

## ARE 4.0 Retires on June 30, 2018

The retirement of ARE 4.0 is less than two months away. Over the past year, NCARB's ongoing communication initiatives have included emails, postcards, social media campaigns, webinars, and more. As we enter the final months of ARE 4.0's delivery, here are some important things to share with licensure candidates.

### The last day to take an ARE 4.0 division in a test center is June 30, 2018.

Candidates who have not completed ARE 4.0 by this date will need to complete any remaining divisions in ARE 5.0 to satisfy the examination requirement for licensure.

### Now is the time to SCHEDULE ANY REMAINING DIVISIONS in ARE 4.0.

Testing appointments are filling up fast for May and June. Any candidate who wants to take an ARE 4.0 division between now and June 30 should SCHEDULE THAT APPOINTMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

### NCARB has resources to help candidates test strategically.

There are several resources available on [NCARB.org](http://NCARB.org) to help candidates make their plan. NCARB's Customer Relations team is also available to help candidates understand their individual testing options.

### The rolling clock will not change if you transition to ARE 5.0.

Candidates must still complete the test within five years of their first pass—whether through ARE 4.0, ARE 5.0, or a combination of both. Expiring ARE 4.0 divisions could impact the credits received in ARE 5.0 when transitioning.

### The ARE retake policy will remain the same. Candidates must wait 60 days before they can retake a division of the ARE, and can only take a division three times within 12 months.

If a candidate has already attempted a division of ARE 4.0 three times since June 30, 2017, they will not be able to test on that division again. Also, since we are now so close to the retirement of ARE 4.0, any division taken and failed on or after May 1 cannot be retested (see image below).



## ARE 4.0 Candidate Audiences

As of late April, over 18,500 candidates with an NCARB Record had active ARE 4.0 eligibilities. More than 16,500 candidates have either completed the ARE or transitioned to ARE 5.0 since its November 2016 launch. Over the next two months, we expect to see high testing volumes in ARE 4.0 as many candidates will be attempting one or two final divisions.

NCARB has identified the following four targeted groups, and has sent them personalized messages over the past year.

### Testing Strategically

These candidates have passed Construction Documents & Services (CDS); Programming, Planning & Practice (PPP); and possibly Site Planning & Design (SPD) and could self-transition to ARE 5.0 today. By transitioning to ARE 5.0, these candidates could complete the exam in fewer divisions than if they stay in ARE 4.0—saving them time and money.

### Still Testing in ARE 4.0

These candidates should take advantage of transition resources like the [calculator](#) to determine their best path forward. For some of these candidates, it may be best if they complete the exam in ARE 4.0.

### No Passed or Scheduled Exams

These candidates have eligibilities to test, but have not passed or scheduled any ARE 4.0 divisions. We are encouraging these candidates to transition to ARE 5.0.

### Inactive Testers

These candidates have not tested since 2013 when an NCARB Record became required. If any of these candidates are interested in completing the ARE, they should call NCARB to help determine the best path forward. Some of them date back to the paper-and-pencil exam.

Visit the [transition section of NCARB's website](#) for information and resources to help candidates switch from ARE 4.0 to ARE 5.0.