Becoming an Architect via the IAP

Complete Architecture School

Complete a professional degree in architecture accredited by the Canadian Architectural Certification Board (CACB) or the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB). Obtain academic certification of your professional degree from the CACB.

Apply for Intern Architect Status with the OAA

Visit the OAA Website and complete the online Intern Architect application in order to enroll in the Internship in Architecture Program (IAP).

Upon application approval, you now hold Intern Architect status with the OAA.

** The Royal Architectural Institute of Canada (RAIC) Syllabus program is an alternative path to licensure. Visit the OAA Website for more details.*

*** A student of architecture may apply to become a Student Associate and may be eligible to log experience hours. Visit the OAA Website for more information.*

Select a Mentor

Select a Mentor before recording and submitting your architectural experience. A mentor is not required in order to apply for IAP status with the OAA. The Mentor Directory can be accessed online (OAA login required).

Select an Employer

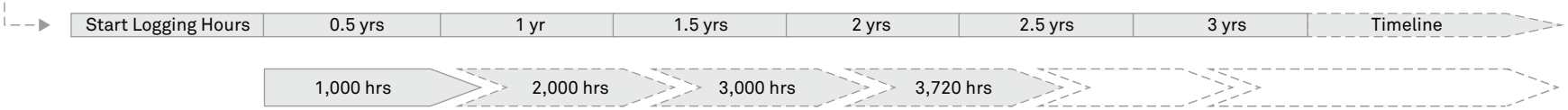
IAP architectural experience must be gained in an eligible architectural employment situation as outlined within the IAP Manual. The supervising architect is an architect within your place of employment who directs and supervises your architectural experience.

Complete the Experience Requirements

While actively enrolled in the IAP, complete a minimum of 3,720 hours of experience gained in accordance with the IAP Manual and Appendix B. Record your architectural experience within the online CERB.

NOTE: Currency requirement of 940 hours of experience within three years of application for licence.

Legend
- Education Prerequisite
- Application to the IAP
- National IAP Requirements
- OAA Specific Requirements



More Questions?
Visit the OAA's 'FAQ: The Path to Licensure' page.

Email iap@oaa.on.ca.

Pass the National Exams

Upon completion of 2,800 hours of CERB experience, you are eligible to write the Examination for Architects in Canada (ExAC). The OAA also accepts the Architect Registration Examination (ARE) from the National Council of Architectural Registration Board (NCARB).

Complete the OAA Admission Course

The mandatory Admission Course is offered online through the University of Toronto's School of Continuing Studies (SCS) in the fall, winter, and spring/summer semesters. The OAA Admission Course can be taken at any point during the IAP program.

Ontario Practice Knowledge Self-Assessment

As of January 1, 2025, the OAA will require Intern Architects who have gained all their Canadian Experience Record Book (CERB) experience while enrolled in the IAP to complete a self-assessment to demonstrate competency in specific areas of practice.

Apply for Licence

Upon completion of the IAP requirements, you may apply for licence. Refer to the Application and Guidelines on the OAA Website.

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