

Licensures in Ontario

Prior to registration with any of the provincial associations of architects in Canada, applicants must have their academic qualifications certified by the CACB (The Canadian Architectural Certification Board). Following certification of their academic qualifications, applicants are then required to complete the licensing requirements (including internship and exams) for the province in which they wish to register.

To have your professional architectural degree from another country certified, enabling you to practice as an Architect in Canada, you must follow the following steps:

Note: In Ontario; only individuals licensed by the OAA (Ontario Architects Association) may legally use the title "Architect".

Step 1:

You must contact; The Canadian Architectural Certification Board.

<http://www.cacb-cca.ca/>

The Canadian Architectural Certification Board certifies educational qualifications of graduates from professional University programs in architecture. The certification is a mandatory first step after graduation towards licensure and registration. Follow the link below

http://www.cacb-cca.ca/index.cfm?M=1358&Repertoire_No=660386109&Voir=menu

The CACB will review your transcript to determine the courses required to meet their accreditation requirements. Once notified, forward the course description from the University Calendar to the CACB contact.

Step 2:

You must register the course from one of Ontario universities such as University of Toronto, University of Waterloo, or Ryerson University

Note: The course name is varied by Universities, for instance at The School of Architecture at the University of Waterloo, the course is named: Professional Practice (ARCH 655). Follow the link below:

<http://www.architecture.uwaterloo.ca/prospectivestudents/graduateadmi.htm>
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There is a brief description of the course outlines:

Discussions of the legal and ethical aspects of architectural practice in Canada and in Ontario; in particular, contracts, bonds and insurance, construction lien, by-laws and regulations, architectural

partnership. The legal background, client-architect relations, partial services, professional problems.

The course is an introduction to the financial aspects of the development and construction industries.

The economics of property development and the process of cost estimation and control will be treated from a practical perspective.

The CACB will forward a letter or email verifying the acceptance of the course noted. This letter or email must be included with your application.

Note: The required course must be completed within 18 months after the documents submission to CACB. Check the course availability and your work timetable prior to submission of documents, otherwise you should redo whole process and pay new administration fee.

Step 3:

After completing the mentioned course, and upon your request, the university will send a sealed transcript to the OAA. Coincidentally, as an intern Architect you must apply for OAA membership.

<http://www.oaa.on.ca/>

Step 4:

Mentoring and work experience. Follow the link below:

<http://www.oaa.on.ca/client/oaa/OAAHome.nsf/web/Intern+Architect!OpenDocument>

Within this area you see the following information :

Intern Architect Information and Application ... this outlines the licensing requirements.

Intern Architect Program Manual ... this describes the program and includes the acceptable employment situations.

Intern Architect Program Manual – APPENDIX B: Specific Provincial Association Requirements.

Experience Summary Forms – electronic version ... this is the mechanism for recording experience both International and Canadian.

Step 5:

You must participate at Admission Course offered by OAA. Follow the link below:

<http://www.oaa.on.ca/client/oaa/OAAHome.nsf/web/Intern+Architect+Program?OpenDocument>

Note: The OAA is offering this three days course only once a year.

Step 6:

You must complete the registration exams. There are two different tracks for those exams. You may choose one of the two available options:

Architect Registration Examination (ARE). The ARE has been adopted by all 54 U.S. Member Boards and the Canadian provincial and territorial architectural associations. Follow the link below:

<http://www.ncarb.org/ARE.aspx>

_ The Examination for Architects in Canada (ExAC). The ExAC which, to date, all of the Canadian Licensing Authorities have adopted, with the exception of the Architectural Institute of British Columbia, was developed to test the minimum standards of competency acquired by an Intern during the Internship period, to ensure both public safety and the professional and skilled delivery of architectural services. Follow the link below:

<http://www.cexac.ca/en/exac.php>

Regarding to your choice, registration process for ARE or ExACT exams will be done by OAA administration.