



TRI-NATIONAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

(For use by U.S. Architects)

Under the terms of the Tri-National Mutual Recognition Agreement for International Practice between Canada, Mexico, and the United States, the Architect must meet the following eligibility requirements:

1. **The NCARB Certificate holder must be a citizen of the United States or hold permanent residency status.**
2. **The NCARB Certificate holder must hold a current and active registration as an architect in an NCARB jurisdiction and shall demonstrate a period of not less than TEN years of post-licensure experience, at least two years of which must be in responsible control of the comprehensive practice of architecture.**
3. **The NCARB Certificate holder must complete the Tri-National MRA Resume Form that outlines the practice experience in the home jurisdiction and lists the projects the Architect will include in the dossier.**
4. **The NCARB Certificate holder must submit a dossier conforming with the Tri-National Dossier Format Requirements documenting a minimum of three projects that demonstrates competence in the practice of architecture as indicated below:**
 - A. Competence to create architectural designs that:**
 - Demonstrate an understanding of the relationship between people and buildings, and between buildings and their environment, and the need to relate buildings and the spaces between them to human needs and scale;
 - Respond to environmental concerns and address sustainability issues;
 - Show skill in land-use planning and planning process;
 - Take account of cultural and social factors.
 - B. Competence to translate a design concept into built form and be able to:**
 - Investigate and interpret design objectives and relevant issues and prepare the brief for a design project;
 - Advise on project evaluations, feasibility studies, and programs;
 - Evaluate and determine structural, construction, and engineering elements of a building and integrate the advice and design of specialist disciplines into a building project;
 - Assess the physical influences on buildings and the technologies associated with providing internal conditions of comfort and protection against the climate, and coordinate and integrate services systems to control them;
 - Meet building users' requirements within the constraints imposed by cost factors and building regulations;
 - Provide advice on issues of construction, procurement, and contract administration;
 - Generate the documentation and information needed to translate a design concept into a building;
 - Manage the procurement of buildings, administer contractual arrangements, and monitor their construction.
 - C. Competence in the practice of architecture and:**
 - Observe legal and regulatory obligations related to the planning and construction of buildings;
 - Have adequate knowledge of the industries, organizations and procedures involved in the management and realization of a design project as a building;
 - Observe the standards of conduct expected of a professional;
 - Maintain competence in relevant aspects of the practice of architecture.