

Please familiarize yourself with revisions to the existing statutes that became effective June 11, 2008. The Sections that were amended are as follows:

Section 40-3-20(11) : Adds a definition that will allow individuals who have completed an accredited architecture degree, who are enrolled in the Intern Development Program (IDP) and who are employed by an architecture firm to call themselves "intern architect."

Section 40-3-240:

Subsection (A) clarifies that application fees are nonrefundable.
Subsection (C) allows interns who have completed an accredited degree, who are enrolled in IDP and are actively participating in IDP, and who are employed by an architectural firm to begin taking the Architect Registration Examination (ARE). The law still requires completion of IDP prior to licensure.

Section 40-3-250:

Subsection (A): The continuing education requirement for license renewal remains at 12 hours annually but the change requires that all 12 hours be obtained in health, safety, and welfare-related topics. Previously, 8 of the 12 hours were required to be in health or safety-related topics, while 4 hours were allowed in practice related topics. Emeritus architects are still exempt from continuing education requirements.

Subsection (E): Strengthens compliance requirements for architects whose renewal forms are audited for CE compliance.

Section 40-3-280:

The proposed change will allow use of electronic seals. (This change does not mandate use of electronic seals.) South Carolina's Uniform Electronic Transmittal Act, passed in 2004, allows use of electronic signatures, but this section provides for use of electronic seals.

To view the entire revised statute, please go back to our home page and click on "Laws/Policies" and then click on "Architectural Laws".