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NOTICE OF HEARING

Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 13, §44C and c. 30A, §2, the Board of Registration of Architects will hold a virtual public hearing regarding proposed amendments to the Board's regulations at 231 CMR 3.00, which establish qualification requirements for licensure as an architect. A small business impact statement has been filed with the Secretary of the Commonwealth's Office. The Board will hold this public hearing on **Tuesday, August 12, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.** by videoconference at <https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/microsoft-teams/join-a-meeting>, Meeting ID 218 710 930 928 3, Passcode fj7kr9Dn, or call in to: (857) 327-9245, Phone Conference ID: 634 429 466#. Interested parties will be given an opportunity to present testimony orally or in writing at this hearing. Written comments may be emailed to architectboard@mass.gov or mailed to the Board of Registration of Architects, Division of Occupational Licensure, One Federal Street, 6th Floor, Boston, MA 02110, Attention: Colleen Maloney. Written comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. on **Thursday, August 7, 2025**. A copy of the proposed regulations may be obtained at the Board's website at <https://www.mass.gov/orgs/board-of-registration-of-architects> or by contacting the Board office directly at the above address or by phone: (617) 701-8690.



Small Business Impact Statement <i>(As required by M.G.L. c. 30A §§ 2, 3 & 5)</i>		
CMR No.: 231 CMR 3.00		
Estimate of the Number of Small Businesses Impacted by the Regulation: The Board of Registration of Architects currently has issued approximately 8,415 active architect licenses, the majority of whom likely work in small businesses.		
Select Yes or No and Briefly Explain		
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Will small businesses have to create, file, or issue additional reports? No, this section sets the minimum standards for architect licensure.
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Will small businesses have to implement additional recordkeeping procedures? No, this section imposes no additional record keeping burden.
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Will small businesses have to provide additional administrative oversight? The regulation does not require additional administrative oversight.
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Will small businesses have to hire additional employees in order to comply with the proposed regulation? No, the Regulation does not require business to hire additional employees.
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Does compliance with the regulation require small businesses to hire other professionals (e.g. a lawyer, accountant, engineer, etc.)? No, the regulation does not require small businesses to hire other professionals.
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Does the regulation require small businesses to purchase a product or make any other capital investments in order to comply with the regulation? There are no additional purchases that this regulation requires.
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Are performance standards more appropriate than design/operational standards to accomplish the regulatory objective? (Performance standards express requirements in terms of outcomes, giving the regulated party flexibility to achieve regulatory objectives and design/operational standards specify exactly what actions regulated parties must take.) In order to ensure architects are properly trained, specific educational criteria must be adopted by these regulations.
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do any other regulations duplicate or conflict with the proposed regulation? No, the Board has exclusive authority over the licensing and regulation of architects.
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Does the regulation require small businesses to cooperate with audits, inspections or other regulatory enforcement activities? All registered architects are mandated to cooperate with Board inquiries regarding continuing education requirements in this section; no amendments are proposed regarding this issue.

Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p>Does the regulation require small businesses to provide educational services to keep up to date with regulatory requirements?</p> <p>No, individual architects will continue to be required to meet continuing education requirements, but the regulation does not require small businesses to provide these educational services to architects.</p>
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p>Is the regulation likely to <i>deter</i> the formation of small businesses in Massachusetts?</p> <p>This regulation adopts national registration and continuing education standards for the architecture profession. There is no provision in the regulation that should deter the formation of small businesses in the Commonwealth.</p>
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p>Is the regulation likely to <i>encourage</i> the formation of small businesses in Massachusetts?</p> <p>In mandating Massachusetts architects meet national standards, it is anticipated that Massachusetts would be deemed business friendly and would encourage the formation of new businesses.</p>
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p>Does the regulation provide for less stringent compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses?</p> <p>This section mandates equal requirements for all prospective and registered architects; it could not fairly reduce those requirements for certain businesses as one sector of the industry.</p>
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p>Does the regulation establish less stringent schedules or deadlines for compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses?</p> <p>This section mandates equal requirements for all prospective and registered architects; it could not fairly reduce those requirements for certain businesses as one sector of the industry.</p>
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p>Did the agency consolidate or simplify compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses?</p> <p>This regulation does not establish compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses</p>
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p>Can performance standards for small businesses replace design or operational standards without hindering delivery of the regulatory objective?</p> <p>Design standards are more appropriate because the regulation sets minimum standards for architect licensing.</p>
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p>Are there alternative regulatory methods that would minimize the adverse impact on small businesses?</p> <p>No, G.L. c. 13, §66B mandates that licensing qualifications and minimum practice standards must be established by regulations.</p>