

Surviving the ARE – 2007 Edition

Graphic Tests

- Site Planning: 3 Vignettes – Site Design, Site Zoning, Site Grading
- Building Planning – 2 Vignettes – Interior Layout, Schematic Design
- Building Technology – 6 Vignettes – Building Section, Structural Layout, Accessibility/Ramp, Mechanical and Electrical Plan, Stair Design, Roof Plan

Multiple Choice Tests

- Pre-Design: 105 Questions
- General Structures: 85 Questions
- Lateral Forces: 75 Questions
- Mechanical & Electrical Systems: 105 Questions
- Materials & Methods: 105 Questions
- Construction Documents and Services: 115 Questions

Test-Taking Tips

- Read all directions very carefully
- Keep in mind how many questions you have to answer in the allotted time. Once you have completed half the questions, check your progress to make sure that you can finish all of the questions *and* go back to check questions you are unsure about in the time remaining.
- Throughout the multiple choice tests, you have the option to mark questions that you may not be sure of. After you have answered all of the questions, you can go back and “unmark” these questions once you have provided an answer.
- For the graphic exams, it is very important to use the computer practice software and become very familiar with it. Go through the practice tests so that you feel comfortable with all of the tools.
- Create a study schedule and stick to it! See the list of recommend study materials below.

Test Information

- One you are qualified for the ARE, you will receive a Candidate ID number that will allow you to sign up for the test. For testing centers, call 800.479.6215.
- You may reschedule your exam 3 days prior to your appointment. Keep in mind that there is a \$35.00 rescheduling fee.

Study References Visit the AIA Library to borrow some of the references listed below

- Visit www.areforum.org for discussion on test topics with other candidates.
- Architectural Licensing Seminars (ALS) Study Guides – visit www.kaplanaecarchitecture.com or call 800.420.1429.
- NCARB – ARE Study Guide Graphic Solutions – visit ncarb.org/are/index.htm and ncarb.org/are/areguide.html
- Norman K. Dorf – *Understanding the graphic divisions of the Architect's Exams*
- Francis D.K. Ching – *A Visual Dictionary of Architecture*
- Archiflash – ARE Study Flash Cards
- Ballast's Guide to the ARE
- MEEB – Mechanical and Electrical Equipment for Buildings