive and we are now beginning the process.

We are very fortunate to still maintain Paul H. Spaht as our attorney, probably the longest serving attorney to a licensing board in the country. His guidance and advice has allowed us to pursue violations on a regular basis and helped us maintain a current licensing law and rules/regulation.

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WE NEED YOUR HELP

ARTWORK FOR THE LSBAE OFFICE WALLS

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PRESIDENT, LSBAE BOARD

The Licensing Board office currently has white walls with virtually nothing on them. Over my years on the board, we have discussed hanging pictures of some of our state's architectural gems but it never got past the talking phase. Since this is my year to serve as president, I decided to make it happen this year.

What we are about to institute is a program to collect and hang pictures of award winning Louisiana architecture on the office walls. The project will use a 12" x 12" format which will feature a single photograph from any past AIA award winning project. The award may be from any AIA component other than local chapter awards. This would include AIA Louisiana, AIA Regional and AIA National award from any year.

A letter will be sent out in the near future to all licensed architects in the state giving the criteria and requesting submittals of your award winning projects to be displayed at the LSBAE office. Details will include the forwarding of a single, high resolution digital image (to a location as yet to be determined) the name of the project, the firm, the location of the building, and the award was received.

We have chosen the format of 12" x 12" because it will allow us to display a large number of projects throughout the office. We plan to put them in the conference room, down the halls and in the waiting room for anyone visiting the office to enjoy.

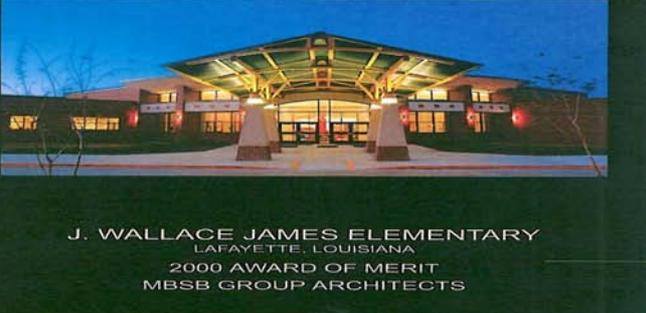
The images will be directly printed onto 1/2" black core *gator board* using UV stable inks which should give a long life to the images and keep cost down. (see the image of the example as to how the boards will look).

After the initial wave of submittals, each year thereafter as the AIA state, regional and national awards are granted, the licensing board will send out a letter notifying the winners that they may submit their project to the board for addition to the wall's display.

Depending upon the number we received each year, we anticipate having one wall in the office used to display the current year's winners. They would then be rotated to other areas within the office the following year after the new awards are chosen and printed.

I urge all architects who have received awards from the state, regional or national level through AIA Awards Programs to submit their projects, no matter how old. Print images or film negative images can be converted into digital scans with very little effort or cost.

Once all projects are up on the wall, we encourage you to drop by the office to enjoy seeing some of Louisiana's best architecture, and of course to say "hi" to Teeny.



12"

- 1 Supply one good quality image of project. The image doesn't have to be super high resolution because it will fit within a 12" x 12" format. Generally, the higher the resolution the better the quality. Any resolution will be okay. Images can be horizontal format or vertical.
- 2 Provide:
 1. Name of Project
 2. Location
 3. Award Received (optional)
 4. Name of Firm

We'll do the rest! We will put your image and project information on a black background on a thick gator board backing in the same format as shown above. They will be displayed on licensing board office wall with all other submittals. Photos and email can be sent to allen@mbsbgroup.com. Call Allen at (337) 237 - 2770 with any questions.

A MESSAGE FROM PAUL SPAHT

LSBAE BOARD ATTORNEY

The Board has been quite busy on a number of matters involving legal issues. A few of those will be discussed here:

On-line renewal – During the fall of 2008, the Board implemented mandatory on-line renewal of individual registration of architects, and the Board amended its rules to reflect this change. The Board attempted last year via this newsletter and the U.S. mail to make all registrants aware of this change, and only a handful of architects have complained that they were unaware that a change had been made. Regardless, since on-line renewal is now a year old, all architects should now be well aware that on-line renewal of individual registration is mandatory.

Firm practice – The Board spent many hours during the past year discussing what requirements, if any, should be required for firm practice in Louisiana. The discussion is complicated because the legislature has enacted laws governing the practice of architecture by professional architectural corporations, architectural-engineering corporations, and limited liability companies, and the requirements for each are quite different. The preference of the Board is that all architectural firms (professional architectural corporations, architectural-engineering corporations, limited liability companies, partnerships, and any other entities) be treated similarly. This has become an increasingly important and difficult issue, and the Board hopes that the legislature will address it during the 2010 legislative session, or as soon thereafter as possible.

Investigator – During the summer of 2009, the Board hired an experienced investigator, Robert Eddleman. Through communications with permit offices and local agencies, Mr. Eddleman will assist the Board in preventing violations of the licensing law and at the same time making certain that any violations which do occur are fully and properly handled. If you believe that a violation of the licensing law or the Board rules may have occurred, you may address your inquiry or complaint to the Board, and a proper investigation will be promptly made.

“Fishing” – Architects licensed in one jurisdiction often want to “fish” for business in another jurisdiction. Although a few states allow “fishing expeditions” for architectural work in those states without a license (requiring licensure only if an agreement to perform architectural services is reached), most states do not. On this issue, Louisiana is aligned with the majority of states, that is, “fishing” for architectural work in Louisiana without a Louisiana license is strictly prohibited.

Civil litigation – In addition to pursuing a civil action against an architect, it has become increasingly common for a plaintiff involved in such civil litigation to file with the Board a written complaint alleging that the architect has violated the licensing law. The Board will normally forbear from becoming involved in a matter which is primarily a civil dispute, until that civil dispute has been concluded by a judicial determination or settlement. The Board believes that the courts have the resources, procedures, and responsibility for first handling such matters.

Firm names – The Board regularly receives questions asking whether a particular firm name is or is not acceptable. The legislature has mandated certain requirements for the names of professional architectural corporations and architectural-engineering corporation, and the Board has attempted to clarify this issue in its rules, particularly §1501 *et seq.* The Board encourages any architect who has questions concerning whether a particular name is permissible to ask the Board for its opinion.

NEW AND NOTEWORTHY

IDP 2.0

NCARB is updating the IDP requirements to more closely align with the current practice of architecture. IDP 2.0 will be implemented in three phases beginning 1 July 2009. See <http://www.ncarb.org> for additional information.

PHASE 1 began July 1, 2009

Supplementary Education activities will expand to provide additional opportunities for interns to earn IDP training units whether they are employed or not.

PHASE 2 begins January 1, 2010

1) The definitions of **DIRECT SUPERVISION** and **IDP SUPERVISOR** will be modified to better reflect the contemporary practice of architecture:

The new definition of “direct supervision” will allow IDP supervisors to supervise their interns through a mix of personal contact and remote communication (e.g. e-mail, online markups, webinars, and internet). The new definition of a “IDP supervisor” will allow a person registered to practice architecture in a U.S. or Canadian jurisdiction to serve as an IDP supervisor. That means registered architects will be able to supervise interns within their office even if they are not registered in the jurisdiction where the office is located. In addition, both interns and supervisors who are “independent contractors” will be able to participate in the IDP in accordance with the revised definition of direct supervision. (NCARB)

Please make sure the board has your current mailing address, email and telephone number so we may send important information to you in a timely manner. You may update your contact information with the Board online at www.lastbdarchs.com or by emailing the board at bd@lsbae.brcoxmail.com.

2) The IDP training requirement of 700 Training Units will be changed to 5,600 Training Hours. The actual number of hours to earn IDP remains the same but Interns will no longer have to convert hours to training units.

PHASE 3 beginning January 2011

The current **IDP TRAINING AREAS** will be aligned with the new **EXPERIENCE AREAS** required for the competent practice of architecture (see 2007 Practice Analysis of Architecture, <http://www.ncarb.org>).

Supplementary Education

Are you currently unemployed? Consider earning IDP training units through Supplementary Education.

In most cases, you DO NOT need to be employed in an NCARB approved work setting to earn credit. All Supplementary Education activities can be reported through the e-EVR under the “My Supplementary Education” tab.

AIA Continuing Education: One AIA learning unit earns 0.25 IDP training units. An AIA transcript must be submitted to NCARB. You do not need to be employed to earn credit.

Certificate Programs: Five training units may be earned by passing the LEED AP, CDT, CCS, or CCCA exams. A copy of your accreditation must be submitted to NCARB. You do not need to be employed to earn credit.

NCARB Professional Conduct Monograph: Interns may earn 2 minimum (core) Training units in Training Area 15 – “Office Management” by reading the *NCARB Professional Conduct Monograph* and passing the related quiz. You do not need to be employed to earn credit.

IDP MATTERS/CONTINUED

Post-Professional Degree: You can earn 117 training units in supplementary education for a post-professional degree after a professional degree in architecture from a program accredited by NAAB or CACB. Credit hours must be in subjects evaluated by NCARB as related to architecture. You do not need to be employed to receive credit. For more information, visit <http://www.ncarb.org>.

Emerging Professionals Companion (EPC): Beginning in July 2009, interns are able to earn a maximum of five training units per training area through the EPC as part of their minimum training unit requirements in each training area. Exercises completed above the maximum of five training units in each training area may still be submitted for supplementary education credit. You need to be employed to received credit.

CALL FOR LOUISIANA IDP AUXILIARY COORDINATORS

IDP Auxiliary Coordinators are individuals who volunteer to educate their local professional community about the Internship Development Program, support awareness and implementation, and disseminate the latest IDP news, tools and resources. Auxiliary Coordinators are most often associated with, but not limited to, an architecture firm, a non-accredited school of architecture, a local AIA chapter, a state board, or an AIAS chapter and all IDP Auxiliary Coordinators are encouraged to attend the annual IDP Coordinators Conference. If you or someone in your firm is interested in volunteering or would like additional information please contact the State IDP Coordinator (louisianaaidp@gmail.com or mcuddeb@lsu.edu).

STAY CURRENT: Follow the Louisiana IDP Blog for up-to-date information and resources. <http://www.louisianaaidp.org> and also join the Louisiana's Facebook group. For more information, contact Marsha Cuddeback at louisianaaidp@gmail.com

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ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting for Louisiana IDP Educator Coordinators was held in Portland, Oregon during the Annual IDP Coordinators Conference 2009. Each school will be holding several events designed to increase students' knowledge about the Intern Development Program, including presentations during professional practice classes, all-school seminars, and an annual school-wide workshop. Contact your school's IDP Educator Coordinator to find out about these programs and activities during AY 2009-2010.

LOUISIANA IDP FORUM 2011

Due to the overwhelming success of the Louisiana IDP Forum 2008 held at Louisiana State University, plans are underway for the 2nd Louisiana IDP Forum in January 2011. The location will be announced in January 2010. To download a copy of the 2008 proceedings, visit www.lastbdarchs.com/idp.htm

On July 1, 2009 the Board created a new part time position of Board Investigator and contracted with me to fill that position. I will be investigating any formal complaints relative to alleged violations of the statutes and rules that govern the offering and/or practice of architecture in Louisiana.

A little background on my experience: I am a retired Police Major with thirty years service from the Police Department of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, twenty years of that service I was directly involved in criminal investigations. I was an administrator the last ten years of duty. After leaving the Police Department I was hired by the Louisiana Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board as a Board Investigator. I recently retired from LAPELS where I advanced from a Board Investigator to Director of Enforcement and then Deputy Executive Secretary.

The first assignment with the Louisiana State Board of Architectural Examiners was to review the yellow page ads of the AT&T telephone books from the major cities around the state for firms and individuals listed under the heading of "Architects" for possible unlicensed practice of architecture. Although the reviews have not been completed, I have opened seventeen cases relative to the possible unlicensed practice of individuals and/or firms. Of these seventeen cases, twelve cases have been resolved.

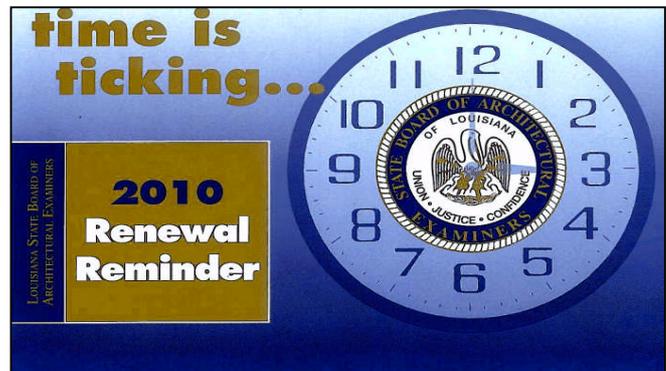
Some of the issues discovered: one firm was practicing on a license that expired in 2001, one individual was practicing on a license that expired in 2008, one firm obtained licensure, one firm had dissolved their business, and one firm had dissolved their corporation and was operating as a partnership. The remaining seven cases were firms that were not offering and/or providing architectural services and have taken the appropriate measures to have their names removed from the yellow page listings under "Architects".

Remember that it is your responsibility as a licensee to see that your license is renewed in a timely manner and, if applicable, that your firm license is renewed in a timely manner.

At the direction of the Board, I visited with the architectural review section of the State of Louisiana Fire Marshal's Office (FMO) and the branch offices of the FMO located around the state. Through discussions with FMO reviewers, it was learned that they had concerns with architects signing completion certificates for projects which were not completed, plan stamping, and what appears to be some architects having a limited knowledge of building codes. We will be working with the FMO on these matters.

I have also visited with various city and parish officials that issue building permits around the state, notifying and advising that the Board now has an investigator on staff and discussing with them when an architect is required.

As I travel about the state I will from time to time visit with the Architectural-Engineering firms and confer with their architectural supervising professional to insure that the statutes and rules pertaining to Architectural – Engineering corporations are being followed. If you have any questions or are aware of a possible violation please call me at the Board office (225) 925-4802 or e-mail me at ree@lsbae.brcoxmail.com.



ONLINE RENEWALS BEGAN NOVEMBER 1, 2009.

You will need to go to the website at: lastbdarchs.com to renew. You may login using your Louisiana license number and the last four digits of your SSN as your PIN/password. Your license must be either active or emeritus to access online services. The following services are offered online:

- Update personal information.
- Renew your license online using a credit card or check
- Print current certificate/pocket card
- Print payment receipt.
- Logout to complete your session. (CONTINUED PAGE EIGHT)

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THE BOARD IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT
THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS HAVE BEEN
LICENSED BY EXAMINATION
SINCE OCTOBER 30, 2008

S. Brodie Ardoin	Washington, LA
Rose Bartush	Austin, TX
Christopher Beard	Irmo, SC
Kenneth Charles Bergeron	Pollock, LA
Ray Paul Boudreaux	New Iberia, LA
Christian Jay Bourgeois	Destrehan, LA
Kendal P. Broussard	St. Martinville, LA
Matthew P. Caillouet	Baton Rouge, LA
Brandon Lee Cooper	Baton Rouge, LA
Errol W. Dennis	Lafayette, LA
Ian Alexander Dreyer	New Orleans, LA
Caroline Ferguson	New Orleans, LA
Joel F. Fontenot	Baton Rouge, LA
Heather Vigeo Gardner	New Orleans, LA
Sara George	Bossier City, LA
Jonathan Guelfo	Baton Rouge, LA
Elizabeth Harmon Gullett	New Orleans, LA
M. David Hamer	Lafayette, LA
Jarod A. Hebert	Lafayette, LA
Angelique Hebert Hernandez	Lafayette, LA
Joshua Shane Higdon	Baton Rouge, LA
Gary Neil Hoffmann	Windermere, FL
Rachel W. James	Shreveport, LA
Kristine Ann Kobila	New Orleans, LA
Salvadore E. Longo, Jr.	Lafayette, LA
Michael Charles McLean	Baton Rouge, LA
J. A. Modinger	New Orleans, LA
Angela M. Morton	New Orleans, LA
Anthony Douglas Owczarzak	Shreveport, LA
Nathaniel G. Parks	Covington, LA
Chad P. Pierce	Austin, TX
Shawn R. Preau	New Orleans, LA
Clint Patrick Procell	Baton Rouge, LA
Eric Michael Riley	Covington, LA
Corey Saft	Lafayette, LA
Brian Wayne Shows	Shreveport, LA
Michael J. Tabb	Destrehan, LA
Kenyon Carl Zimmerman	Portland, OR

2010 RENEWALS (CONTINUED FROM PAGE SIX)

Renewals paid by credit card will be processed instantly and you may print your certificate/pocket card. If you fail to print your certificate during this session you can do it at anytime.

Since no paper renewals will be mailed. You will need to contact the Board Office for any special needs. For those who wish to pay by check, please complete the Renewal Form Online and mail the print out of your confirmation to the Board Office along with your check. Renewals paid by check will require 7-10 business days to be processed. If you have not renewed your license by midnight on December 31, 2009, your license will be delinquent. Beginning January 1, 2010 you will be able to renew your delinquent licenses online. Any architect whose license is delinquent more than one year will need to contact the board office to request a delinquent renewal form.

REQUIREMENTS FOR RENEWAL

To renew for 2010, the licensee must have completed twelve hours of continuing education in Health, Safety and Welfare by December 31, 2009.

Licensees are exempt from continuing education requirements for the first renewal cycle. If your initial registration date is January 1, 2009 or thereafter you are automatically exempt from reporting continuing education when you renew for 2010. When you renew for 2011 you must provide proof of 12 hrs continuing education in Health, Safety and Welfare.

Emeritus status is also exempt from continuing education requirements unless the emeritus architect returns to practice (See section 1105.E of the LSBAE Rule/Regulations at www.lastbdarchs.com for information on Emeritus status).

Individuals may also apply for an exemption from the continuing education requirement for the following reasons: military or any hardship due to serious illness, injury or extenuating circumstances which prevent the architect from complying with the Board rule, however, **prior approval is needed from the Board.**

TEENY'S TIDINGS (CONTINUED FROM COVER)

Anita Riley, who most of you know, has worked for the Board for thirty years is out on medical leave recovering from some health issues. She is working hard to return as soon as possible. Mary Porche, who has worked for the board for eight years, has doubled her workload, which is very much appreciated since it has allowed us to continue serving you with little change. We would like to introduce Holly Mooberry who joined the board staff on November 30, 2009 on a restricted appointment. You will hear more about Holly in the future.

Cheryl Guffey, who has worked part time for over fifteen years, has helped us tremendously in purging files, solving electronic problems, meeting planning, and many other duties, will be leaving in January as she and her husband are moving to Tennessee to work in a new Christian Ministry. This office will really miss her as she has always been willing to tackle any job assignment with a smile on her face. **Thanks Cheryl for your dedicated service.**

Several of the board members are continuing to serve on various NCARB committees and are making an impact on changes at the national level. Our own Ron Blitch, who will be serving as Board President in 2010, was elected Chairman of the Southern Conference of NCARB and I was elected to serve again as the Member Board Executive on the Board of Directors of the Southern Conference.

As a reminder, please do not forget to renew your license prior to December 31. Renewals are **online** and can be reached on our website (www.lastbdarchs.com) by clicking on the hot link to 2010 renewals, and entering your Louisiana architect license number as your logon and the last four digits of your social security number as your pin/password. American Express will no longer be authorized as a credit card choice.

You will see several actions that you can select. You will choose renew license. Every question will need to be answered.

Toward the end of the form you will be asked to choose firm type and your firm registration number must be entered. If your firm is practicing as a professional architectural corporation, architectural engineering corporation or limited liability company and is not registered with this board, it will not allow you to go any further and you will need to contact the Board.

We hope you enjoy the 2009 Fall Newsletter. We are here to serve you so feel free to let us know of any suggestions you may have which would improve our service. We wish you a very happy and blessed holiday season.

ARE SCORING 101

For years, rumors and myths have circulated around offices and the internet about how ARE divisions are scored. As we move further into the electronic age, candidates want to know why scores take so long and what exactly happens to their exam after they leave the test center. In this issue of *ARE e-News*, we answer the most common questions about the scoring process.

WHAT IS THE PASSING STANDARD?

The passing standard (i.e., the number of questions you have to get right) is the same for every registration board. It is not affected by the number of candidates who pass or fail each examination. There is no fixed percentage of candidates who pass or fail the ARE.

DOES NCARB HAVE A RETAKE QUOTA?

NCARB doesn't have any kind of retake quota or profit margin it has to meet. The ARE is heavily subsidized by other NCARB operations—even with the recent fee increase. The income generated by candidate fees only covers a portion (about half) of the actual expense necessary to support the development and administration of the exam.

HOW LONG AFTER I TAKE THE EXAM WILL I RECEIVE MY SCORE?

Processing time varies from four to six weeks. After processing, your score is forwarded from Prometric, NCARB's testing consultant, directly to your registration board. Your board then completes any additional processing and sends the report to you. If your registration board participates in the Direct Registration program, NCARB will process your score report and send it directly to you.

WHY CAN'T I SEE MY SCORE INSTANTLY?

Your exam is not graded at the test center where you test. Your workstation at the test center only records your answers and solutions. The actual scoring of your exam takes place at Prometric and is subject to rigorous quality control processes to ensure the accuracy of the score.

Your examination is for licensure. As such, it is a high-stakes examination required by all U.S. jurisdictions and accepted by nine Canadian provinces as part of their licensure process. To protect the security of the exam, exam content must remain separate from the scoring engine.

WHAT HAPPENS TO MY TEST DATA AFTER I FINISH MY EXAM?

Your answers and vignette solutions are transferred electronically from the test center to Prometric for processing. There, your multiple-choice questions and vignette solutions are separated for scoring. Scoring sets (also known as "batches") are compiled every two weeks.

Scoring a set can take up to a week. Computerized scoring engines score all components of the exam with multiple layers of quality control checks to ensure accuracy and reliability of scores being reported to the registration boards and candidates. Multiple-choice questions can be scored rather quickly, but vignettes take additional time to process.

ARE SCORING, CONT'D.

HOW DO THE SCORING ENGINES WORK TO DETERMINE A FINAL PASS OR FAIL?

Multiple-choice questions (including "check-all-that-apply" and "fill-in-the-blank" questions) are scored with each correct answer receiving one point and each incorrect or unanswered question receiving zero points.

Graphic vignettes are scored through a computer-based analysis of your solution to evaluate it against many predetermined requirements that are weighted based on its importance or significance. Based on your overall performance for each requirement, your solution is reported as acceptable, indeterminate (moderate deficiencies), or unacceptable (major deficiencies).

NCARB utilizes a process called "conjunctive scoring" in ARE 4.0 to combine your performance on the multiple-choice section and the graphic vignette section into a single score. In this scoring model, you have the opportunity to compensate for a poor vignette performance if you performed well on the multiple-choice section and vice versa.

WHY HAVE TEST SCORES BEEN DELAYED THE LAST FEW MONTHS?

Since early July 2009, Prometric has been involved with terminating ARE 3.1 and transitioning almost 20,000 candidates with almost 87,000 eligibilities to ARE 4.0. These changes were more complicated than expected and have taken longer to complete.

NCARB and Prometric regret any inconvenience these delays have caused candidates, and are committed to improving the process.

WHY CAN'T PROMETRIC JUST MAIL ME THE SCORE REPORT DIRECTLY?

Your jurisdiction grants you a license to practice architecture, not NCARB or Prometric. Therefore, your registration board is responsible for the release of the score reports for their candidates according to their individual laws and regulations.

Since each jurisdiction has different policies and procedures, final processing time can vary from board to board. For instance, some jurisdictions require scores to be reviewed at a board meeting before they can be released.

Other jurisdictions simply enter all of your scores into their own database before mailing you a copy.

WHY DOESN'T NCARB GIVE MORE INFORMATION ON WHY I FAILED AN EXAM?

You receive limited diagnostic information for each failed division because the ARE is a licensing examination developed to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public—as such, you are required to demonstrate your knowledge, skill, and ability. The ARE is not intended to be a teaching tool nor is it designed as a placement or certification examination.
