



Dear Cal Poly Architecture Students,

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of some important and critical changes related to one of the requirements towards obtaining your Architectural License, the Intern Development Program (IDP). If you are a third year student or above these changes will affect you, especially if you have work experience that could count towards the licensure requirements and even more so if you are graduating.

For those of you seeking Professional Architectural Licensure, the requirements here in California include:

- 1) *8 years of post-secondary education and/or work experience as evaluated by the Board (including at least one year of work experience under the direct supervision of an architect licensed in a U.S. jurisdiction or two years of work experience under the direct supervision of an architect registered in a Canadian province)*
****NOTE: your Professional BArch from Cal Poly counts as 5 years of this 8 year requirement.*
- 2) *Completion of the Comprehensive Intern Development Program ([CIDP](#)) and the Intern Development Program ([IDP](#))*
- 3) *Successful completion of the Architect Registration Examination ([ARE](#))*
- 4) *Successful completion of the California Supplemental Examination ([CSE](#))*

You are urged to familiarize yourself with the California Architects Board website and the requirements for Licensure: <http://www.cab.ca.gov/candidates/index.shtml>

One of the many California requirements is the Intern Development Program (IDP). Some of you may have heard about IDP and others perhaps not. The main objective of this letter is to inform you of important IDP changes going into effect in the less than 30 days. By the end of reading this letter, you as a student will hopefully be encouraged to start your IDP procedure before some of these changes could impact your Licensure process and timeframe detrimentally.

There are some major improvement to the Intern Development Program starting July 1st 2009. These changes may affect each of you differently, but nonetheless they will affect all of you. Please take some time to read and understand how these July 1st changes will affect you and any past work experience you have. These changes will be explained in more depth:

- 1) *The new Six-Month Rule for IDP Training Unit Reporting.*
- 2) *The new IDP 2.0*

These IDP changes may be unfamiliar and overwhelming to you, but it's important that you begin to understand these requirements, how they are changing and how you will be affected. The two most important things to consider is if you have past work experience that could count towards IDP and that you will be able to continue your IDP process regardless of being able to secure a job.



The Sixth-Month Rule: <http://www.ncarb.org/idp/SixMonRul.html>

This rule can get confusing for some, but the major point to stress is that if you have not started your NCARB record to begin your IDP reporting by July 1st 2009, all previous work experience you have past January 1st 2009 **CANNOT** be counted towards IDP. So for example, as a graduating Senior, if you start your IDP process (which begins when you register to get your NCARB number) on July 2nd you will loose out on counting summer internships or part time work experience past six months ago. This may affect many of you students that have been working in a firm while in school, or have worked full time during the summer of 3rd year and beyond.

So the major point here for you to remember is **start your NCARB record number NOW.**

Go online: <https://www.ncarb.org/RecordApp/recordsvc/login.aspx>

Complete the online application, pay the \$100 student fee and start your IDP process, ensuring that you don't lose out on any work experience past January 1st 2009, which for some of you can be a lot of time.

IDP 2.0 http://www.ncarb.org/newsclips/2009/apr09_3.html

Starting July 1, 2009, all interns, whether employed or not, will be able to earn IDP training units for completing LEED accreditation, specified certificate programs offered by the Construction Specifications Institute, in addition to reading the NCARB *Professional Conduct* monograph and passing the related quiz. Furthermore, interns will now be allowed to complete activities in the online Emerging Professionals Companion (EPC 2009), review them with their supervisor and submit those activities for up to 5 IDP Training Units for minimum training area requirements. More information about Phase Two and Three of IDP 2.0 can be found online at: http://ncarb.org/newsclips/2009/apr09_3.html . Additional helpful IDP 2.0 information can also be found online at: http://ncarb.org/newsclips/2009/apr09_4.html

Again, all of these IDP 2.0 changes can get confusing. The major point is that you will be able to report IDP training units regardless of employment. This is a tricky job market some of you will be entering into. These IDP 2.0 changes enable you to continue your IDP process whether or not your employed, which is a huge benefit to you.

START YOUR NCARB RECORD BY JULY 1ST and get started on IDP

There is a lot to understand and learn about IDP but don't get overwhelmed. Take it from someone who understands IDP and is currently going through it: if you have any desire to get Licensed and become an Architect, you should really get into the system before July 1st. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have. Best regards and good luck!

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