



Columns

*The Newsletter of the Board of Architecture and
Registered Interior Designers*
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Executive Director's Message

The Board of Architecture and Registered Interior Designers is proud to announce that once again, the Board has donated funds to the American Institute of Architects – North Carolina to support the publication of continuing education offered at its ASPIRE Conference. The continuing education opportunities funded with the Board's contribution are now available to any architect licensed and registered interior designer licensed or registered in the State of North Carolina, **regardless of their membership status with the AIA.**

Amy Somogy, the Director of Events and Education for the American Institute of Architecture – North Carolina states *“This year Aspire grew to 600+ attendees and 55 partners from across 15+ states. We worked with over 30 Asheville venues, restaurants and hotels. In light of the damage caused by Hurricane Helene, we've been able to give back to Asheville in the form of a fundraising network and donations to the Red Cross. We're excited to continue our support of their community by returning Aspire to Asheville in 2025!”*

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Upcoming Meeting Dates

January 10, 2025 – Raleigh, NC
May 9, 2024 – Raleigh, NC
July 11, 2025 – Raleigh, NC

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All Board meetings are open to the public.

Prior to registering for the ASPIRE programs, you must email the Director of Education, Amy Somogy, to enroll in the courses. If you were registered for the ASPIRE conference you would have been automatically enrolled, otherwise the AIA-NC will give you access upon request. Contact Ms. Somogy with any questions related to the ASPIRE CE offerings at asomogy@aianc.org

[Link to the ASPIRE CE for 2024](#)

HURRICANE HELENE RESPONSE

The Board of Architecture and Registered Interior Designers is in the process of getting approval with the NC Rules Review Commission to publish an emergency rule that will give CE relief to those individuals in the areas impacted by Hurricane Helene. Information will be published when the rule is in place.

In order to renew your license for 2025-2026 (renewals will be sent on May 15, 2025), you must have a total of 12 hours of continuing education in the areas of health, safety and welfare during the calendar year 2024. The ASPIRE CE offerings are a great way to get all the required CE for 2024. The relevant CE rules are as follows:

21 NCAC 02. 0900 CONTINUING EDUCATION

21 NCAC 02 .0901 SCOPE

The rules in this Section set forth the continuing education requirements to be complied with by licensees or registrants.

21 NCAC 02 .0903 REQUIREMENTS

- (a) Every licensee and registrant shall obtain 12 contact hours of continuing education for each calendar year. "Contact Hour" means 50 minutes contact.
- (b) The contact hours shall be obtained in structured educational activities intended to increase or update the architect's or registered interior designer's knowledge and competence in technical and professional architectural and interior design subjects d related to safeguarding public health, safety, and welfare("HSW"). "Structured educational activities" are activities in which at least 75 percent of an activity's content and instructional time is devoted to HSW subjects related to the practice of architecture, including courses of study or other activities under the areas identified as HSW by individuals or organizations, whether delivered by direct contact or distance learning methods.
- (c) Licensees and registrants shall not carry forward any contact hours into the subsequent period.
- (d) Licensees and registrants shall certify completion of the contact hours for the previous calendar year with annual renewal.

21 NCAC 02 .0904 DETERMINATION OF CREDIT

The Board may randomly audit the compliance of individual licensees and registrants and require proof in the form of records maintained pursuant to Rule .0905 of this Section of participation in courses or programs that conform with the content and contact hours calculation requirements contained in G.S. 83A-6(a) and these Rules.

21 NCAC 02 .0905 RECORD KEEPING

(a) The licensee or registrant shall maintain records to support credits claimed. Records shall be any of the following:

- (1) a self-made log showing the type of activity claimed, sponsoring organization, location, duration, the name of the instructor or speaker and contact hours earned; or
- (2) attendance certificates or other evidence of participation that includes the type of activity claimed, sponsoring organization, location, duration, the name of the instructor or speaker and contact hours earned; or
- (3) records maintained by the American Institute of Architects Continuing Education System (AIA/CES) or the International Design Continuing Education Council (IDCEC).

(b) Records shall be retained by the licensee or registrant for a period of six years after the credit is claimed and provided to the Board upon request.

21 NCAC 02 .0906 CONTINUING EDUCATION EXCEPTIONS

A licensee or registrant shall be exempt from the continuing education requirements for any of the following reasons:

- (1) new licensees or registrants for the calendar year in which they become licensed or registered;
- (2) architects or registered interior designers currently licensed by or registered and in good standing with the Board (whose license or registration is not suspended or revoked) who are serving in the armed forces of the United States and who are eligible for an extension of time to file a tax return pursuant to G.S. 105-249.2 are granted a waiver of their mandatory continuing education requirements for the time period disregarded pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code 26 U.S.C. 7508;
- (3) the Board shall exempt a licensee or registrant if the Board determines that the licensee or registrant is experiencing physical disability, illness, or other extenuating circumstances that prevent the licensee or registrant from continuing education. Supporting documentation must be furnished to the Board.
- (4) licensees who receive emeritus status from the Board. In order to return to active practice, licensees shall complete continuing education requirements for each exempted year not to exceed two years.

21 NCAC 02 .0907 REINSTATEMENT

A former licensee or registrant may only apply for reinstatement pursuant to G.S. 83A-11 if he or she has earned all delinquent contact hours within the 12 months preceding the application. However, if the total number of contact hours required to become current exceeds 24, then 24 shall be the maximum number required.

21 NCAC 02 .0908 CONTINUING EDUCATION RECIPROCITY

The continuing education requirements of North Carolina shall be deemed satisfied by a non-resident licensee or registrant provided:

- (1) the licensee or registrant's resident jurisdiction has a similar continuing education program; and
- (2) the same jurisdiction accepts the North Carolina continuing education requirements as satisfying their requirements.

21 NCAC 02 .0909 DOCUMENTATION AND AUDITS

All renewal applications shall require the completion of a continuing education certification provided by the Board documenting the contact hours claimed for the renewal period. Upon request by the Board, the licensee or registrant shall supply documentation as set forth in Rule .0905 of this Chapter to permit audit verification.

21 NCAC 02 .0910 NON-COMPLIANCE

(a) If any credits are disallowed by the Board, then the licensee or registrant shall have 60 calendar days from the date on the notice to substantiate the original claim or obtain other contact hours to meet the minimum requirements.

(b) A licensee or registrant who fails to complete the continuing education requirement by the end of the previous calendar year shall have his or her license or registration placed on probation and shall complete the outstanding continuing education by December 31st of the current calendar year. If the licensee or registrant fails to complete the outstanding continuing education requirements his or her license shall be suspended for 60 days or until such time as compliance is demonstrated if prior to 60 days. If the licensee or registrant fails to complete the outstanding continuing education within the 60 days suspension period, his or her license or registration shall be revoked.

GOOD TO KNOW....

Questions related to all things CE should be directed to Tyler Barrick, Director of Firm and CE compliance at tyler@ncbarch.org

As a reminder, all licenses expire on June 30th each year. Renewal notices for the 2024-2025 license year were sent on May 15, 2024. As a courtesy, we send reminders throughout the year. However, if you don't keep your contact information current, you may not receive these notices. Email from the Board comes from ncarchridboard@ncbarch.net, be sure you mark that email as safe. Do not reply to that email. Be sure to keep your email address current as that is where the notices are sent. You may check your status at this link:

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Looking forward to 2025.... To renew your license for the 2025-2026 license year in the Spring, you must have 12 hours of HSW CE by December 31, 2024. Notice of renewal for 2025-2026 will be sent on May 15, 2025.

Best Wishes during the holiday season.