

Update on Future Changes to Online CERB Administration

The OAA is pleased to update Student Associates and Intern Architects with information on forthcoming changes to the administration of the online Canadian Experience Record Book (CERB) where you record your hours for the Internship in Architecture Program (IAP).

It is important to know that while these updates are significant and it is good to have an understanding of the reasons why they are being done, your actual experience using the online CERB will change very little.

In 2022, the OAA published its five-year strategic plan, which came about from an operational review the year prior. The plan called for enhanced information technologies at the Association as well as the bringing of more data management in-house to improve and streamline processes and enable better control. The goal is a more efficient, robust, and reliable way to record hours for those on the path to being licensed as architects.

When the move to a new online CERB interface occurs later this year, there will be a transition process as well as a period where the portal is not accessible. In the weeks to come, this timeline will be communicated to Student Associates and Intern Architects, along with an outline of what must be done to ensure in-progress submissions at different stages are not lost.

On another note related to the IAP, you are reminded the OAA launched a new Mentor Directory earlier this spring, allowing you to search for a compatible mentor using a variety of terms related both to practice and personal identity.

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