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**Three nations join forces to boost architectural practice access**

The updated tri-national Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA) between Canada, Mexico, and the United States increases access to international practice opportunities for architects in North America.

The United States’ National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB), Canada’s Regulatory Organizations of Architecture in Canada (ROAC), and Mexico’s Comité Mexicano para la Práctica Internacional de la Arquitectura (COMPIAR) launched an updated MRA on October 1.

The amendment to the MRA preserves the principles of transparency and responsibility, expanding equal opportunities to practice architecture in the United States, Canada, and Mexico. It recognizes the level of competency established through each country’s initial licensure and registration processes and removes several post-licensure barriers to eligibility.

The revised agreement also includes several operational updates to streamline the application process, remove administrative burdens, and allow architects to earn reciprocity more efficiently.

A similar agreement was signed for architects in the United States, Australia, and New Zealand. Read more about it [here.](https://www.constructionspecifier.com/new-agreement-to-ease-architect-licensing-across-three-countries/)

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