



ARCHITECTURAL INSTITUTE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

# Schedule 8: Mutual Recognition Agreements for Registration

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## 1.0 Background and Authority

- 1.1 These registration requirements are authorized under section XXX of the AIBC Bylaws. They set out the eligibility and registration requirements for registration as an Architect AIBC through mutual recognition agreements.
- 1.2 The AIBC is signatory to various Mutual Recognition Agreements (MRA), providing the framework for reciprocal registration and professional mobility among signatory jurisdictions. Each MRA has its specific eligibility requirements, and reflected in section 2, under registration requirements. An amended MRA is effective and binding on the AIBC only upon its approval by AIBC Council.

## 2.0 Registration Requirements

### [Canadian Reciprocity](#)

- 2.1 Architects registered in one Canadian jurisdiction, as confirmed by the respective Canadian regulatory authority, are eligible apply to register in other Canadian jurisdictions.

### [United States/Canadian Reciprocity](#)

- 2.2 Architects from US states signatory to this agreement are eligible to apply if they meet the following requirements:
  - 2.2.1 Citizens or permanent residency in the United States or Canada;
  - 2.2.2 Licensed/registered in a US jurisdiction and must have completed at least 2,000 hours of post-licensure/registration experience practising as an architect in the US; and

- 2.2.3 Architects who have been licensed by means of a Broadly Experienced Foreign Architect programs or other foreign reciprocal licensing agreement are not eligible under this agreement.
- 2.3 Architects from US signatory states who meet the eligibility requirements, must also satisfy the following conditions:
  - 2.3.1 Currently licensed/registered in good standing by one or more National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) Member Board(s) that is a current signatory to this Agreement. NCARB Member Boards represent the architectural licensing boards of US states;
  - 2.3.2 Holds a current NCARB Certificate; and
  - 2.3.3 The principal place of practice, which is the address at which the architect is predominantly offering architectural services, is in a jurisdiction that is a current signatory to this Agreement. The architect may identify only one principal place of practice.

#### [Tri-National Mutual Recognition Agreement](#)

- 2.4 Architects from signatory US states and Mexico are eligible to apply if they meet the following requirements:
  - 2.4.1 Citizenship or permanent residency status in the United States or Mexico;
  - 2.4.2 Completion of a professional degree in architecture from a program accredited by the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB), the Canadian Architectural Certification Board (CACB/CCCA), Acreditadora Nacional de Programas de Arquitectura y Disciplinas del Espacio Habitable (ANPADEH), or recognized equivalent; and
  - 2.4.3 A minimum of 10 years of post-licensure/registration experience in their home jurisdiction.
- 2.5 Architects from signatory US states and Mexico who meet the eligibility requirements, must also satisfy the following conditions:
  - 2.5.1 Good standing status in their home jurisdiction as verified by the local regulatory authority;

- 2.5.2 Architects in the US must have an active and current NCARB Certificate. Mexican architects must first qualify for and complete the Consejo Nacional de Registro de la Certificación Profesional (CONARC) certification process;
- 2.5.3 Knowledge of the codes, laws, and other matters applicable to the practice of architecture in Canada;
- 2.5.4 Submission of a dossier of work to satisfy the specific competencies outlined in the agreement related to “responsible control and comprehensive practice”; and
- 2.5.5 Completion of an interview before a review panel in Canada conducted in one of its official languages.

#### [Australia, New Zealand, and Canada \(APEC\)](#)

- 2.6 Architects from Australia and New Zealand are eligible to apply if they meet the following requirements:
  - 2.6.1 Have at least seven years of professional experience as a licensed/registered architect.
  - 2.6.2 APEC Architect certificate from either Australia or New Zealand, or a letter from the respective registration authority verifying APEC Architect status.
- 2.7 Architects who meet the above eligibility requirements, must also successfully complete a domain-specific assessment.

### **3.0 Application**

- 3.1 Applicants must submit the required AIBC Application Form and fees.