

## Chapter A-E 3

### ARCHITECT REGISTRATION

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**Note:** Chapter A-E 3 as it existed on February 28, 1987 was repealed and a new chapter A-E 3 was created effective March 1, 1987.

**A-E 3.01 Authority and purpose.** The rules in this chapter are adopted under authority in ss. 15.08 (5) (b), 227.11, 443.03, 443.09 and 443.10, Stats. The purpose of rules in this chapter is to interpret basic education, experience and examination requirements for registration as an architect as specified in ss. 443.03, 443.09 and 443.10, Stats.

**History:** Cr. Register, February, 1987, No. 374, eff. 3-1-87.

**A-E 3.02 Requirements for registration as an architect. (1)** Except as provided in s. A-E 2.06 (2), an applicant for registration as an architect, in accordance with s. 443.03, Stats., shall submit all of the following:

(a) Documentation certifying that the applicant has acquired a thorough knowledge of sound construction, building hygiene, architectural design and mathematics.

(b) One of the following:

1. A diploma of graduation, or a certificate, from an architectural school or college approved by the architect section as satisfactory standing, together with at least 2 years of practical experience as described in s. A-E 3.03 and of character satisfactory to the architect section in the design and construction of buildings.

2. A specific record of 7 or more years of experience in architectural work of a character satisfactory to the architect section in the design and construction of buildings.

**(2)** An applicant who files an application but who does not comply with a request for information related to the application within one year from the date of the request shall file a new application and fee.

**Note:** Applications are available on the website at [dps.wi.gov](http://dps.wi.gov) or by calling (608) 266-2112.

**History:** Cr. Register, February, 1987, No. 374, eff. 3-1-87; am. Register, January, 1999, No. 517, eff. 2-1-99; CR 15-040: r. and recr. Register May 2016 No. 725, eff. 6-1-16; correction in (1) (b) 1. made under s. 35.17, Stats., Register May 2016 No. 725; CR 21-020: am. (1) (intro.) Register November 2022 No. 803, eff. 12-1-22.

**A-E 3.03 Architectural experience. (1)** In satisfaction of the 2 year experience requirement of s. 443.03 (1) (b) 1m., Stats., or in satisfaction of 2 years of the 7 year requirement of s. 443.03 (1) (b) 2., Stats., applicants for registration as an architect shall complete the architectural experience program, sponsored by the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards, or shall submit evidence of experience in architectural work that the board finds is substantially equivalent to the experience obtained by completing the architectural experience program.

**(2)** Satisfactory experience in architectural work shall consist of related practical training including at least one year of experience in the design and construction of buildings under the supervision of a registered architect, professional engineer, or exempt person as defined in s. 443.14, Stats., prior or subsequent to acquisition of approved educational equivalents.

**(3)** To qualify as satisfactory experience in architectural work, employment shall consist of at least 2 or more continuous months.

**(4)** Not more than one year of credit for satisfactory experience in architectural work may be granted for any calendar year.

**(5)** An individual acquiring supervised experience in architectural work under this section for the purpose of satisfying the requirements of s. 443.03 (1) (b), Stats., may use the title "architectural intern."

**History:** Cr. Register, February, 1987, No. 374, eff. 3-1-87; r. and recr. Register, November, 1990, No. 419, eff. 1-1-93; am., cr. (2) to (4), Register, January, 1993, No. 445, eff. 2-1-93; r. Figure, Register, January, 1999, No. 517, eff. 2-1-99; CR 02-111: cr. (5) Register May 2003 No. 569, eff. 6-1-03; correction in (1) made under s. 13.92 (4) (b) 7., Stats., Register May 2013 No. 689; CR 18-029: am. (1) Register May 2019 No. 761, eff. 6-1-19; correction in (1) made under s. 35.17, Stats., Register May 2019 No. 761.

**A-E 3.04 Education as an experience equivalent for registration as an architect. (1)** For the purpose of meeting experience requirements for registration as an architect, an applicant may claim certain education as equivalent to experience in architectural work, as provided in s. 443.03 (2), Stats. To qualify as equivalent to experience in architectural work, the education shall be obtained at a university, college or technical school approved by the architect section.

**(2)** The architect section shall approve all curricula in architecture that are accredited by the national architectural accrediting board (NAAB).

**(3)** Each 45 quarter hours or 30 semester hours of credit earned is equivalent to one year of work experience. The maximum equivalent that may be obtained is set forth in the table in figure 3.04 (3).

**Figure 3.04 (3)**  
**Table of Education and Experience Equivalents for Architects**

Education	Maximum Experience Equivalent
Architectural Degree [Accredited by the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB) — U005D]	5 years
Planning, Architectural Engineering, Structural Engineering or Non-Accredited Architectural Studies Degree	4 years
Courses in NAAB Accredited Architecture Program Without Degree	4 years
Planning, Architectural Engineering, Structural Engineering or Non-Accredited Architectural Studies Courses Without Degree	3 years
Other Bachelor Degrees	3 years
Other Courses Without Degrees	2 years
NAAB Accredited Master of Architecture Degree Subsequent to Accredited Bachelor of Architectural Degree	Considered as 1/2 year

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**A-E 3.05 Examination. (1) ARCHITECT EXAMINATION REQUIRED.** An applicant for registration as an architect, unless applying under s. 443.10 (1), Stats., shall successfully complete the Architect Registration Examination administered by the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards, or an equivalent examination on architectural services approved by the architect section that measures the knowledge and skills necessary to competently practice architecture and tests the following architectural services and service elements:

- (a) *Pre-design.* 1. Design objectives.
  - 2. Space requirements.
  - 3. Space relations.
  - 4. Flexibility and expansibility.
  - 5. Site requirements.
- (b) *Site design.* 1. Land utilization.
  - 2. Structures placement.
  - 3. Form relationships.
  - 4. Movement, circulation and parking.
  - 5. Utility systems.
  - 6. Surface and subsurface conditions.
  - 7. Ecological requirements.
  - 8. Deeds, zoning and construction.
  - 9. Topography and relations to surrounding.
  - 10. Architectural management and coordination.
  - 11. Cost.
- (c) *Building design.* 1. Building sections, elevations and plans.
  - 2. Selections and layout of building systems.
  - 3. Structural considerations.
  - 4. Mechanical considerations.
  - 5. Electrical considerations.
  - 6. Civil considerations.
  - 7. Interior considerations.
  - 8. Design documentation.
- (d) *Building systems.* 1. Structural systems.
  - 2. Lateral forces.
  - 3. Mechanical, electrical and plumbing.
  - 4. Miscellaneous systems.
  - 5. Materials and methods.

- 6. Coordination.
- 7. Cost consideration.
- (e) *Construction documents and services.* 1. Architectural drawings.
  - 2. Structural drawings.
  - 3. Interior drawings.
  - 4. Specifications.
  - 5. Cost estimates.
  - 6. Bidding documents.
  - 7. Organization and handling bids.
  - 8. Bids evaluation.
  - 9. Coordination and management.
  - 10. Construction administration in office.
  - 11. Construction administration in field.
  - 12. Field tests.
  - 13. Quotation requests and change orders.
  - 14. Construction cost accounting.
  - 15. Project close-out.

**(4) GRADING.** The passing scores set by the architect section represent the minimum competency required to protect public health and safety.

**History:** Cr. Register, February, 1987, No. 374, eff. 3-1-87; am. (2) and (7), Register, January, 1993, No. 445, eff. 2-1-93; am. (8) (b), Register, March, 1996, No. 483, eff. 4-1-96; am. (8) (a), Register, October, 1996, No. 490, eff. 11-1-96; am. (4), cr. (9), Register, January, 1999, No. 517, eff. 2-1-99; CR 09-079: am. (2) Register June 2010 No. 654, eff. 7-1-10; correction in (6) made under s. 13.92 (4) (b) 7., Stats., Register November 2011 No. 671; correction in (2) made under s. 13.92 (4) (b) 7., Stats., Register May 2013 No. 689; CR 15-040: r. (2), (3), (5) Register May 2016 No. 725, eff. 6-1-16; CR 19-151: am. (1) (intro.), (4), r. (6) to (9) Register May 2021 No. 785, eff. 6-1-21.

**A-E 3.06 Application contents.** An application shall include all of the following:

- (1)** Transcripts or apprenticeship records verifying the applicant's education and training.
- (2)** References from at least 5 individuals having personal knowledge of the applicant's experience in the practice of architecture, 3 of whom are registered architects.
- (3)** A chronological history of the applicant's employment.
- (4)** Any additional data, exhibits or references showing the extent and quality of the applicant's experience that may be required by the architect section.

**History:** Cr. Register, January, 1993, No. 445, eff. 2-1-93; am. (intro.) to (3), Register, January, 1999, No. 517, eff. 2-1-99.