

**Notice of Proposed Regulation Changes – Alaska State Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers, and Land Surveyors (AELS)**, proposing to (1) replace NCARB program from IDP to AXP; (2) adding language to type of references allowed; (3) registration as an engineer or land surveyor.

Answers to questions 1 through 4 are answers to common questions regarding proposed regulation changes. The period for written comments ends January 23, 2017. To be considered, comments must be submitted by 4:30 p.m. on January 23, 2017.

**Regulatory Questions**

1 12/23/2016	What will these proposed regulation changes do?
<p><b>Answer:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Replace name of NCARB Program IDP to AXP: This is a housekeeping regulation change that will update the title of the NCARB experience program from IDP (Intern Development Program) to AXP (Architectural Experience Program).</li> <li>(2) Give flexibility to applicants of specific disciplines who cannot find PEs in their same discipline to verify their work experience as required. The Board would have the power to approve the discipline of the verifier based on the comparability of the field with that of the applicant.</li> <li>(3) End the requirement for applicants to apply to the Board for permission to take the Fundamentals of Engineering or Fundamentals of Surveying examinations.</li> </ul>	
2 12/23/2016	What is the public need or purpose for these proposed regulation changes?
<p><b>Answer:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) To ensure AELS regulations are updated to use the appropriate terms based on their relationship with the National Council of Architect Registration Boards, the architect exam administrator.</li> <li>(2) This will improve licensure mobility for comity applicants who may not be able to find work experience verifiers in the same discipline in which they are licensed, which is the current requirement.</li> <li>(3) Make it easier for applicants to take the examinations and increase accessibility to becoming an EIT.</li> </ul>	
3 12/23/2016	What will the known or estimated costs of the new regulation changes be to a private person, another state agency, or a municipality?
<p><b>Answer:</b></p> <p>None known – will save applicants the \$100 application fee.</p>	

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What are the **positive** and **negative** consequences as a result of these proposed regulation changes to the public or private person, business, or organization?

**Answer:**

There are **no negative** consequences as a result of the regulation changes being proposed.

The **positive** results will be:

- (1) The regulations will be updated to reflect the correct program name and there will no longer be confusion regarding the title “intern.”
- (2) Allow licensure mobility and flexibility for comity applicants to be licensed based on the verification of work experience by PEs in disciplines other than that for which the applicant is applying.
- (3) Will make it easier for prospective applicants to take the FE and FS exams. Those who wish to sit these exams will not need to submit the application, transcripts or 75% completion letter, and fee currently required. They can go directly to the exam administrator to register.