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Legal Authority Code of Iowa 544A

Job Description Architects plan and design residences, office buildings, factories, and various other structures according to the client's preferences; consult with the clients on style, specifications, materials, building time and cost limitations; ensure that building plans conform with local and state building codes, zoning laws, fire regulations and other ordinances; develop final design documentation for building contractors that includes structural plumbing, heating, and electrical requirements; assist the client in selecting a building contractor; and, visit the construction site to assure the design is being followed and designated materials are being used. They may specialize in certain types of structures or projects.

Education & Experience Required To sit for the exam, an applicant is required to apply to the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards in Washington, DC for a council record. Qualifications for the record include having a professional degree from an accredited school of architecture and completing the Intern Development Program. The Intern Development Program requires verification of at least three years of training under a registered architect.

To apply for registration by reciprocity, an applicant must have a National Council of Architecture Registration Board's certificate and must meet the requirements in effect in Iowa on the original date of registration in another state. Iowa has required a professional degree in architecture since July 1, 1984 and has required completion of the Intern Development Program since July 1, 1991.

Continuing Education Twenty-four contact hours of continuing education are required biennially for license renewal. Sixteen of these hours must be in public protection courses relating to health, safety and welfare topics.

Examination To become registered, an applicant must pass all divisions of the "Architect Registration Examination" (ARE) prepared and issued by the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB).

Fees Application: Included in the price of the exam
Duration: Two years
Renewal: \$140
Exam: \$100 – exam eligibility
\$980 – fee paid directly to testing service to take the computerized exam, consisting of nine separate divisions, priced individually.
Other: \$140 – initial registration
\$50 – initial business entity
\$20 – annual renewal business

SOC Code, Title, & Avg. Hourly Wage 17-1011 – Architects, Except Landscape and Naval (\$23.49)

Number of Licenses Issued Total number of licenses active as of December 31,
2001: 1,434
2000: 1,462

For Additional Information American Institute of Architects
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