Dear Candidate,

NCARB is excited to announce that Architect Registration Examination$^{®}$ (ARE$^{®}$) **candidates will be able to schedule remote-proctored appointments in mid-November 2020**. Remote (or online) proctoring enables candidates to take the ARE in a private location that meets specific requirements.

Whether you plan on testing in-person or online, here are several updates all candidates should be aware of. **You can read the full remote proctoring launch announcement online**.

Scheduling Appointments

Changes that will make remote proctoring possible are expected to launch November 16, at which point you will be able to schedule remote appointments through My NCARB. Exam fees will remain the same, whether you test in-person or via remote proctoring. To ensure the ARE's security and validity, exam appointments will be closely monitored by a live "remote proctor," who will ensure compliance with testing conditions. In addition to a private location, you will also need a computer with a live video and audio feed; Prometric's secure testing application; and high-speed internet. This fall, we'll provide step-by-step instructions on how to schedule a remote exam, plus the minimum technical and environmental requirements.

ARE Content, Format, and Resources

Once remote proctoring is available, you'll have the flexibility to choose between in-person or remote testing for each exam appointment you schedule. Regardless of delivery mode, **all ARE candidates will experience the same format**.

It is important to note that **the ARE's content areas and division structure will not change**. You can continue to use your existing study materials and resources. However, **several elements of the exam's delivery will be updated** to enhance ARE security, make the ARE more efficient, and support remote delivery—including navigation, breaks, the number of questions per division, and overall testing time per division. NCARB will provide detailed information regarding any policy changes in late-September.

We're also planning to **release updated resources in October**, including a new demo exam and updated *ARE 5.0 Handbook*. Be on the lookout for an announcement about the exam's updated format in the weeks ahead.

NCARB's New Vendor

As we look to the future of licensure and the continued evolution of our programs, NCARB will switch to a new test administration vendor, PSI, in summer 2021. PSI offers both in-person and remote proctored exam appointments. More information around the migration to PSI will be available early next year.

Our team is here to support you. If you have any questions about remote proctoring, please contact us online or through the ARE 5.0 Community.

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