



1 Confirm eligibility

Review eligibility criteria on the NCARB website: <https://www.ncarb.org/ncarb-certificate/international-practice/united-kingdom-and-the-us>

Who: Applicant | Queries: [NCARB](#)

2 Contact NCARB

Having reviewed the eligibility, you will need to contact NCARB to begin the application process:

- If you do not have an NCARB record you will need to obtain one, for which there is a fee. [Please see NCARB's website for the most up to date fees.](#)
- If you already have an NCARB record, NCARB will review it and provide details of any remaining balance you need to pay. Please contact NCARB to check this.

Details on how to contact NCARB can be found here: <https://www.ncarb.org/contact-us>

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3 NCARB Certification

NCARB will send you a copy of your record, for which a transmittal fee is payable. You will then need to send your record to ARB to begin the application process.

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4 Complete ARB Assessment

ARB will review your NCARB Certificate before contacting you with information about the UK Adaptation Assessment (UKAA). All US to UK architects must undertake and pass the UKAA in order to demonstrate the ability to practise safely and effectively in the UK. At this point, you will be required to pay the UKAA fee of £2950.

Further details can be found at our UK Adaptation Assessment webpage here: <https://arb.org.uk/international-routes/uk-adaptation-assessment/>

Applicants who have already obtained an ARB accredited Part 3 qualification will not be required to undertake the UK Adaptation Assessment and may proceed to apply for Registration provided they have completed all of the NCARB licensing requirements necessary and obtained an NCARB Certificate confirming that they are in scope of the MRA.

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5 Registration

Having passed the UKAA, you will be eligible to make an application to join the Architects Register. Successful applicants will be provided with information on how to proceed when notified of the outcome of their UKAA.

You can learn more about registering for the first time here: <https://arb.org.uk/architect-information/applying-for-registration-for-the-first-time/>

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6 Right to work

To work in the UK you must be able to prove you have the right to work. This should be sought from the UK Home Office: neither NCARB or ARB can provide you with the right to work.

You can learn more here: <https://www.gov.uk/prove-right-to-work>

Who: Applicant | Queries: [Home Office](#)