New and Improved Exam Calculator

In an effort to continuously improve the tools available to Architect Registrants, Examination® (ARE®) candidates, NCARB is releasing a new exam calculator within the ARE® software, which will be available during exams beginning August 30, 2021. The new calculator includes an enhanced interface, a history feature that stores all your calculations, and improved memory functionality so you can store multiple values at the same time.

You can test out the new calculator today through the ARE® Demonstration Exam. To improve your experience on test day, please take the time to become familiar with the enhanced functionality prior to testing.

Enhancements to the Exam Whiteboard

In addition to the new calculator, NCARB is also releasing enhancements to the exam whiteboard, which will also be available during exams beginning August 30, 2021. The enhancements include anorthographic option, allowing you to work more efficiently as you work on the whiteboard, as well as a color feature allowing you to contrast items on the vertical or horizontal directions. You can activate the orthogonal feature by holding the shift key while drawing a line or shape within the whiteboard.

You can test out the enhancements to the whiteboard today through the ARE® Demonstrational Exam. To improve your experience on test day, please take the time to become familiar with the enhanced functionality prior to testing.

Tech Issues

NCARB and our test delivery partners, Prometric and Zoomorphix, continue to address technical issues for both in-person and online exams. The overall proportion of candidates reporting tech issues is now 9 percent overall. Online tech issues have declined and are now being reported by 23 percent of candidates.

Prometric’s COVID-19 policies shall remain in effect until further notice. Learn more about Prometric’s COVID-19 policies and how no show for the appointment, and will not receive a refund. You will not be allowed to sit for your scheduled appointment, will be marked as a no show, and center staff. This provision will remain in force, even in jurisdictions that have recently adopted less rigorous COVID-19 policies.

Prometric continues to require all individuals at their testing centers to wear an approved face covering for the duration of their time at the location, including test takers and test center staff. The provision will remain in force, even in jurisdictions that have recently adopted less rigorous COVID-19 policies. If you are not in compliance with this policy, you will not be allowed to sit for your scheduled appointment, will be marked as a no show, and will not receive a refund.

Masks are being required at Prometric test centers.

In this issue: a new and improved exam calculator, enhancements to the exam whiteboard, Prometric’s mask policy, and NCARB’s progress addressing technical issues.

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