

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
CALIFORNIA ARCHITECTS BOARD**

INITIAL STATEMENT OF REASONS

Hearing Date: May 9, 2013

Subject Matter of Proposed Regulations: Intern Development Program (IDP) Guidelines

Section(s) Affected: Title 16, California Code of Regulations (CCR), Sections 109 and 117

Specific Purpose of each adoption, amendment, or repeal:

Section 109 – Filing of Applications

1. Problem being addressed: The National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) has released a new version of the IDP Guidelines, and the regulations need to be updated to reflect this update.
2. Anticipated benefits from this regulatory action: This proposal would update the version of the IDP Guidelines referenced in the regulation to the November 2012 edition and therefore reduce any confusion as to which version of the guidelines candidates must adhere.

Section 117 – Experience Evaluation

1. Problem being addressed: Candidates who have completed an academic internship as part of a degree program and have had that work approved by NCARB for IDP credit may not have it counted as experience equivalents when evaluated and in accordance with the Table of Equivalents in § 117(a).
2. Anticipated benefits from this regulatory action: This proposal would allow the Board to permit academic internship credit approved by the NCARB as part of IDP, and align itself with the current, November 2012, IDP Guidelines.

Factual Basis/Rationale

The Board is mandated to protect the public health, safety, and welfare, and like other regulatory programs under the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA), is authorized to establish eligibility requirements for applicants of a professional license.

The Board's existing regulations currently reference an out-of-date version of the IDP Guidelines. This proposal will update the referenced version to the November 2012 NCARB standard for IDP that licensure candidates must complete.

Currently, § 117(b)(7) states that credit for work experience shall only be granted when not part of a degree program. This proposal will permit candidates in an academic internship to earn experience credit in accordance with the November 2012 NCARB IDP Guidelines and will alleviate any confusion for candidates who have submitted an academic internship for IDP credit.

Underlying Data

The Board relied on the following documents in its proposal:

- IDP Guidelines, November 2012 edition

Business Impact

This regulation will not have a significant adverse economic impact on businesses.

Economic Impact Assessment

This regulatory proposal will have the following effects:

It will not create or eliminate jobs within the State of California because it only affects architect applicants.

- It will not create new business or eliminate existing businesses within the State of California because it only affects architect applicants.
- It will not affect the expansion of businesses currently doing business within the State of California because it only affects architect applicants.
- This regulatory proposal does not affect the health and welfare of California residents because it only affects architect applicants.
- This regulatory proposal does not affect worker safety because it only affects architect applicants.
- This regulatory proposal does not affect the state's environment because it only affects architect applicants.

Specific Technologies or Equipment

This regulation does not mandate the use of specific technologies or equipment.

Consideration of Alternatives

No reasonable alternative to the regulatory proposal would be either more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the action is proposed or would be as effective or less burdensome to affected private persons and equally effective in achieving the purposes of the regulation in a manner that ensures full compliance with the law being implemented or made specific.