Broadly Experienced Foreign Architect (BEFA) Certification Statistical Highlights

Since 2012

Launched in 2012, the Broadly Experienced Foreign Architect (BEFA) Program offers an alternative pathway to licensure for foreign-licensed architects.

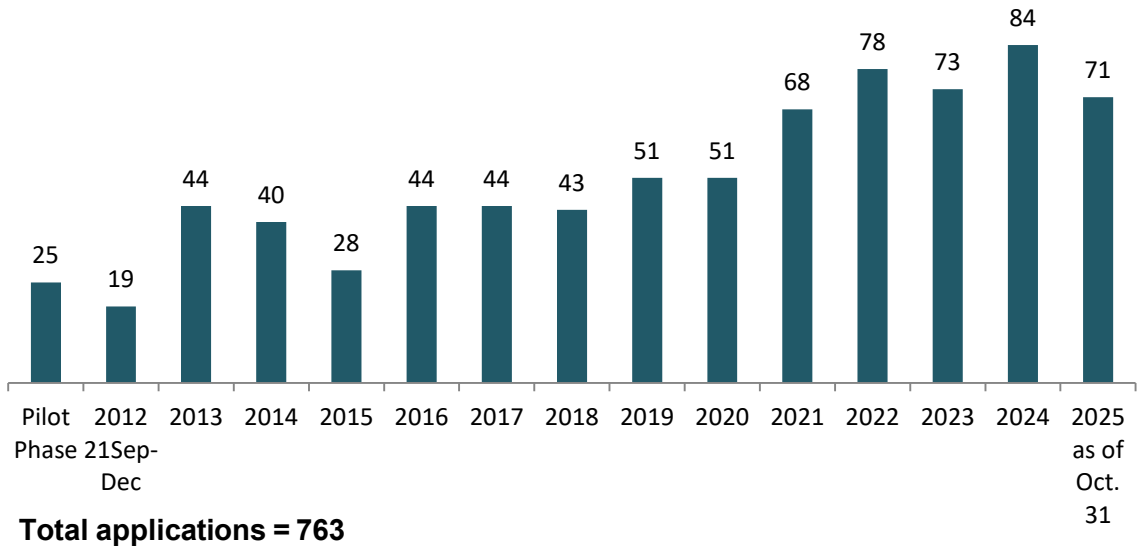
The CACB works on behalf of the Regulatory Organizations of Architecture in Canada (ROAC) to assess and evaluate the broadly based experience of eligible BEFA applicants against the Canadian Standard of Competency for Architects.

BEFA Certification is obtained after successfully completing the Eligibility assessment, Demonstration of Competency, and an Interview.

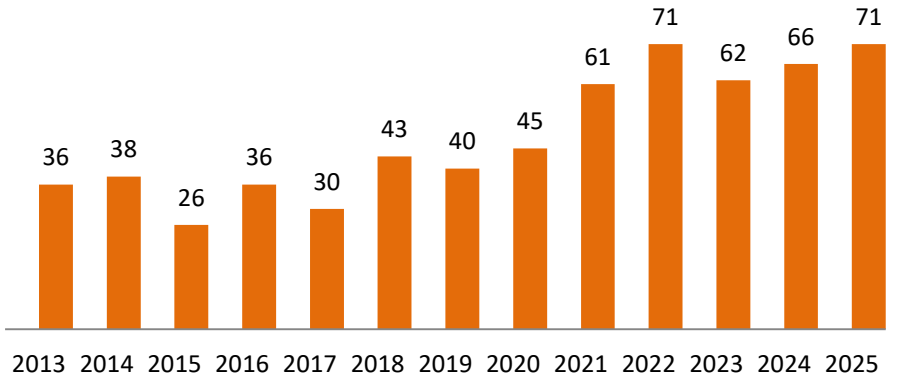
BEFA Certification confirms that candidates meet the Canadian Standard of Competency for Architects.

BEFA Certification enables applicants to pursue licensure as architects with the Provincial or Territorial Association of their choice.

APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

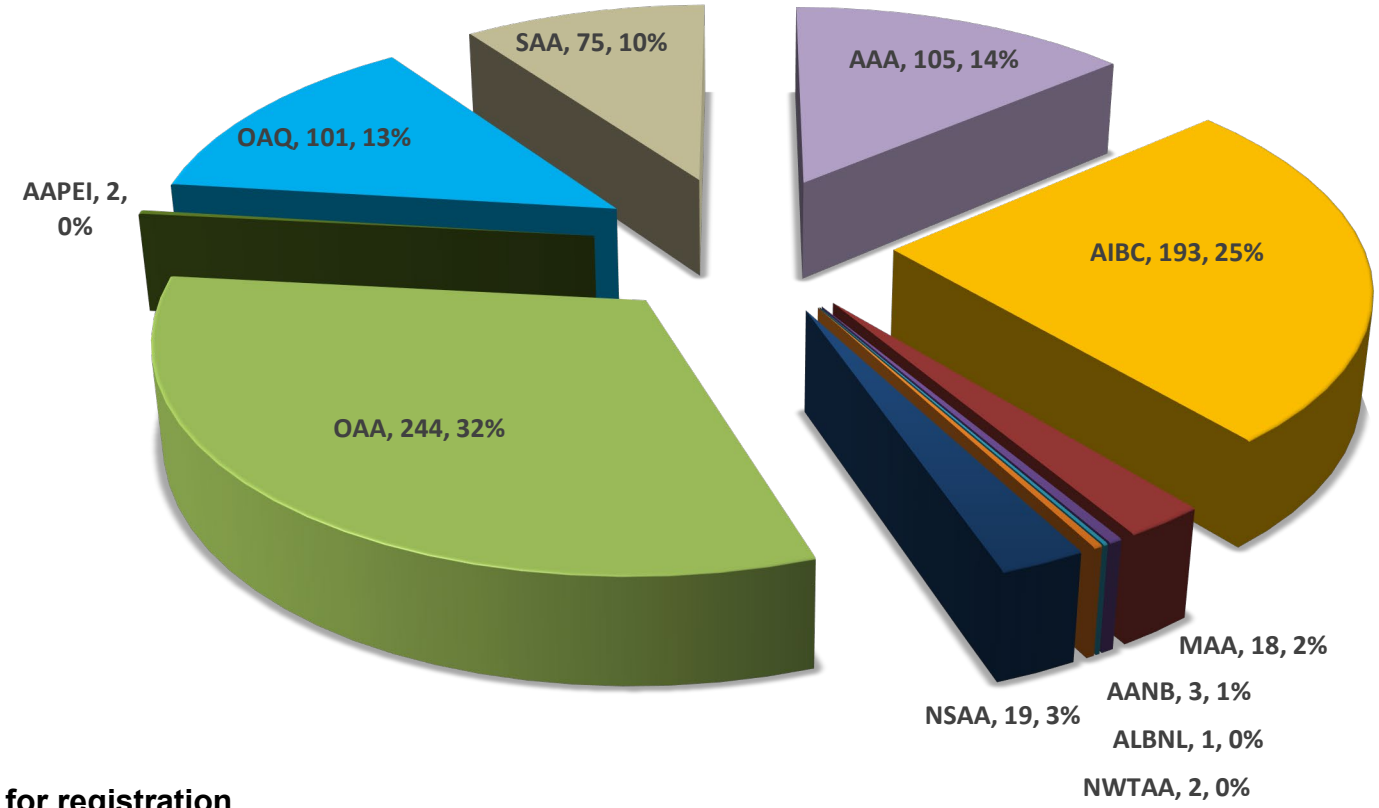


Total applications = 763



Total applications received in October of each year

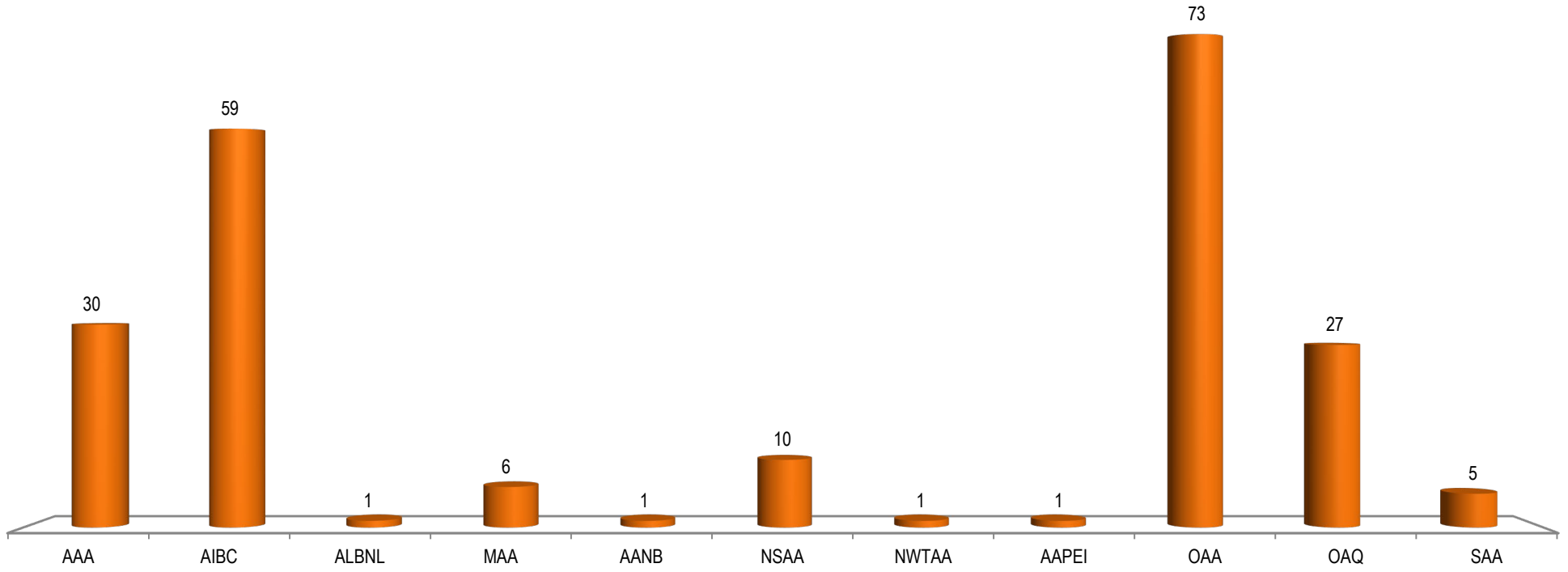
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Desired jurisdiction for registration

CERTIFICATION

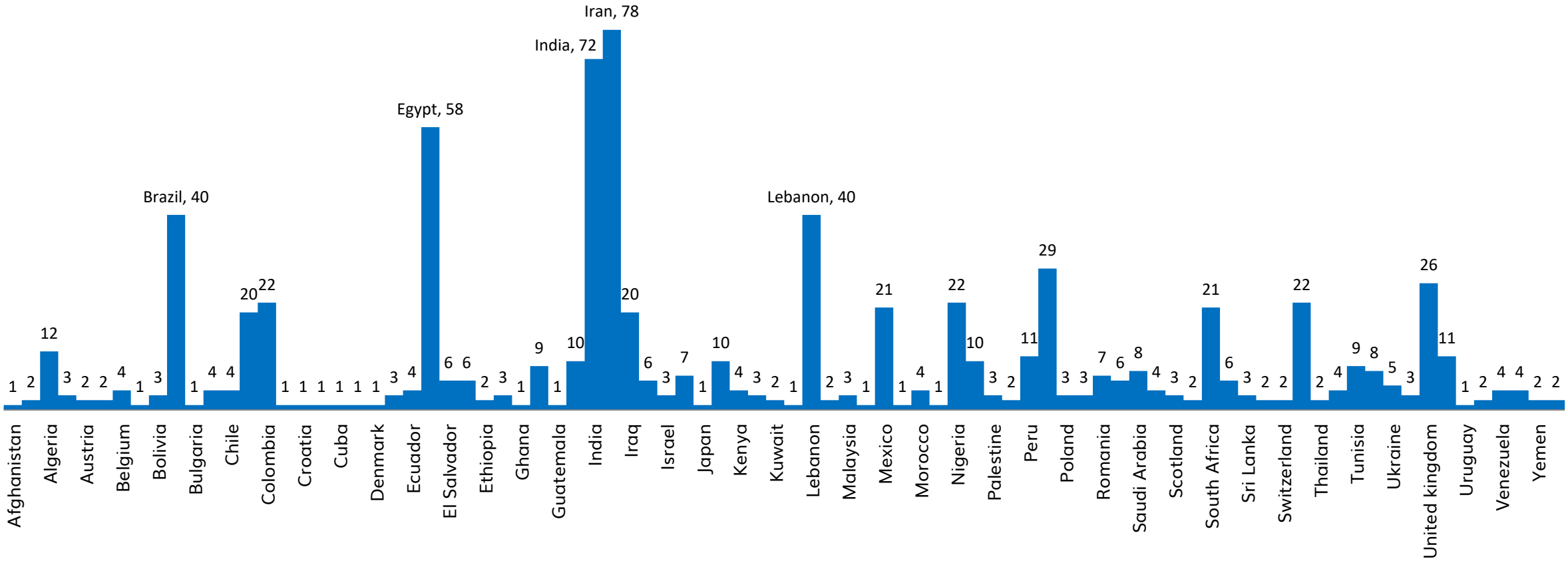
Total certification (as of October 31, 2025) = 214



BEAF Certification per Jurisdiction

APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

2012-2025 (as of October 31, 2025): 763



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APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

2012-2025 (as of October 31, 2025): 763

Country of Origin	Total
Afghanistan	1
Albania	2
Algeria	12
Argentina	3
Austria	2
Bangladesh	2
Belgium	4
Benin	1
Bolivia	3
Brazil	40
Bulgaria	1
Canada	4
Chile	4
China	20
Colombia	22
Congo. Dem.Rep	1
Croatia	1
Cote d'Ivoire	1
Cuba	1
Czech Republic	1

Country of Origin	Total
Denmark	1
Dominican Republic	3
Ecuador	4
Egypt	58
El Salvador	6
England	6
Ethiopia	2
France	3
Ghana	1
Germany	9
Guatemala	1
Hong Kong	10
India	72
Iran	78
Iraq	20
Ireland	6
Israel	3
Italy	7
Japan	1

Country of Origin	Total
Jordan	10
Kenya	4
Korea	3
Kuwait	2
Kyrgystan	1
Lebanon	40
Libya	2
Malaysia	3
Malta	1
Mexico	21
Moldova	1
Morocco	4
New Zealand	1
Nigeria	22
Pakistan	10
Palestine	3
Paraguay	2
Peru	11
Philippines	29

Country of Origin	Total
Poland	3
Portugal	3
Romania	7
Russia	6
Saudi Arabia	8
Serbia	4
Scotland	3
Slovak Republic	2
South Africa	21
Spain	6
Sri Lanka	3
Sudan	2
Switzerland	2
Syria	22
Thailand	2
The Netherlands	4
Tunisia	9
Turkey	8
Ukraine	5

Country of Origin	Total
Ukraine	5
United Arab Emirates	3
United kingdom	26
United States of America	11
Uruguay	1
Uzbekistan	2
Venezuela	4
Vietnam	4
Yemen	2
Yugoslavia	2
Zimbabwe	1
Total	763