



US/Australia/NZ Mutual Recognition Arrangement Guide for Applicants

Useful Information

Mutual Recognition Arrangement ([MRA](#)) between the architectural licensing authorities of the United States, Australia and New Zealand.



1. Introduction

Mutual Recognition Arrangements ([MRA](#)) between the architectural licensing authorities of the United States, Australia and New Zealand enables Australian architects to gain registration in 29 US jurisdictions that have agreed thus far to these arrangements.

Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Maryland, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia and Wisconsin.

2. Australian Architects wishing to be licensed in the US

Eligibility:

- citizenship or lawful permanent residence in Australia
- current registration in a state or territory in Australia
- 6,000 (approximately 3 years of post-registration experience in Australia)
- registration as an architect in Australia that was not obtained through any other foreign mutual recognition arrangement

See here for [application form](#) before applying for an [NCARB certificate](#).

3. US Architects wishing to be registered (licensed) in Australia

Eligibility:

- citizenship or lawful permanent residence in the US
- an active [NCARB certificate](#)
- a license to practice from a US jurisdiction that has signed the arrangement
- 6,000 (approximately 3 years of post-licensure experience in the US)
- licensure in the US not gained through foreign reciprocity

In the first instance, architects licensed in the US wishing to apply for registration as an architect in Australia should contact [NCARB](#).

See here for [application form](#)

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