

Communique

The members of the [Regulatory Organizations of Architecture in Canada](#) (ROAC), formerly known as CALA, work collectively to develop and adopt nationally recognized standards of competence. Through legislation, each provincial and territorial professional regulatory body in Canada has both the authority and the responsibility to establish standards of admission and proficiency for candidates seeking to become licensed to practise architecture in their respective jurisdictions.

The Internship in Architecture Program (IAP) is the national registration program that forms the basis for reciprocal licensing of architects in Canada. Architects, Interns, and Recognized Students have a straightforward mobility process because there is a consistent program rigorously administered across the country.

Two years ago, a national task force established by ROAC tabled recommendations for changes to the IAP that were uniformly approved by all the provincial/territorial architectural regulators across Canada. Among those changes was the definition of a "Recognized Student," accompanied with the allowance for these individuals to gain up to 760 hours of eligible pre-graduation experience in the IAP.

In an effort to provide clarity and consistency to the eligibility of experience gained as a Recognized Student, ROAC will be implementing the following amendment to the IAP:

Effective July 1, 2022, to be considered, student hours must be obtained both:

1. While the student is enrolled and attending an accredited program; and
2. While completing the final two years of a CACB-accredited Masters' Program.

Any experience gained prior to entering the final two years of a CACB-accredited Masters' Program, or while on leave from the Program, will not be eligible for consideration.

This amendment will not affect any student hours recorded to date in the IAP. Updated Declaration Forms and IAP Appendix B details will be available on the website of each ROAC member jurisdiction.

Given the diversity of programs and curriculums across the country, this amendment aims to create an equitably applied criterion for all those on the path to being licensed as an architect in Canada.