**Applying to Take The Architect Registration Exam (ARE)**

There are three main components of becoming a Licensed Architect. We refer to them as the, “Three E’s” – Education, Experience, and Examination. The required examination is the Architect Registration Exam (ARE).

The Alabama Board for Registration of Architects have an Exam Eligibility Agreement with NCARB. Therefore, Exam Candidates with a NAAB (National Architectural Accrediting Board) accredited degree who have enrolled in NCARB’s Architectural Experience Program (AXP), should apply directly to [NCARB](https://www.ncarb.org/pass-the-are/start/exam-eligibility) for approval to sit for the ARE.

Upon successful completion of the “Three E’s”, as detailed above, an application for initial license may be submitted to the Board. This application process will include the applicant directing NCARB to transmit their NCARB Record to the Board.