



1 Confirm eligibility

Review the eligibility criteria on the NCARB website:

<https://arb.org.uk/international-routes/ncarb-and-arb-mutual-recognition-agreement-information/>

Who: The applicant | Queries: [NCARB](#)

2 Contact NCARB

Having reviewed the eligibility criteria, commence the process by contacting NCARB:

- a. If you are an existing NCARB record holder, NCARB will review your NCARB record, and will provide details of any additional balance which needs to be paid. They will also formally confirm you meet the eligibility requirements.
- b. If you are not an NCARB record holder, you will need to establish an NCARB record for which there is an application fee of \$3500 USD.

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

Who: The applicant | Queries: [NCARB](#)

3 NCARB referral

NCARB will refer your application to ARB and transmit a copy of your record, for which a transmittal fee will be payable. There is no need to take any action at this point.

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

4 Complete ARB assessment

ARB will review your application and will contact you with information about the UK Adaptation Assessment, which all US to UK architects must undertake and pass to demonstrate the ability to practise safely and effectively in the UK context. At this point, you will be required to pay the UK Adaptation Assessment fee of £2950 GBP. More information can be found here: <https://arb.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/ARB-UKAA-Procedures.pdf>

Who: ARB | Queries: [ARB](#)

5 Registration

Having passed the UK Adaptation Assessment, you will then be eligible to make an application to join the UK Register of Architects. Successful applicants will be provided with information on how to proceed when notified of the outcome of their UK Adaptation Assessment. You can learn more about registering for the first time here:

<https://arb.org.uk/architect-information/applying-for-registration-for-the-first-time/>

Who: ARB | Queries: [ARB](#)

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 ARB nor NCARB can provide you with the right to work. You can learn more about the right to work here: <https://www.gov.uk/prove-right-to-work>

Who: The applicant | Queries: [Home Office](#)