

Submission Information | Application to Register or Reinstate a Sole Proprietorship or Partnership

Before completing this form, read through all submission instructions and review the requirements, found in [Schedule O: Board Rules for Architectural Firm Names](#) and [Schedule M: Board Rules for Professional Liability Insurance \(PLI\)](#) of the AIBC Bylaws. Retain copies of the application documents for your own records, and note that incomplete applications will be destroyed after three months of inactivity.

1. Send proposed firm name(s) to registration@aibc.ca for approval. Refer to [Schedule O: Board Rules for Firm Names](#) for requirements. We recommend providing at least two alternate names if your preferred name cannot be approved.
For Firms registering with BC Registry: Skip step 2 and complete steps 3 – 7.
For Firms not registering with BC Registry: Proceed to step 2 and disregard steps 3 – 7.
2. For completion of the application, submit the following items to registration@aibc.ca:
 - Completed Application for New Firm Registrant or Reinstatement Form (below)
 - Certificate of Professional Liability Insurance. (Refer to [Schedule M: Board Rules for PLI](#) for requirements. Note PLI is not required for inactive firms).
3. After AIBC approves the firm name, [submit the name request to BC Registry](#).
4. Once the name has been reserved successfully, submit the following items to registration@aibc.ca:
 - Completed Application for New Firm Registrant or Reinstatement Form (below)
 - Results of Name Request document from BC Registry
5. AIBC will review for compliance before releasing consent letter to the BC Registry for usage of the firm name.
6. After the consent letter has been released, proceed in completing the registration process with BC Registry.
7. For completion of the application, submit the following items to registration@aibc.ca:
 - Copy of Evidence of Registration (for Sole Proprietorships) or Copy of Register of Partnership (for Partnerships).
 - Certificate of Professional Liability Insurance (Refer to [Schedule M: Board Rules for PLI](#) for requirements. Note that PLI is not required for inactive firms).

Once your application is approved, you will receive a notice and invoice with payment instructions. For applicable fees, refer to [Schedule B: Fees](#). **We encourage you to pay online.**

Payments must be remitted in Canadian funds and can be made by Visa, MasterCard, American Express, PayPal, cash, debit card, e-transfer, wire transfer, money order, or cheque (drawn on a Canadian bank). Please consider additional processing time if payments are submitted by cheque.

Processing times vary based on the date the complete application package is received by email. It may take **up to five weeks**. If you have additional conditions to your reinstatement, the timeline may be longer. Applications are reviewed once a month by the Credentials Committee; the schedule for submission deadlines and estimated approval dates can be found on the [AIBC website](#).

Firm Representative(s) – Architects AIBC

Identify at least one Architect AIBC employed by or contracted to the Applicant Firm who will act as the Firm Representative and can fulfill the following requirements:

- respond promptly and completely, or delegate such response, to any communication from the AIBC directed to the Firm Representative or the Firm Registrant (AIBC Bylaw 4.32).
- provide accurate, timely, and truthful information to the AIBC in relation to the Firm Registrant (AIBC Bylaw 4.33)

I understand that I am not responsible for a Discipline Violation by a Firm Registrant merely by virtue of Firm Representative status.

Name: _____ Position: _____ Email: _____

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Firm Administrator (for billing purposes only)

The Firm Administrator may be a non-registrant authorized to also receive communication related to annual renewal invoices.

Name: _____ Email: _____

2. STATUS

- Active – applying for a Certificate of Practice (CoP)
- Inactive Architectural Firm – no CoP issued (must not practise architecture)

3. TYPE OF FIRM

Sole Proprietorship

Partnership

General Partnership consisting of:

- Architects AIBC
- Firm Registrants (A Firm Registrant can be a CoP holder or an Inactive Firm which does not hold a CoP)
- Architect(s) AIBC and Firm Registrant(s)

Limited Partnership

General Partner(s) consisting of:

- Architect(s) AIBC
- Architectural Firm(s) (CoP holders)

Architect(s) AIBC and Architectural Firm(s)

Non-Registrant(s)

(At least one must be an Architect AIBC or Architectural Firm)

Limited Liability Partnership

General Partners consisting of:

Architects AIBC

Architectural Corporations

Architect(s) AIBC and Architectural Corporation(s)

Architect(s) AIBC and Corporation(s) that do not hold a CoP (Firm Registrants)

4. FIRM OWNERSHIP STRUCTURE

List all **owners** who are Architects AIBC, Registrant Firms, or non-registrants. Only Architects AIBC can be owners of a sole proprietorship. A Registrant Firm may not serve as the owner of a sole proprietorship, even if solely owned by an Architect AIBC.

Name	Architect AIBC	Non AIBC Registrant (firm or individual)	AIBC Firm Registrant

(If this form has insufficient space, provide supplementary sheet in the same format.)

Total number of owners: _____

5. All Other AIBC Registrants Not Listed Above

The information on staff size is used to calculate the annual renewal fee.

List all Architects AIBC, Intern Architects AIBC, Retired Architects AIBC, and Architectural Technologists AIBC who are employed or under contract full-time by the firm. **Exclude those listed already in section 4.** List Architects AIBC first.

Name	Architect AIBC	Retired Architect AIBC	Intern Architect AIBC	Architectural Technologist AIBC

(If this form has insufficient space, provide supplementary sheet in the same format.)

All Other AIBC Registrants Listed Above: _____

6. FIRM SIZE FOR ANNUAL FEE CALCULATION

Total AIBC Registrants listed in section 1 _____

Total number of owners in section 4 _____

All Other AIBC Registrants Not Listed above in section 5 _____

Other staff unaffiliated with the AIBC and not listed above including administrative staff _____

Total in all categories _____

7. REGISTRATION HISTORY

Yes No

- Is this the firm's initial registration with a regulatory body?

If no, list other jurisdictions where it is registered: _____

If yes, skip the remaining questions in section 7 and proceed to section 8.

If you select yes to any of the following, provide name(s), dates, and details of the situation including the results of appeals, if applicable, on a supplementary sheet.

Yes No

- Has the firm's registration been suspended or revoked in any jurisdiction?
- Have you surrendered or allowed the firm's registration to lapse in any jurisdiction due to an action pending or concluded?
- Has the firm or predecessor firm been disciplined, including by any consent process, by any licensing authority?

8. DECLARATION

I am an Architect AIBC who is the sole proprietor or a general partner to this Applicant Firm and have been designated by the other partners (for partnerships) to complete this application to register a new Firm with the AIBC. The information in this application form has been provided in full knowledge of the other partners (if applicable).

- By checking this box and entering my name below, I agree that my electronic signature is the legally binding equivalent, and has the same meaning, as my handwritten signature. I will not, at any time in the future, repudiate the meaning of my electronic signature or claim that my electronic signature is not legally binding.

Enter Name of Designated Architect AIBC Owner (type full name)

Date

COLLECTION NOTICE

The information on this form is collected under the authority of AIBC Bylaws under the Professional Governance Act, S.B.C. 2018, c. 47. The information will be used to process your application and update the AIBC's records on the status of its applicants and Registrants. If you have questions about the collection and use of this information, please contact the AIBC's Registration & Licensing department by phone at 604.683.8588 or by email at registration@aibc.ca. As a public body under the provisions of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, the AIBC provides security and confidentiality of your personal information.