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**NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING**  
INCLUDING STATEMENT OF NEED & FISCAL IMPACT

CHAPTER 806  
STATE BOARD OF ARCHITECT EXAMINERS

**FILED**

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**FILING CAPTION:** Clarifies acceptance of the EESA and changes eligibility requirements for taking the ARE.

**LAST DAY AND TIME TO OFFER COMMENT TO AGENCY:** 12/26/2024 4:00 PM

*The Agency requests public comment on whether other options should be considered for achieving the rule's substantive goals while reducing negative economic impact of the rule on business.*

*A public rulemaking hearing may be requested in writing by 10 or more people, or by a group with 10 or more members, within 21 days following the publication of the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in the Oregon Bulletin or 28 days from the date the Notice was sent to people on the agency mailing list, whichever is later. If sufficient hearing requests are received, the notice of the date and time of the rulemaking hearing must be published in the Oregon Bulletin at least 14 days before the hearing.*

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**NEED FOR THE RULE(S)**

1. Clarify the Board accepts the Education Evaluation Services for Architects (EESA) program through the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB), and 2. update the eligibility requirements for taking the Architect Registration Examination (ARE).

**DOCUMENTS RELIED UPON, AND WHERE THEY ARE AVAILABLE**

ORS 671 and OAR 806 are available at <https://www.oregon.gov/osbae>.

**STATEMENT IDENTIFYING HOW ADOPTION OF RULE(S) WILL AFFECT RACIAL EQUITY IN THIS STATE**

Accepting the EESA and updating the qualifications required to take the ARE will help remove barriers to registration in Oregon for all qualified architects, regardless of race.

**FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT:**

None.

**COST OF COMPLIANCE:**

(1) Identify any state agencies, units of local government, and members of the public likely to be economically affected by the rule(s). (2) Effect on Small Businesses: (a) Estimate the number and type of small businesses subject to the rule(s); (b) Describe the expected reporting, recordkeeping and administrative activities and cost required to comply with the rule(s); (c) Estimate the cost of professional services, equipment supplies, labor and increased administration required to comply with the rule(s).

(1) None; (2)(a) None, (b) None, (c) None.

**DESCRIBE HOW SMALL BUSINESSES WERE INVOLVED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THESE RULE(S):**

The Board is comprised of 5 registrants and 2 public members, which includes small business representation.

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WAS AN ADMINISTRATIVE RULE ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSULTED? NO IF NOT, WHY NOT?

The proposed rule will be distributed to all actively registered architects and architectural firms and input will be obtained via the public hearing and public comment process.

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AMEND: 806-010-0010

RULE SUMMARY: Clarifies the acceptance of the Education Evaluation Services for Architects (EESA) and changes the eligibility requirements for taking the Architect Registration Examination (ARE).

CHANGES TO RULE:

806-010-0010

Approved Architect and Firm Registration and Evaluation Programs ¶¶

(1) The Board adopts the education standard adopted by the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB), consisting of a professional degree in architecture from a program accredited by the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB) or the Canadian Architectural Certification Board (CACB), or a professional degree in architecture certified by the CACB from a Canadian University, or a NAAB determined equivalent degree through its Education Evaluation Services for Architects (EESA) program.¶¶

(2) The Board adopts the requirements in the document titled NCARB Architectural Experience Program (AXP) Guidelines dated May 2024 for the experience requirement for registration.¶¶

(3) The Board adopts the Architect Registration Examination (ARE) 5.0 prepared by NCARB, and previously adopted versions of the examination, as the approved examination to test applicant qualifications for registration. An applicant shall pass the ARE in accordance with the NCARB standards current at the time the applicant took the examination to obtain an initial registration. The Board shall accept the ARE results as determined by NCARB. To qualify for the ARE, an applicant shall present satisfactory evidence of that the applicant has, at a minimum, achieved one of the following:¶¶

(a) ~~An architecture degree from an Approved Educational Program; or~~¶¶

~~(b) Active enrollment in a NCARB-accepted Integrated Path to Architectural Licensure (IPAL) option within an Approved Educational Program; or~~¶¶

(b) Completion of a state or federally recognized high school equivalency program.¶¶

(4) The Board adopts the requirements in the document titled NCARB Certification Guidelines dated July 2022 for the NCARB Certificate under OAR 806-010-0035(3)(f)(A).¶¶

(5) A person may be considered for registration by the Board by satisfying:¶¶

(a) The rules for registration by examination under OAR 806-010-0020; or¶¶

(b) The rules for registration by reciprocity under OAR 806-010-0035.¶¶

(6) A firm may be considered for registration by the Board by satisfying the rules under OAR 806-010-0080.¶¶

(7) To pass the Jurisprudence Exam (JE) an individual must do the following:¶¶

(a) Complete the JE within 90 minutes; and¶¶

(b) Score at least 84 percent.¶¶

(A) An individual who fails the JE must wait seven days before retaking the examination.¶¶

(B) Test results are final and binding on the applicant.¶¶

[Publications: Publications referenced are available from the agency.]

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 670, 670.310, 671, 671.041, 671.050, 671.125

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 671.010 - 671.220