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| Canberra Accord      | Declaration (signed in April 2008) of substantial equivalency of professional degrees in architecture covered by the accreditation/validation agencies from Canada, China, Korea, Mexico, Hong Kong, South Africa, the United States, and the Commonwealth Association of Architects. Visit [http://www.canberraaccord.org/](http://www.canberraaccord.org/).  
The EESA process for applicants who have graduated from a program accredited by one of the Canberra Accord signatories will be expedited and a discount of 50% of the fee will be applied. |
| Certified Translation| A translation accompanied by a signed statement attesting to the accuracy and completeness of the translation. Any translator or translation company may "certify" a translation. The NAAB requires that the translator is certified and the document should have the translator's seal to shows his/her credentials. |
| CLEP                 | The College Level Examination Program. See page 25 of NCARB's Education Guidelines.                                                                                                                          |
| Course Descriptions | A short statement issued by a school that describes the subject matter, approach, breadth, and applicability of a course. It focuses on content and topics.                                                      |
| Credential Verification Form | Foreign licensed applicants use this form to have their foreign registration verified, if they hold an active registration/licensure credential to practice architecture in a foreign country that has a formal record-keeping mechanism for disciplinary actions in the practice of architecture. This form is available [here](http://www.canberraaccord.org/). |
| Deficiencies         | An insufficient number of credits in one or more areas to meet NCARB's Education Standard requirement.                                                                                                      |
| Education Alternative| A path to pursue an NCARB certificate for U.S. architects who do not hold a degree from a NAAB-accredited program.                                                                                             |
| Educational Evaluation| An assessment of an individual's education credentials, using criteria governed by a set of standards. The purpose of an evaluation is to gain insight into education qualifications.  
An evaluation is a different process from accreditation.                                                                                      |
| EESA                 | Education Evaluation Services for Architects. EESA evaluates academic transcripts in comparison with the NCARB Education Standard.                                                                            |
| EESA Invitation      | An email the NCARB sends to EESA candidates to start their EESA application.                                                                                                                                   |
### Foreign Educated Applicant
An individual who received an architecture degree in a foreign country but does not hold a license in that country. The process for obtaining a license to practice architecture in the U.S. begins with establishing your NCARB record and completing an EESA evaluation; visit [https://www.ncarb.org/get-licensed/foreign-applicants/educated](https://www.ncarb.org/get-licensed/foreign-applicants/educated) for more information.

### Foreign Licensed Applicant
An individual who received an architecture degree in a foreign country and holds a license in that country. Visit [https://www.ncarb.org/get-licensed/foreign-applicants/licensed](https://www.ncarb.org/get-licensed/foreign-applicants/licensed) for more information about obtaining a U.S. license.

### NAAB
National Architectural Accrediting Board

### NAAB Accreditation
The process by which the NAAB grants public recognition to professional degree programs in architecture indicating that they meet established standards of quality through initial and periodic self-study and evaluation by peers.

### NAAB Accredited Program
A professional architecture degree program that is publicly recognized by the NAAB as having met established standards of quality in architecture.

### NCARB
National Council of Architectural Registration Boards

### NCARB's Education Standard
An approximation of a first professional degree from a NAAB-accredited degree program. It covers six subject areas including general studies, professional studies, and optional studies, which together comprise a liberal education in architecture. See page 22 in the NCARB's Education Guidelines.

### NCARB Record
A detailed, verified account of your education, experience, and examination history. You can establish an NCARB record at [www.ncarb.org](http://www.ncarb.org).

### Notarized Copy
Document carrying authenticated signature(s) of the person(s) authorized or required to sign it, and the signature of a notary public who witnessed the signature(s), accompanied by an impression of his or her official notary seal.

### Official Transcript
An institution’s certified statement of a student’s academic record.

### Reconsideration
Review of an EESA evaluation within 60 days of completion, upon the request of an applicant when certain circumstances apply. See page 20 of NCARB's Education Guidelines.

### Re-evaluation
A second EESA evaluation against the most current NCARB Education Standard.

### Reinstatement
Restoration of an EESA application that had no activity for one or more years, after the evaluation was completed.

### Substantial Equivalency
The NAAB assesses architecture programs outside the United States that are ineligible for NAAB accreditation to determine whether they are “substantially equivalent” in educational outcomes to a U.S.-based program with NAAB accreditation. Substantial equivalency is not accreditation. The EESA process for applicants who have graduated from a program that is substantially equivalent will be expedited and a discount of 50% of the fee will be applied.