

The background of the slide is an abstract, high-contrast image of overlapping wooden planks or boards. The planks are arranged in a way that creates a sense of depth and perspective, with some planks appearing to be stacked on top of others, creating a complex, geometric pattern of light and shadow. The colors are primarily shades of brown and tan, with some darker areas where the shadows are deep.

# The Path to Licensure: The AXP and ARE process

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# Why do architects need a license?

Architects have a significant responsibility to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the people who live/work in the buildings.

# Why become a licensed architect?

- Call yourself an “Architect”
- Make your years of education count
- Run your own firm
- Be part of the licensed architects in the US and help to make the profession reflect the community we live in and promote diversity!





NEARLY  
**2 IN 5**  
new architects  
are women

**50%** of new AXP  
participants  
are women

women complete licensure requirements

**1.2 YEARS**  
sooner than men



LESS THAN  
**1 IN 5**  
new architects  
identify as a racial  
or ethnic minority



**46%**  
of new AXP participants  
identify as a racial or  
ethnic minority

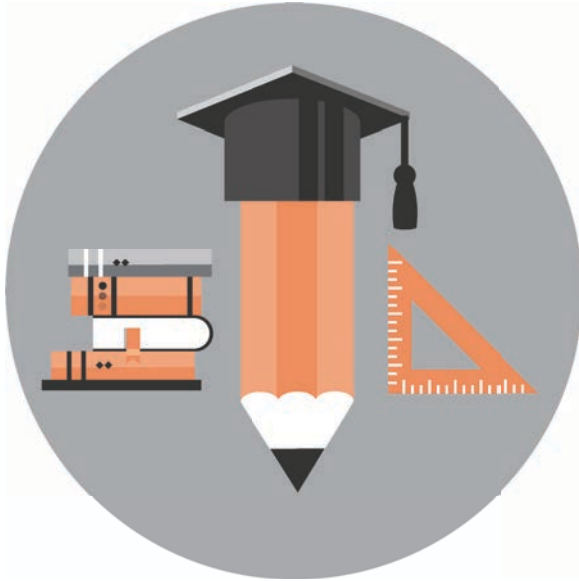


**35%**  
of new ARE participants  
identify as a racial or  
ethnic minority

A map of the United States, including Alaska and Hawaii, is shown in a light gray color. A horizontal orange banner is positioned across the center of the map, containing the text "National Council of Architectural Registration Boards" in white. The banner is slightly wider than the map, extending to the left and right edges of the image.

# National Council of Architectural Registration Boards

# Want to Be an Architect?



Education



Experience



Examination

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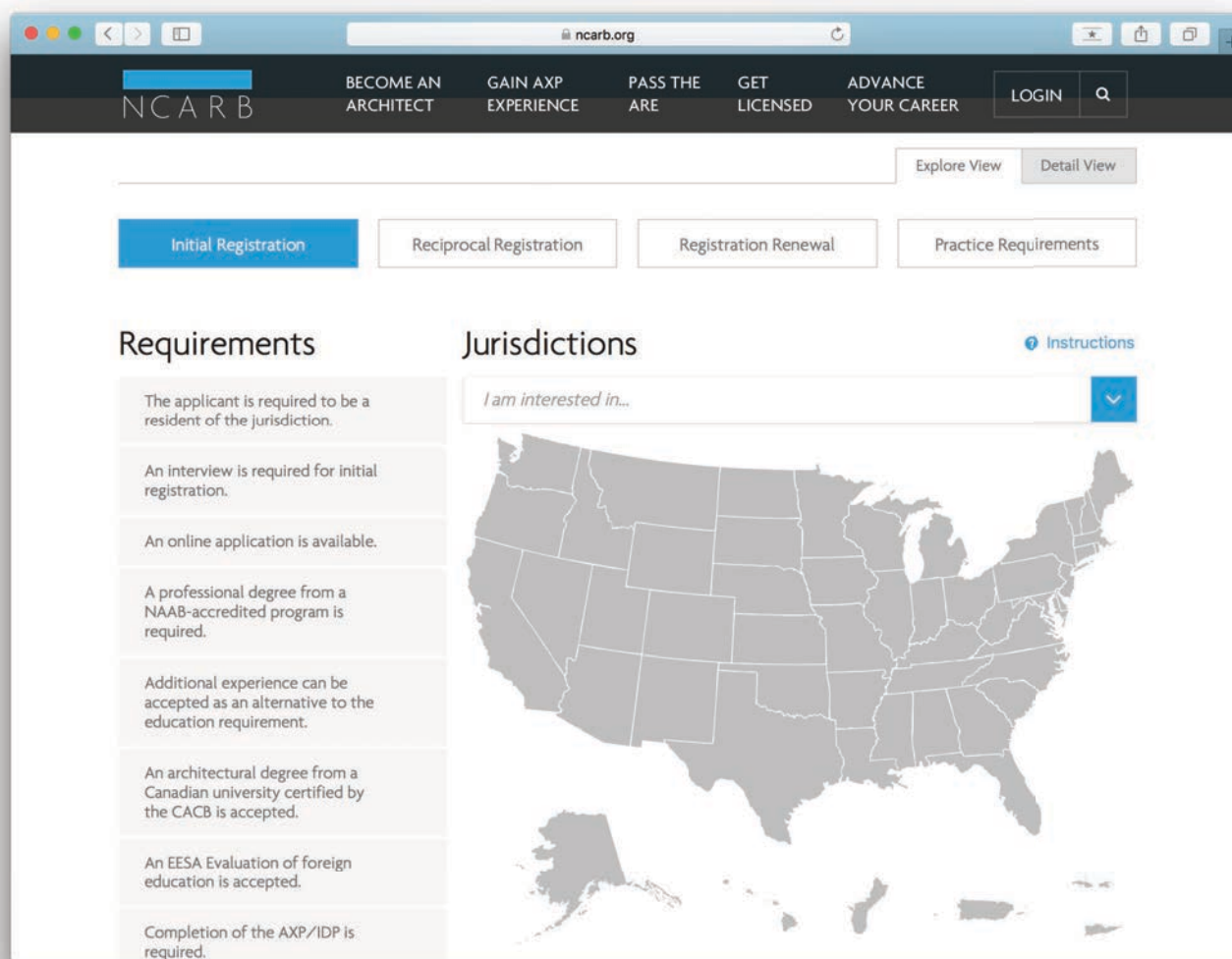


Experience



Examination

# Earning Your License



What does it take to get a license in your jurisdiction?

[ncarb.org/registrationboards](https://ncarb.org/registrationboards)

# Education



ARCHITECT  
LICENSING  
ADVISORS  
COMMUNITY

NCARB  
Requirements

BECOME AN ARCHITECT

GAIN AXP EXPERIENCE

PASS THE ARE

GET LICENSED

ADVANCE YOUR CAREER

LOGIN

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Instructions

Jurisdictions

The applicant is required to be a resident of the jurisdiction.

An interview is required for initial registration.

An online application is available. 

A professional degree from a NAAB-accredited program is required.

Additional experience can be accepted as an alternative to the education requirement. 

An architectural degree from a Canadian university certified by the CACB is accepted.

An EESA Evaluation of foreign education is accepted.

Completion of the AXP/IDP is required.

Additional experience hours beyond the AXP/IDP is required.

Completion of the AXP Portfolio is accepted.

Completion of the ARE is required.

Early eligibility is available for the ARE. 

I am interested in California







# Architectural Experience Program<sup>®</sup>

The background of the image consists of numerous light-colored wooden planks or boards stacked in a haphazard, overlapping manner. The planks are oriented in various directions, creating a complex, textured surface. The lighting is even, highlighting the natural grain and edges of the wood.

eligibility date:

# HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

(in California..if you're in another state,  
check nearb for reqts)

## EDUCATION

**5.6**  
YEARS



**4,972**  
number of candidates  
who completed the  
AXP and ARE in 2018



**32.7**  
average age at ARE  
and AXP completion



**4.6**  
YEARS

AXP



ARE

**2.2**  
YEARS

**12.8**  
YEARS

average time to  
complete core  
requirements  
for licensure





# Gaining Experience



## SIX EXPERIENCE AREAS

Practice Management

Project Management

Programming & Analysis

Project Planning & Design

Project Development  
& Documentation

Construction & Evaluation

## Experience Setting “A”

Practice of Architecture

**1,860 hours Minimum**

## Experience Setting “O”

Other Experience Opportunities

**1,860 hours maximum**

# Experience Setting "A"



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## A Practice of Architecture MINIMUM 1,860 HOURS

*To earn experience in employment opportunities, you must be paid.*

direct supervision by a supervisor licensed as an architect  
in a U.S. or Canadian jurisdiction in an organization  
engaged in the lawful practice of architecture

# Experience Setting "O"



OPPORTUNITY	WHETHER OR NOT EMPLOYED?	WHO APPROVES	WHERE THE HOURS GO	HOURS
<a href="#"><u>Other Work Experience Under Licensed Professionals</u></a>	See employment requirements	AXP Supervisor	Any AXP experience area	<b>Up to 1,860 hours</b>
<a href="#"><u>Design or Construction Related Employment</u></a>	See employment requirements	AXP Supervisor	Any AXP experience area	<b>Up to 320 hours</b>
<a href="#"><u>Community-Based Design Center/Collaborative</u></a>	Yes	"Designated" AXP Supervisor	Any AXP experience area	<b>Up to 320 hours</b>
<a href="#"><u>CSI Certification: CCCA</u></a>	Yes	NCARB	Construction & Evaluation	<b>40 hours</b>
<a href="#"><u>CSI Certification: CCS</u></a>	Yes	NCARB	Project Planning & Design	<b>40 hours</b>
<a href="#"><u>Design Competitions</u></a>	Yes	Mentor	Any AXP experience area	<b>Up to 320 hours</b>
<a href="#"><u>NCARB's Professional Conduct Monograph</u></a>	Yes	NCARB	Practice Management	<b>Up to 10 hours</b>
<a href="#"><u>Site Visit With Mentor</u></a>	Yes	Mentor	Construction & Evaluation	<b>Up to 40 hours</b>
<a href="#"><u>Construction Work</u></a>	Yes	AXP Supervisor	Construction & Evaluation	<b>Up to 320 hours</b>
<a href="#"><u>AIA Continuing Education for HSW</u></a>	Yes	NCARB	Any AXP experience area	<b>Up to 20 hours per area</b>



# Experience Areas

## Practice Management

16 Tasks  
160 Hours

## Project Management

32 Tasks  
360 Hours

## Programming & Analysis

18 Tasks  
260 Hours

## Project Planning & Design

17 Tasks  
1,080 Hours

## Project Development & Documentation

7 Tasks  
1,520 Hours

## Construction & Evaluation

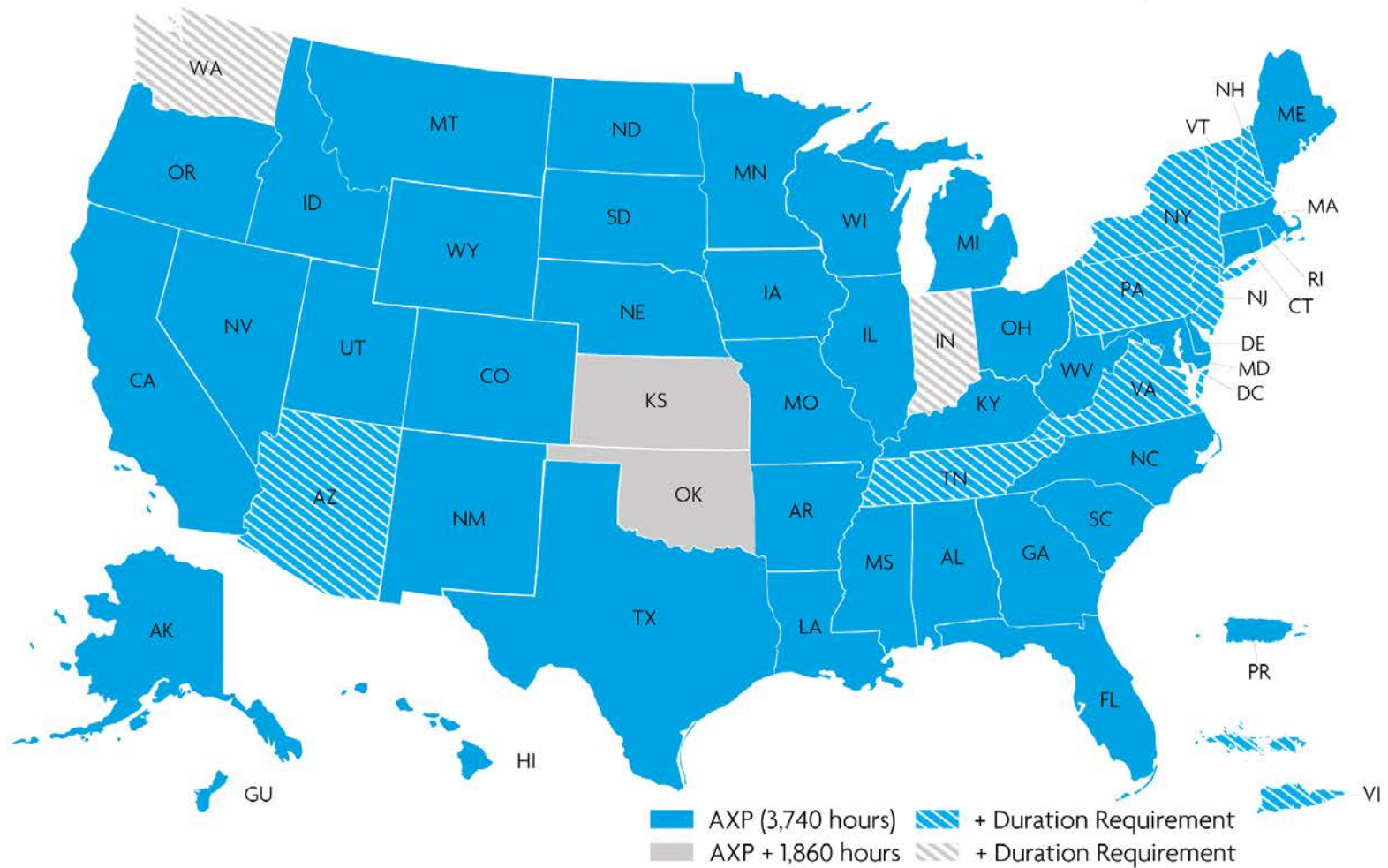
6 Tasks  
360 Hours

**3,740** Total Hours

# Jurisdiction Requirements



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# Reporting Requirements

Experience gained  
within the past  
**8 months**

**100%**  
credit

Experience gained  
more than  
8 months ago  
**up to 5 years**

**50%**  
credit



# Supervisors and Mentors



Setting A: who signs hours

- **AXP Supervisor**

Setting O: who signs hours

- **Supervisor or Mentor**

# AXP Guidelines



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## Start the AXP

Home › Gain AXP Experience › Start the AXP

Start the AXP

Establishing Your  
NCARB Record

Experience  
Requirements

Record AXP  
Experience

Supervisors &  
Mentors

The AXP® is designed to help you gain comprehensive experience in areas of architectural practice related to health, safety, and welfare. You can start earning AXP experience after you graduate from high school or the established equivalent.

### Getting Started

The AXP identifies 96 key tasks you should be able to competently perform at the point of licensure. The tasks are spread across [six practice-based areas](#) that align with current architectural practice. To complete the program and demonstrate your skills in the required areas, you'll need to document a

### Resources



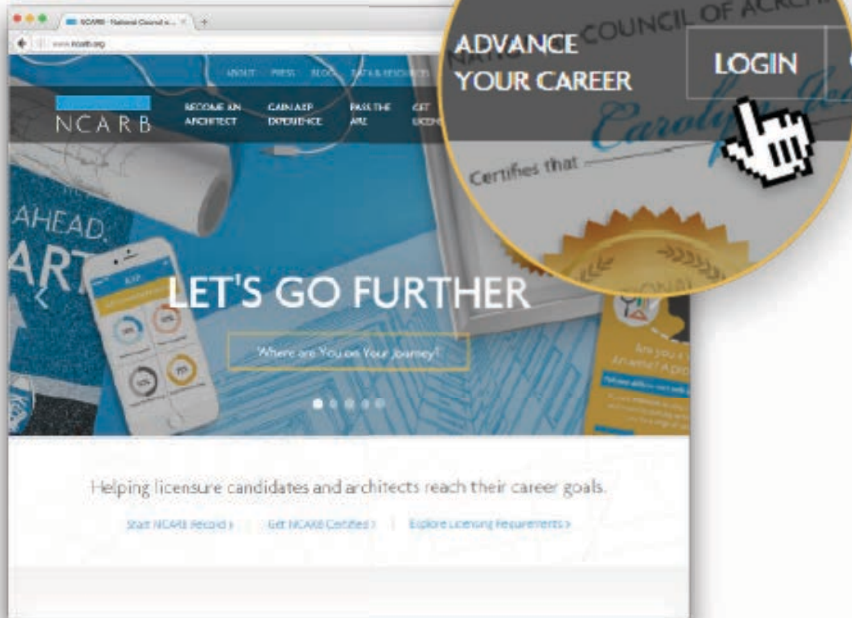
AXP Guidelines  
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Start Your NCARB  
Record

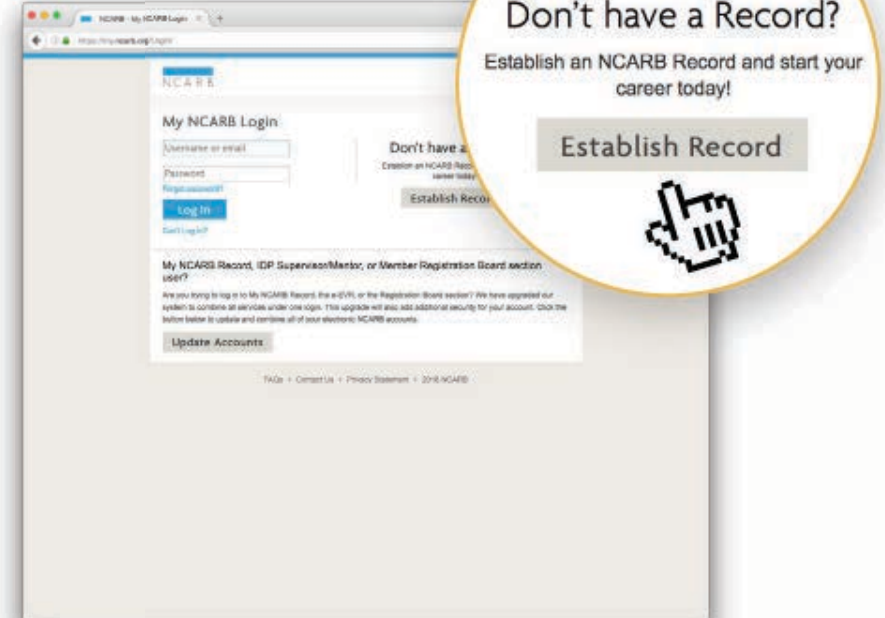
# Start Your Record



## Step One



## Step Two



**\$100** NCARB Record Application Fee  
**\$85** Annual Renewal Fee

# Reporting Hours



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Report AXP™ hours  
anywhere with the  
mobile app.

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**App Store**

 GET IT ON  
**Google Play**





# Architect Registration Examination<sup>®</sup>

# ARE 5.0 Divisions



## **Practice Management**

80 Items  
3 Hours 30 Mins

## **Project Management**

95 Items  
4 Hours

## **Programming & Analysis**

95 Items  
4 Hours

## **Project Planning & Design**

120 Items  
5 Hours

## **Project Development & Documentation**

120 Items  
5 Hours

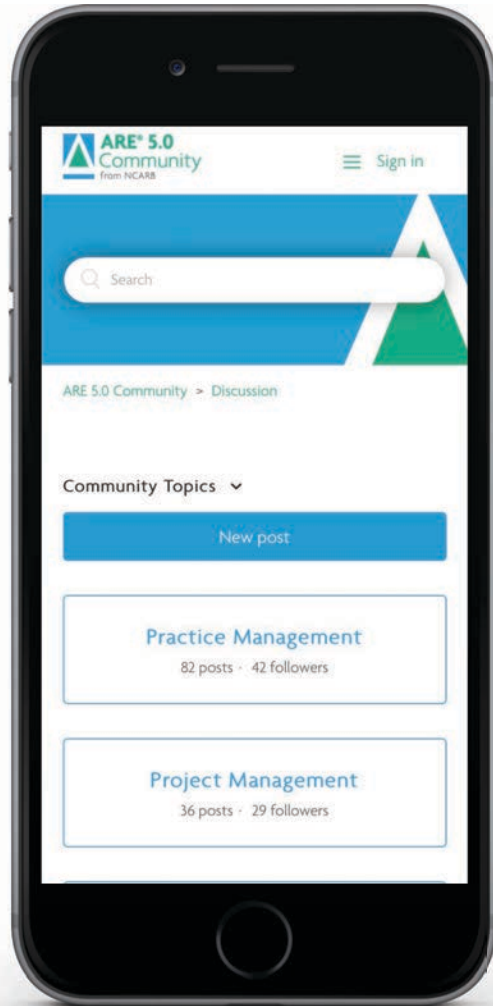
## **Construction & Evaluation**

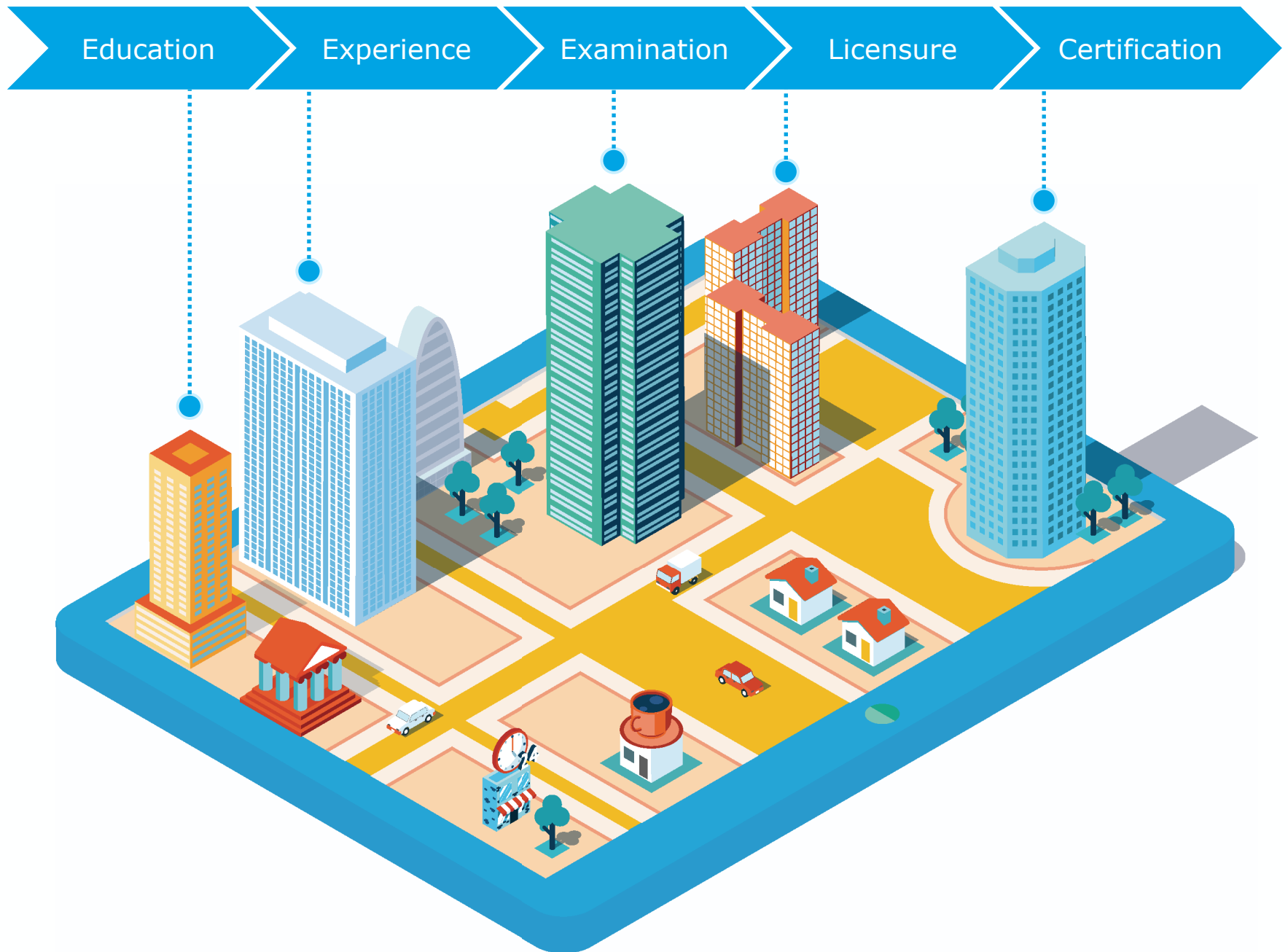
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# Next Steps



- find firms that support your path to licensure
- start an NCARB Record
- report AXP experience
- connect with Architect Licensing Advisors

# Join the Conversation!



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# Questions?

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