



Significant Changes Coming to National Internship in Architecture Program

New IAP Takes Effect January 1, 2021

Over the past several years, a task force established by the [Canadian Architectural Licensing Authorities \(CALA\)](#) has been reviewing the national Internship in Architecture Program (IAP), examining opportunities for improvement.

The task force recently concluded its work and tabled recommendations for changes that have uniformly been approved by all 11 of Canada's provincial/territorial architectural regulators. The new IAP Manual is scheduled to take effect in Ontario on January 1, 2021.

A significant change is to allow Recognized Students to log up to 760 pre-graduation experience hours toward the IAP, as long as those hours satisfy the requirements of the program. These requirements are set out in the new IAP Manual and its associated Appendix B; details can currently be viewed on the OAA's webpage for [Student Associates](#).

Other changes include:

- clarifications acknowledging that not all CALA jurisdictions recognize the NCARB Architect Registration Examination (ARE) or international experience (OAA continues to accept both);
- revised eligible experience area descriptions and categories, including updated definitions to the required experience activities, new experience categories, and a redistribution of hours required in each category;
- overall review of the level of required competency; and
- format revisions.

The two new architectural experience categories—Energy Literacy/Sustainability and Envelope Detailing—were previously subsumed under other experience categories, but have been deemed sufficiently important to be specific categories with allocated minimum hours.

It should be noted that each CALA regulator will need to develop its own Appendix B to further clarify and/or define the specific jurisdictional requirements.

Other Important Facts

As of January 1, 2021, all newly registered Intern Architects and Student Associates will be enrolled in the new IAP and be required to complete the new program requirements. Previously registered Intern Architects and Student Associates may continue under the old program, provided they complete the requirements by June 30, 2022. Any Intern Architect or Student Associate enrolled in the IAP on or after July 1, 2022 will be required to complete the new program.

The revised documents (IAP Manual, Appendix B to the IAP Manual, and the Canadian Experience Record Book [CERB]) will be available for download in January 2021. [These documents should be read carefully.](#)

The OAA is asking for the assistance of Practices, Supervising Architects, Mentors, and others in distributing this information to Intern Architects and Student Associates where it may be a factor in the acceptance of their experience.

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