

The REGULATOR

The Board's mission is to protect the citizens of the State of Oklahoma by establishing standards for professional qualifications, ensuring competence through examinations, setting practice standards, and enforcing the Architectural and Registered Interior Designers Act.

The Board is excited about the completion of our new database! We teamed up with Thentia to create a database that allows for faster application submissions and processing, greater usability for our licensees, and an easier renewal process. The new database went live in February and all licensees were notified in March that they were able to log in and look around.

The new database allows for online renewals and payment, which means that, starting with 2021's renewals, all license renewals will now be done online. Licensees can upload their CEUs beforehand and then simply click a button, provide answers to a few questions, pay the renewal fee, and immediately access updated certificates and wallet cards with new expiration dates. These certificates include the date of licensure, which will be the date of the beginning of the current renewal period, rather than the initial date of licensure, and the expiration date; this certificate can easily be used as a "letter of good standing" in a case where a client simply needs evidence of licensure!

Here are a few tips to have a smoother experience using the new system. Check out the FAQs on our website (www.ok.gov/architects) for answers to more questions.

- Make sure that you are using Google Chrome or Firefox.
- Make sure that you are using the email address that the Board has on file for you to log in. If you are unsure about which email address is on file, please contact the Board.
- One email address cannot be used for more than one licensee; each licensee must use a unique email address in order to access their information.
- If you forget your password or the answers to your security questions, clicking the "forgot password" link on the login page will reset both the password and security questions.

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Congratulations to Our New Oklahoma Licensees:

(This list includes first-time Oklahoma-based professionals licensed since July 2020)

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**REMINDER: All licenses in Oklahoma must be renewed by
June 30th, 2021.**

**Please login to the License Portal to renew your license. If you are the
Primary Architect of Record for a firm's license, you can renew the firm's
license in your profile.**

To learn more about Oklahoma licensure or reciprocal
licensure, to find forms and applications, or to update
your CEUs, visit our website at

www.ok.gov/architects



Due to COVID-19, last year’s legislative session was cut short and many of the bills that the Board was following went inactive. However, several of those bills were taken back up at the beginning of the 2021 legislative session. With almost a month left in the session, here are the bills that the Board believes will impact the professions in Oklahoma or will impact the Board itself, and where they are at in the process:

- **HB1147**—This bill modifies the title of Registered Interior Designers to “Registered Commercial Interior Designers” and removes an licensed Architect from the Board in order to add a Registered Commercial Interior Designer, bringing the members of the Board to six Architects, two Landscape Architects, two Registered Commercial Interior Designers, and one public member. The bill also provides Registered Commercial Interior Designers with a seal that they can use to stamp their intellectual property. The bill does not change the requirements for an Architect based on a building’s occupancy code use group. (Those requirements can be found in 59 OS, section 46.21b.)

Where it is currently at in the process: The bill has been passed in both the House of Representatives and in the Senate, and will now return to the House of Representatives to affirm amendments made in the Senate, before going to the Governor’s desk to be signed into law.

- **HB1934**—This bill concerns design professional services agreements and requires any provision in a design professional services agreement that requires an entity or that entity’s insurer to indemnify, insure, defend or hold harmless another entity against liability for damage arising out of death or bodily injury to persons or damage to property which arises out of the negligence or fault of the indemnitee, its agents, representatives, subcontractors, suppliers or an entity for whom an indemnitor is not otherwise legally responsible, to be void and unenforceable.

Where it is currently at in the process: The bill has been passed in both the House of Representatives and in the Senate, and was sent to the Governor to be signed into law on April 19th.

- **HB2873**—This bill is a Universal Licensing Recognition Act and will allow for a person living in Oklahoma, who is licensed in another state, to gain licensure upon proving residency and competency.

Where it is currently at in the process: The bill has been passed by the House of Representatives and must be passed by the Senate before Thursday, April 22nd, in order to go to the Governor’s desk to be signed into law.

- **SB 0748**—This bill concerns the peer review records of any profession or occupation and declares all records submitted to or generated by any peer review committee or peer review as privileged and not subject to discovery, subpoena or other means of legal compulsion for their release to any person or entity or be admissible in evidence in any judicial or administrative proceeding.

Where it is currently at in the process: The bill has been passed by the Senate and is awaiting hearing/passing in the House of Representatives. It must be passed by Thursday, April 22nd, in order to go to the Governor’s desk to be signed into law.

Oklahoma Legislation Update

Meet the Board



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Want to join the Board??

If you are a resident of Oklahoma, have been a licensed Architect, Landscape Architect, or a Registered Interior Designer in Oklahoma for more than five years, and are interested in serving as a Board member, go online to governor.ok.gov and click the "Serve" tab at the top of the page to apply. When there is an open position, the Governor will then appoint a new Board member from the applications received.

Important Dates:

March 31—Board Meeting

May 31—Memorial Day, Office Closed

June 2—Board Meeting

June 30—License Renewal Deadline

July 5—Independence Day (observed), Office Closed

September 1—Board Meeting

September 6—Labor Day, Office Closed

November 3—Board Meeting

November 11—Veterans Day, Office Closed

For information on how to submit a complaint, as well as up-to-date Board actions and Attorney General Opinions, please visit the Enforcement & Complaints section of our website at www.ok.gov/architects.

MOVING?

Please notify the Board Office of your new address via the License Portal by logging into your account and clicking the “Personal Information” tab or via email at okla@boardofarch.ok.gov.

We will send renewal reminders, notices, and letters to the physical and email addresses on file with OBA, so be sure to keep your contact information updated.

