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New Website

IDFPR launched a refreshed website on April 1, 2023. The website has been streamlined to improve the user experience, updated to be more accessible on mobile and tablet devices, and optimized for search engines. Drop-down menus at the top of each page serve to guide users to several areas of the website. The new layout and design is more accessible on mobile and tablet devices, making it easier for you to find the information you need. Also, there are now a number of direct link options available on the Division of Professional Regulation section of the Department website.

Our URL is still the same: <https://idfpr.illinois.gov/>



As with most site changes, there are bound to be a few “dead links” that need to be redirected, so if you come across one while you are accessing the site, please let us know so we can correct it.

With Respect,

Kyle Lazell

Design Licensing Manager

Architecture Board

NCARB Rolling Clock Retirement.

The National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (“NCARB”) released a statement on February 23, 2023, announcing that they will be retiring the Architect Registration Examination (ARE®) five-year rolling clock policy and implementing a new score validity policy, effective **May 1, 2023**.

NCARB states that under the new policy, passed ARE divisions from both the current and prior versions of the exam will be valid. This national policy change will reinstate the validity of all passed ARE 4.0 divisions, taken between 2008 and 2018.

The Division has been in contact with NCARB regarding this change, how NCARB will support Illinois and how IDFPR will move forward for examinees and applicants under the Illinois Jurisdiction.

The Illinois Architecture Practice Act specifically states that the exams must be passed within a five-year period to be accepted. Unfortunately, until that has been removed, we will not be in line with NCARBs policy change and applicants under the Illinois jurisdiction must still complete all portions within the five years.

The Division will be looking to effect a legislative change at our earliest convenience to amend the statute to reflect this change.

If you believe you will be negatively impacted by this change, our best recommendation at this time is to change your testing jurisdiction to one that does not have a statutory impediment so your exams will not expire, and you can ultimately be licensed in that jurisdiction. Once we can change the statutory language, you would be able to apply to Illinois for licensure via Endorsement.

Should you have questions regarding this notice, please contact the Division at FPR.DesignUnit@Illinois.gov

NCARB Regional Meeting.

Members of the Illinois Architecture Licensing Board attended the 2023 NCARB Regional Meeting on March 3-4, 2023 in Honolulu, HI.

During this meeting, the members conducted regional business, heard NCARB updates including proposed resolutions for the 2023 Annual Business Meeting, and collaborated on best practices in developing strong, responsive, and agile licensing boards.

Pictured left to right are:

Michelle Gillette-Murphy, Board Vice-Chair

Kimberly Kurtenbach, Board member

Norman Lach, Board member, Educator



Quick Links

To better serve applicants and licensees, several important functions may be found on the Department website. A list of these services are below for your convenience to ensure a quick and accurate interaction with the Department.

Apply for a license: <https://idfpr.illinois.gov/newapplications.html>

License Look-up: <https://online-dfpr.micropact.com/lookup/licenselookup.aspx>

Download a license: <https://idfpr.illinois.gov/fpr-applications/getmylicense/loginprof.html>

Request a license and/or exam certification/verification:

<https://idfpr.illinois.gov/content/dam/soi/en/web/idfpr/forms/dpr/cert-req-design-2022.pdf>

Update your contact information: <https://online-dfpr.micropact.com/>

Review the Code Enforcement Manual:

<https://idfpr.illinois.gov/content/dam/soi/en/web/idfpr/forms/dpr/design-code-manual.pdf>

Registration for a Professional Design Firm:

<https://idfpr.illinois.gov/content/dam/soi/en/web/idfpr/renewals/apply/forms/f1419lt.pdf>

Add or remove services from your firm:

<https://idfpr.illinois.gov/content/dam/soi/en/web/idfpr/renewals/apply/forms/f2309.pdf>

File a complaint: <https://idfpr.illinois.gov/admin/complaints.html>

Monthly Enforcement Actions Taken

Information regarding disciplinary actions taken by IDFPR against unlicensed individuals and licensed professionals and businesses are public record and available on our website. Many of these actions are the final outcome of what began as a complaint submitted to the Department.

Recent Enforcement actions are available below.

December 2022

Dennis Shaw, 061018436 - enrolled professional engineer intern certificate, suspended for failure to file and/or pay Illinois state income taxes.

Professional Design Firm Renewal

A reminder, the Professional Design Firm registration renewal deadline is April 30, 2023. The email address of record for all ACTIVE design firms was sent a courtesy renewal reminder on or around February 1, 2023.

You may contact the Division at 1-800-560-6420 or log into your online account to verify the firm contact information.

The online portal is here: <https://online-dfpr.micropact.com/>

NCEES PE Metallurgical & Materials Eng. Survey

NCEES is requesting that all Metallurgical Engineers to complete this PAKS survey for the PE Metallurgical and Materials exam.

[https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NCEES PE Metallurgical and Materials Engineering Survey 2022](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NCEES_PE_Metallurgical_and_Materials_Engineering_Survey_2022)

Upcoming Board Meetings

Members of the public are invited to attend the open session of Board Meetings to gain a better understanding of the current topics and issues prevalent in the respective professions as well as how the Board is working to ensure the health, safety and welfare of the public are being protected.

Note: As unforeseen issues may occur, always check the Department website to ensure that the Board is meeting and at what location.

May

Architect Board, 5/5/2023

Structural Engineering Board, 5/10/2023

Professional Engineering Board, 5/9/2023

Professional Land Surveyor Board, 5/8/2023

July

Architect Board, 7/21/2023

Structural Engineering Board, 7/26/2023

Professional Engineering Board, 7/27/2023

Professional Land Surveyor Board, 7/28/2023



CE/PDH CREDIT

State of Illinois

Continuing Education / Professional Development Credit

Reading this newsletter is worth credit toward your Illinois Design Profession license renewal requirement of Illinois state statutes and rules. This shall serve notice and certify that the person named below has earned .25 CE for Architects and Structural Engineers and .25 PDH for Professional Engineers and Professional Land Surveyors.

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