

**State of California
Office of Administrative Law**

In re:
California Architects Board

Regulatory Action:
Title 16, California Code of Regulations

Amend section: 109.1

**AMENDED NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF
REGULATORY ACTION**

Government Code Section 11349.3

OAL Matter Number: 2026-0212-07

OAL Matter Type: Regular (S)

This action by the California Architects Board amends regulations regarding retired license holders seeking to return to active status to (1) establish a one-year waiting period prior to applying for reinstatement and (2) require submission of proof of completion of continuing education coursework, as specified, as a condition of reinstatement.

OAL approves this regulatory action pursuant to section 11349.3 of the Government Code. This regulatory action becomes effective on July 1, 2026.

Date: April 1, 2026



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California Architects Board

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A. PUBLICATION OF NOTICE (Complete for publication in Notice Register)

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B. SUBMISSION OF REGULATIONS (Complete when submitting regulations)

1a. SUBJECT OF REGULATION(S) Retired License Reinstatement	1b. ALL PREVIOUS RELATED OAL REGULATORY ACTION NUMBER(S)
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2. SPECIFY CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS TITLE(S) AND SECTION(S) (Including title 26, if toxics related)

SECTION(S) AFFECTED (List all section number(s) individually. Attach additional sheet if needed.)	ADOPT
	AMEND 109.1
	REPEAL
TITLE(S) 16	

3. TYPE OF FILING

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regular Rulemaking (Gov. Code §11346)	<input type="checkbox"/> Certificate of Compliance. The agency officer named below certifies that this agency complied with the provisions of Gov. Code §§11346.2-11347.3 either before the emergency regulation was adopted or within the time period required by statute.	<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Readopt (Gov. Code, §11346.1(h))	<input type="checkbox"/> Changes Without Regulatory Effect (Cal. Code Regs., title 1, §100)
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5. EFFECTIVE DATE OF CHANGES (Gov. Code, §§ 11343.4, 11346.1(d); Cal. Code Regs., title 1, §100)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Effective January 1, April 1, July 1, or October 1 (Gov. Code §11343.4(a))	<input type="checkbox"/> Effective on filing with Secretary of State	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100 Changes Without Regulatory Effect	<input type="checkbox"/> Effective other (Specify)
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6. CHECK IF THESE REGULATIONS REQUIRE NOTICE TO, OR REVIEW, CONSULTATION, APPROVAL OR CONCURRENCE BY, ANOTHER AGENCY OR ENTITY

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>Christine J. Lally, Acting Director, Department of Consumer Affairs</u>		

7. CONTACT PERSON Timothy Rodda	TELEPHONE NUMBER (279) 895-1246	FAX NUMBER (Optional)	E-MAIL ADDRESS (Optional) timothy.rodde@dca.ca.gov
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8. I certify that the attached copy of the regulation(s) is a true and correct copy of the regulation(s) identified on this form, that the information specified on this form is true and correct, and that I am the head of the agency taking this action, or a designee of the head of the agency, and am authorized to make this certification.

SIGNATURE OF AGENCY HEAD OR DESIGNEE <i>Laura Zuniga</i>	DATE 01/08/2026
TYPED NAME AND TITLE OF SIGNATORY Laura Zuniga, Executive Officer, California Architects Board	

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DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
TITLE 16. PROFESSIONAL AND VOCATIONAL REGULATIONS
DIVISION 2. CALIFORNIA ARCHITECTS BOARD

Retired License Reinstatement

Order of Adoption

Amend Section 109.1 of Article 2 of Division 2 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations to read as follows:

§ 109.1. Retired License Application

(a) To be eligible for a retired license, an architect ("applicant") shall meet the requirements in subdivision (a) of Section 5600.4 of the code and submit a completed application to the board as required by subsection (b).

(b)(1) For the purposes of this section, a completed application for a retired license includes the nonrefundable fee specified in Section 144 and all of the following information from the applicant:

- (A) Social security number or individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN),
- (B) California architect license number,
- (C) Full legal name (Last Name, First Name, Middle Name, and (if any) Suffix),
- (D) Month and year of birth,
- (E) Contact information including, the applicant's address of record, phone numbers, and an email address (if any),
- (F) Legal name as the applicant wants it to appear on their retired architect license wall certificate,
- (G) A statement regarding whether the applicant is engaged in any activity for which an architect's license is required; and,
- (H) A statement signed under penalty of perjury that the information provided on the application is true and correct.

(2) Upon meeting the requirements of this section, the board shall issue a retired license and a wall certificate as evidence of such license status to the applicant.

(c)(1) The holder of a retired license ("holder") may restore their architect license to active status ~~at any time~~ after one year of issuance of the retired license and within five years from the expiration date of their original architect license by:

- (A) Paying all accrued and unpaid renewal fees and if appropriate, any delinquency fee specified in Section 144; and,
- (B) Completing and submitting the architect license renewal application to the board, which includes the following information from the holder:
 - (i) Full legal name (Last Name, First Name, Middle Name, and (if any) Suffix),
 - (ii) Contact information including address of record, phone numbers and email (if any),
 - (iii) Original architect license number,
 - (iv) The statements required by subdivision (c) of Section 5600 of the code; and,
 - (v) ~~A statement regarding whether the holder has completed continuing education (CE) coursework requirements provided in Section 5600.05 of the code within the previous two years; and,~~
 - (vi) A statement signed under penalty of perjury that the information provided on the application is true and correct.
- (C) Submitting proof of completion of continuing education coursework requirements as required in Section 5600.05 of the code and further clarified in subsections (b)(1)-(3) of Sections 165 and 166 within the preceding two years by mail, email or fax to the addresses or fax numbers listed on the Board's website.
- (2) The holder of a retired license ineligible to restore their license under subsection (c)(1) because more than five years have passed since the expiration date of their original architect license may seek to restore their original architect license to active status by:
 - (A) Submitting all of the information and documentation to the board required by Section 109 and complying with Section 124.7. The holder of a retired license shall be considered a new candidate as defined in Section 109(a)(1) for the purposes of compliance with Section 109, except for the education requirements of that section,
 - (B) Paying all the application fees for examination and for an original license specified in Section 144; and,
 - (C) Furnishing to the Department of Justice a full set of fingerprints for the purposes of the board conducting criminal history record checks pursuant to Section 144 of the Code.
- (d) For the purposes of determining when a holder of a retired license may restore a license, "expiration date" shall mean the date an active license lapses or is no longer

effective, or the date the board issued a retired status license to an architect holding a current and active license.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 5526 and 5600.4, Business and Professions Code.
Reference: Sections 23.8, 30, 144, 5600.2, 5600.3 and 5600.4, Business and Professions Code.