

NCARB Architect Registration Exam (ARE) 5.0 Practice Exam (Sample)

Study Guide



Everything you need from our exam experts!

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Introduction

Preparing for a certification exam can feel overwhelming, but with the right tools, it becomes an opportunity to build confidence, sharpen your skills, and move one step closer to your goals. At Examzify, we believe that effective exam preparation isn't just about memorization, it's about understanding the material, identifying knowledge gaps, and building the test-taking strategies that lead to success.

This guide was designed to help you do exactly that.

Whether you're preparing for a licensing exam, professional certification, or entry-level qualification, this book offers structured practice to reinforce key concepts. You'll find a wide range of multiple-choice questions, each followed by clear explanations to help you understand not just the right answer, but why it's correct.

The content in this guide is based on real-world exam objectives and aligned with the types of questions and topics commonly found on official tests. It's ideal for learners who want to:

- Practice answering questions under realistic conditions,
- Improve accuracy and speed,
- Review explanations to strengthen weak areas, and
- Approach the exam with greater confidence.

We recommend using this book not as a stand-alone study tool, but alongside other resources like flashcards, textbooks, or hands-on training. For best results, we recommend working through each question, reflecting on the explanation provided, and revisiting the topics that challenge you most.

Remember: successful test preparation isn't about getting every question right the first time, it's about learning from your mistakes and improving over time. Stay focused, trust the process, and know that every page you turn brings you closer to success.

Let's begin.

How to Use This Guide

This guide is designed to help you study more effectively and approach your exam with confidence. Whether you're reviewing for the first time or doing a final refresh, here's how to get the most out of your Examzify study guide:

1. Start with a Diagnostic Review

Skim through the questions to get a sense of what you know and what you need to focus on. Your goal is to identify knowledge gaps early.

2. Study in Short, Focused Sessions

Break your study time into manageable blocks (e.g. 30 - 45 minutes). Review a handful of questions, reflect on the explanations.

3. Learn from the Explanations

After answering a question, always read the explanation, even if you got it right. It reinforces key points, corrects misunderstandings, and teaches subtle distinctions between similar answers.

4. Track Your Progress

Use bookmarks or notes (if reading digitally) to mark difficult questions. Revisit these regularly and track improvements over time.

5. Simulate the Real Exam

Once you're comfortable, try taking a full set of questions without pausing. Set a timer and simulate test-day conditions to build confidence and time management skills.

6. Repeat and Review

Don't just study once, repetition builds retention. Re-attempt questions after a few days and revisit explanations to reinforce learning. Pair this guide with other Examzify tools like flashcards, and digital practice tests to strengthen your preparation across formats.

There's no single right way to study, but consistent, thoughtful effort always wins. Use this guide flexibly, adapt the tips above to fit your pace and learning style. You've got this!

Questions

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- 1. How long does NCARB typically take to process accommodation requests?**
 - A. 5-7 business days**
 - B. 14-21 business days**
 - C. 7-10 business days**
 - D. 1-2 business days**

- 2. What does the term anomalous exam performance refer to?**
 - A. Standard Pass Marks.**
 - B. Performance on an Exam That Deviates Significantly from Expected Results, Potentially Indicating Misconduct.**
 - C. Exceptional High Scores.**
 - D. Consistent Performance Across Sections.**

- 3. What is the purpose of the Architect Registration Examination (ARE)?**
 - A. To promote sustainable design practices globally.**
 - B. To certify architectural engineers.**
 - C. To assess the competence of candidates for architectural licensure.**
 - D. To regulate the construction industry.**

- 4. Which statement best describes the ADA extended time policy?**
 - A. The maximum extension is 50 percent longer; other allowances do not apply.**
 - B. The maximum extension is 75 percent longer with proof.**
 - C. There is no limit to extended time.**
 - D. Extended time is available only for certain divisions.**

- 5. Which organization defines the NCARB score validity policy?**
 - A. The state licensing board.**
 - B. Your employer.**
 - C. NCARB.**
 - D. A professional association.**

- 6. What is the consequence of tampering with the operation of the computer during the exam?**
- A. No consequence.**
 - B. Casual warning.**
 - C. It is considered misconduct and can result in dismissal from the test center.**
 - D. Results will be voided for one day.**
- 7. What action may result if you refuse to be scanned during the security screening?**
- A. You may be permitted to test after a short delay**
 - B. You may not be permitted to test**
 - C. You will be given another attempt later**
 - D. You will receive compensation for time**
- 8. What must you adjust on your computer for the Bridge software?**
- A. Adjust or disable security settings that may block Bridge from accessing your camera and microphone.**
 - B. Increase screen brightness to improve visibility.**
 - C. Change the wallpaper to a neutral color.**
 - D. Install additional fonts for Bridge.**
- 9. Is online exam rescheduling available within 24 hours of the appointment?**
- A. Yes.**
 - B. No.**
 - C. Only with emergency exceptions.**
 - D. Only if you pay an additional fee.**
- 10. Where can a candidate access the official score report?**
- A. In the Exams tab within NCARB Record.**
 - B. On the licensing board's portal.**
 - C. In the public ARE results directory.**
 - D. In the candidate's email inbox.**

Answers

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1. C
2. B
3. C
4. A
5. C
6. C
7. B
8. A
9. B
10. A

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Explanations

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1. How long does NCARB typically take to process accommodation requests?

- A. 5-7 business days
- B. 14-21 business days
- C. 7-10 business days**
- D. 1-2 business days

Processing accommodation requests involves reviewing documentation, confirming eligibility, and coordinating with the testing provider. Because this review requires careful verification and sometimes back-and-forth with the applicant, the typical turnaround is seven to ten business days after a complete submission. This window allows for thorough evaluation while still providing timely access to accommodations. If additional information is needed or the submission isn't complete, the timeline can extend beyond this range. Submitting all required forms and supporting documentation helps keep the process within the usual seven to ten business days. The other options fall outside the common timeframe: one to two days is generally too short for a proper review, five to seven days may be optimistic, and fourteen to twenty-one days is longer than the standard processing period.

2. What does the term anomalous exam performance refer to?

- A. Standard Pass Marks.
- B. Performance on an Exam That Deviates Significantly from Expected Results, Potentially Indicating Misconduct.**
- C. Exceptional High Scores.
- D. Consistent Performance Across Sections.

Anomalous exam performance means a score or response pattern that stands out as significantly different from what would be expected given the test-taker's ability and the exam's difficulty. This kind of deviation can signal irregularities in administration or misconduct, which is why it's flagged for review. It's not about a fixed pass mark, nor simply about exceptionally high scores, and it certainly isn't about someone performing consistently across sections. The essence is a notable deviation from what would be anticipated, potentially indicating improper behavior or issues during testing.

3. What is the purpose of the Architect Registration Examination (ARE)?

- A. To promote sustainable design practices globally.
- B. To certify architectural engineers.
- C. To assess the competence of candidates for architectural licensure.**
- D. To regulate the construction industry.

The exam is meant to determine whether a candidate has the competence to practice architecture and be licensed to do so. It evaluates the knowledge, judgment, and skills needed to protect the public in professional practice, across the various aspects of architectural work. Licensing boards rely on this assessment to certify that someone is prepared to practice independently and responsibly. It isn't about promoting sustainability globally, certifying engineers, or regulating the construction industry—that broader regulatory or niche goals aren't the purpose of this licensure examination.

4. Which statement best describes the ADA extended time policy?

- A. The maximum extension is 50 percent longer; other allowances do not apply.**
- B. The maximum extension is 75 percent longer with proof.
- C. There is no limit to extended time.
- D. Extended time is available only for certain divisions.

Extended time for ADA accommodations is about giving you more minutes to complete the exam, up to a specific limit. The policy described here allows up to 50% more time than the standard testing duration. That makes the statement correct because it pins the maximum extension at 50% and treats it as the time-extension portion of the accommodation. The other options describe longer extensions, no limit, or extensions limited to certain divisions, none of which align with this policy. So, the best description is that the maximum extension is 50 percent longer.

5. Which organization defines the NCARB score validity policy?

- A. The state licensing board.
- B. Your employer.
- C. NCARB.**
- D. A professional association.

The organization that defines NCARB's score validity policy is NCARB itself. NCARB is the body that develops and governs ARE policies, including how scores are validated, what constitutes a valid score, and procedures for irregularities, retakes, and score reporting. State licensing boards administer licensure and enforce passing requirements, but they do not set NCARB's internal scoring rules. Employers or professional associations may reference these policies, but they do not define them either.

6. What is the consequence of tampering with the operation of the computer during the exam?

- A. No consequence.
- B. Casual warning.
- C. It is considered misconduct and can result in dismissal from the test center.**
- D. Results will be voided for one day.

Tampering with how the computer operates during an exam seriously violates testing rules and undermines the test's fairness and security. Because the testing environment must be controlled for all candidates, any attempt to alter the computer's functioning is treated as misconduct. The immediate and typical outcome is being dismissed from the test center, with the incident reported to the governing body and potential further consequences. Among the options, dismissal from the test center best reflects the standard response to this kind of violation. The other choices don't fit because a lack of consequence or only a casual warning would not align with the seriousness of compromising the exam, and a one-day results void is not the standard response to tampering.

7. What action may result if you refuse to be scanned during the security screening?

- A. You may be permitted to test after a short delay**
- B. You may not be permitted to test**
- C. You will be given another attempt later**
- D. You will receive compensation for time**

Refusal to participate in the required security screening is noncompliance with the testing center's procedures. To maintain a safe, standardized environment and verify identity and eligibility, everyone must complete the screening. If you decline, you're not allowed to enter the testing area, so you may not be permitted to test that day. You would typically need to reschedule according to the center's policy, and there is no compensation for time or a guaranteed second attempt on the spot.

8. What must you adjust on your computer for the Bridge software?

- A. Adjust or disable security settings that may block Bridge from accessing your camera and microphone.**
- B. Increase screen brightness to improve visibility.**
- C. Change the wallpaper to a neutral color.**
- D. Install additional fonts for Bridge.**

Bridge needs access to your computer's camera and microphone to monitor the test and verify your identity. If security software or privacy settings block those devices, the software can't run properly, so you must adjust or temporarily disable protections to allow access. The other options don't affect how Bridge operates—brightness, wallpaper, and additional fonts aren't required for proctoring or delivery. Once permissions are granted, test the camera and mic in Bridge before starting the exam.

9. Is online exam rescheduling available within 24 hours of the appointment?

- A. Yes.**
- B. No.**
- C. Only with emergency exceptions.**
- D. Only if you pay an additional fee.**

Rescheduling online exams within 24 hours isn't allowed. The scheduling system needs more than 24 hours of notice to allocate seats, proctors, and testing resources reliably, so changes in that tight window can't be accommodated. Because of that, there isn't an option to move an appointment within 24 hours, and the policy doesn't provide emergency exceptions or extra fees to override this rule. If you need to change, you must cancel or rebook with sufficient lead time according to the standard scheduling rules.

10. Where can a candidate access the official score report?

A. In the Exams tab within NCARB Record.

B. On the licensing board's portal.

C. In the public ARE results directory.

D. In the candidate's email inbox.

Access to the official score report is through your NCARB Record, in the Exams tab. This location is the official, verifiable record licensing boards rely on when reviewing results. After you complete an ARE 5.0 exam, the official score is posted in your NCARB Record under the Exams section, where you can view, download, or print it as needed. The other channels aren't the official source for the score: licensing board portals handle regulatory tasks but not the official score report; the public ARE results directory is only a public listing that may reflect results with consent and does not replace the NCARB record; you might receive a notification by email, but that is not the official score document.

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Next Steps

Congratulations on reaching the final section of this guide. You've taken a meaningful step toward passing your certification exam and advancing your career.

As you continue preparing, remember that consistent practice, review, and self-reflection are key to success. Make time to revisit difficult topics, simulate exam conditions, and track your progress along the way.

If you need help, have suggestions, or want to share feedback, we'd love to hear from you. Reach out to our team at hello@examzify.com.

Or visit your dedicated course page for more study tools and resources:

<https://ncarbare5.examzify.com>

We wish you the very best on your exam journey. You've got this!

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