Welcome to Nova Scotia for Internationally Educated Architects

**Pathways to Licensure**

**ARCHITECT**

**Apply to:**
- Canadian Architectural Certification Board (CACB) for assessment of educational credentials (degree or diploma)

**Find a mentor:**
- Must be a Canadian licensed architect or retired architect
- Must not be employed where you work

**Apply to:**
- Nova Scotia Association of Architects (NSAA) for Internship in Architecture Program (IAP)
  - Obtain an IAP manual
  - Record 3720 hours of experience including 940 hours in Nova Scotia
  - International experience may be considered
  - Experience summaries signed off by employer and mentor

**Successfully complete:**
- Examination for Architects in Canada (ExAC) (may be written after a minimum of 2800 hours of approved experience)
  OR
- Architect Registration Exam (ARE) administered by US National Council of Architectural Registration Board (NCARB) (may be written anytime during internship; will require 5600 hours of approved experience)

**Eligibility Requirements:**
- Completion of a university degree in architecture
- License to practice in a jurisdiction outside Canada
- 7 years + of post-licensure experience (within last 10 years)
- 6 months relevant Canadian architectural experience under supervision of a licensed architect (within 3 years prior to BEFA interview)

**Self-Assessment:**
- Against 12 core competencies
- Post supporting documents online

**BEFA Assessment Panel** (3 members):
- Review online documents and information
- Complete any remediation needed

**Demonstrate competencies:**
- Recommend for assessment interview
- Gaps identified:
  - Recommend remedies

**BEFA Assessment Interview (regional locations)**
- Remediation: Additional training, exam, etc.

**Education, experience and examination requirements completed and approved**

**Apply for license to practise in Nova Scotia**

**Apply to:**
- Nova Scotia Association of Architects (NSAA) for Internship in Architecture Program (IAP)

**Gaps identified:**
- BEFA certificate issued by CACB

**Apply to:**
- Canadian Architectural Certification Board (CACB) for Broadly Experienced Foreign Architect Program (BEFA)

**START**
Immigrant Services Association of Nova Scotia (ISANS) 6960 Mumford Road, Suite 2120
Halifax NS B3L 4P1
Phone: (902) 423-3607
Fax: (902) 423-3152
employment_services@isans.ca
www.isans.ca

ISANS Provides:
- Employment Counselling/Coaching onsite & distance
- Assistance with navigating the pathway to licensure
- Job Search workshops online & onsite
- Orientation & Communication Skills for Engineers
- Professional mentoring
- Work placement in related field
- IELTS preparation

Career Pathway Loan Fund (CPLF):
The Career Pathway Loan Fund is a community-based partnership that assists internationally trained immigrants with microloans to overcome financial barriers in becoming licensed to practice and entering the workforce in their occupations or related fields. For more information please contact your Employment Specialist at ISANS. Website: www.isans.ca/cplf

Canadian Architectural Certification Board (CACB)
1 Nicholas Street, Suite 710
Ottawa ON K1N 7B7
Phone: (613) 5241-8399
www.cacb.ca

The CACB is the body which assesses all degrees and diplomas in Architecture. You will need to contact the CACB to have your education assessed. This is the first step to licensure.

There is a competency based assessment program for internationally trained architects. The Broadly Experienced Foreign Architects Program (BEFA) includes a self-assessment which can be done before arrival.

Architecture Canada/Royal Architectural Institute of Canada (RAIC)
330-55 Murray Street
Ottawa ON K1N 5M3
Phone: (613) 526-3424
Fax: (613) 241-3600
info@raic.org
www.raic.org

This organization is the leading voice of architecture in Canada. It seeks to “build awareness and appreciation of the contribution of architecture to the physical and cultural well-being of Canadians”.

- The RAIC website has useful information and many resources
- Internationally educated architects may apply for membership

Nova Scotia Association of Architects (NSAA)
1361 Barrington Street
Halifax NS B3H 1Y9
Phone: (902) 423-7607
www.nsaa.ns.ca

The NSAA is the provincial licensing body. To practice as an Architect in Nova Scotia, you must have a NSAA license.

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www.architectureandplanning.dal.ca
This website includes an online newsletter and events update

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES/LINKS:
Internship in Architecture Program (IAP)
www.nsaa.ns.ca/about/join/become-intern-arch

Study Resources
www.raic.org/node/67930