Guidelines and Application for Licence

Reciprocal Architects Licensed in the United States

(Membership in the Ontario Association of Architects)





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Payment of Fees Form

Consent Form – Under the *Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act* (PIPEDA) for the collection, use, disclosure, and retention of personal information collected by the Ontario Association of Architects in the course of its commercial activities.

When filing an Application for Licence, include the following:

- 1. Completed, signed Application for Licence;
- 2. Proof of Citizenship or lawful permanent residency status in the United States of America (USA);
- Contact the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) to apply for an NCARB Certificate and/or have your current records updated; NCARB will send directly to the OAA:
 - Proof of licensure in good standing with one or more NCARB Member Board(s) signatory to the current Agreement (template attached);
 - Signed affidavit attesting to the completion of 2,000 cumulative hours of post-licensure experience, practising as an architect in the USA (template attached);
- 4. Payment of applicable fees (refer to Payment of Fees Form); and
- 5. Completed, signed Consent Form (under PIPEDA).

You are advised to notify the OAA in writing in advance of_being considered for a commission in Ontario. You must also promise to comply with the requirements for licensing immediately upon obtaining the commission. This avoids the perception that you are trying to practise architecture without a Licence and Certificate of Practice in Ontario.

IMPORTANT

Ontario has two-tier licensing. You must obtain a Licence for yourself (individual) and a Certificate of Practice (individual or business) to offer or provide architectural services to the public.

An Application for Certificate of Practice should be submitted together with the Application for Licence.

The provision of architectural services, as defined under the *Architects Act* and further elaborated on the <u>OAA Website</u>, prior to the issuance of a Licence and Certificate of Practice may be prejudicial to the granting of a Licence and/or a Certificate of Practice.



General

- Allow approximately four to six weeks of processing time from the date of receipt of the completed application and all required documentation. An incomplete application will be delayed as it may be returned for completion. NOTE: ENSURE YOU HAVE ANSWERED ALL QUESTIONS OR YOUR APPLICATION WILL BE DEEMED INCOMPLETE.
- 2. All sections of the application are to be completed. The terms "Not Applicable" and "N/A" may be used where sections do not apply.
- 3. All documentation submitted will be verified.
- 4. The **Licence term** is January 1 to December 31 each year. The onus is on the architect to pay the fee within the time prescribed.
- 5. **Applications received after December 1** will not be finalized in that calendar year (unless otherwise requested). Applicants should contact the Office of the Registrar after December 1 for information with respect to fees.
- 6. All documents prepared by an Architect licensed in Ontario that govern a project's construction, alteration, or enlargement must be sealed with a seal issued to that member by the OAA. For more information regarding OAA professional seals, visit the OAA Website here.

Applying for a seal

- 1. An **applicant for a Certificate of Practice** may apply for a seal after their Certificate of Practice has been approved, or have a seal when making application for the Certificate of Practice.
- For an employee of a holder of a Certificate of Practice to be eligible for a seal, the holder of the Certificate of Practice must provide confirmation in writing to the OAA indicating that the seal will be used only for projects under that holder.
- 3. For an **employee of other than a holder of a Certificate of Practice** (e.g. federal or provincial government, banks, etc.) to be eligible, the employer must provide confirmation in writing to the OAA indicating that the seal will be used only for projects owned by the employer; the entity that owns the projects must be the one and the same that employs the licensee.

Once you have a seal

- 1. The employer must notify the Office of the Registrar at officeoftheregistrar@oaa.on.ca of any changes to the Certificate of Practice.
- 2. The employee must immediately notify the Office of the Registrar at officeoftheregistrar@oaa.on.ca of any changes to their employment status.

Obtaining a physical seal

To obtain a **physical OAA Seal**, please complete the <u>application form</u>. Please ensure you have read and understand the guidelines.

Obtaining a digital seal:

To obtain a digital OAA Seal, visit https://notarius.com/oaa. For more information, refer to the following links:



- Signing up information: https://notarius.com/signup/certifioforprofessionals
- CertifiO for Professional Product brochure: https://www.notarius.com/en/library/certifio-for-professionals
- ConsignO Desktop Product brochure: https://notarius.com/info/consignodesktop

For technical assistance, contact Notarius Customer Support by calling 1-855-505-7272 or by emailing support@notarius.com.

Questions regarding the seal can be directed to the Office of the Registrar at officeoftheregistrar@oaa.on.ca.

Once complete, submit your application to the Office of the Registrar at officeoftheregistrar@oaa.on.ca. To accompany the physical or digital seal, the OAA will provide the applicant with high-resolution images of their seal to be used in conjunction with the chosen official type of seal.

OAA Seals must remain under the sole control of the licensee; they cannot be shared or delegated under any circumstances.

- 7. Every holder of a Licence shall **display their Licence certificate prominently** in their place of business (Subsection 49.(7), Regulation 27).
- 8. The OAA has a **mandatory Continuing Education program**. Detailed information can be found on the OAA Website at https://www.oaa.on.ca/working-with-an-architect/member-benefits/continuing-education-program.
- 9. There are application fees and annual fees for each Licence and Certificate of Practice. These are set out on their separate Payment of Fees Form that are attached to the separate applications.



Completion of the Application

A. IDENTIFICATION

Question 7 requires proof of your date of birth. Photocopies of birth certificate, passport, or driver's licence are accepted.

B. LICENCE HISTORY

Indicate Licence status in all jurisdictions where a Licence is currently held or was previously held. Identify any Licence not currently in good standing and give the particulars. Attach supplementary sheets if necessary.

C. DECLARATION

It is the statutory responsibility of the OAA to ensure applicants for Licence in Ontario have the requisite knowledge of Ontario laws before being granted a Licence by the OAA.

Applicants must have unrestricted access to all of the documents listed in Appendix 1. The OAA Official Documents are available for downloading from the OAA Website.

Where the Registrar proposes to refuse to issue a Licence based on good character (which includes past conduct and the belief the applicant will not engage in the practice of architecture in accordance with the law, and with honesty and integrity) the *Architects Act* provides that the Applicant is entitled to a hearing by the Registration Committee. If the Applicant chooses to attend a hearing with the Registration Committee, they must deliver to the Registrar, within 30 days from the dated Notice of Proposal, a written notice of their intent to attend the hearing, coupled with the reasons that had been served upon them. A Decision by the Registration Committee may be appealed through the courts.



Mobility of Architects to Ontario

Sometimes clients want you to start work in Ontario or provide design ideas, programming, or other architectural services before you are licensed in Ontario.

ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES IN ONTARIO can only be provided by an Architect licensed by the OAA **and** the holder of a Certificate of Practice issued by the OAA.

COMMISSIONS – You are advised to notify the OAA in writing in advance of being considered for a commission in Ontario. You must also promise to comply with the requirements for licensing immediately upon obtaining the commission. This avoids the perception that you are trying to practise architecture without a Licence and Certificate of Practice in Ontario.

COLLABORATION AND TEMPORARY LICENCES – As an alternative to the process of licensure as an Architect and issuance of a Certificate of Practice, or in the case of an Architect who is licensed in a jurisdiction that does not have reciprocity with the OAA, the process of Temporary Licence and Certificate of Practice under Section 23 of the *Architects Act* is available for the purpose of providing architectural services on a **specific project**. This option requires collaboration with an Ontario architect/holder.



Appendix 1 – List of Documents

OAA Official Documents

Acquired specific knowledge:

- The Architects Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.A.26 https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/90a26
- Ontario Regulation 27, R.R.O. 1990, Reg. 27 https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/900027
- 3. Bylaws of the Ontario Association of Architects
- 4. OAA 600-2021 A (OAA Standard Form of Contract for Architect's Services)
- 5. OAA 600-2021 GUIDE to the Standard Form of Contract for Licensed Member's Services
- 6. OAA 800-2021 A (OAA Standard Short Form of Contract for Architect's Services)
- OAA 800-2021 GUIDE to the Standard Short Form of Contract for Licensed Member's Services
- 8. OAA 900-2021 A (OAA Standard Form of Subcontract Between Architect and Subconsultant)
- 9. OAA 900-2021 GUIDE to the Standard Form of Subcontract Between Licensed Member and Subconsultant

Acquired general knowledge:

- 10. Regulatory Notices
- 11. Practice Tips

Ontario Building Code Act 1992, 1992, S.O. 1992, c. 23 and the Building Code, O. Reg 332/12

Acquired **general** knowledge of **provincial statutes, regulations,** and **codes** applicable to the design, construction, enlargement, or alteration of buildings, such as but not limited to:

- Construction Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.C. 30;
- Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13;
- Occupational Health & Safety Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.1;
- Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997, S.O. 1997, c.4 and the Ontario Fire Code, O. Reg 213/07;
- Health Protection & Promotion Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter H.7;
- Ontario New Home Warranties Plan Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.31; and
- Technical Standards and Safety Act, 2000, S.O. 2000, c. 16.

Note: All Provincial statutes, regulations, and codes are as amended.

The above documents are available for download at www.e-laws.gov.on.ca or may be purchased by contacting the Ontario Government Bookstore at College Park Building, 777 Bay Street, Toronto, Ontario M6G 2C8 (416) 326-5300 or through ServiceOntario Publications at www.publications.serviceontario.ca



Appendix 2 – Excerpts from the Mutual Recognition Agreement (Canada/USA)

The following is a summary of the requirements as set out in the Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA) between the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) and the Canadian Architectural Licensing Authorities (CALA) which took effect January 1, 2014 in Ontario, Canada.

1. Mutual Recognition Agreement

Definitions:

- (a) **Demonstration of Required Experience:** 2,000 cumulative hours of post-licensure experience shall be demonstrated by individual applicants through the provision of proof of licensure in good standing and a signed affidavit attesting to the experience.
- (b) **Principal Place of Practice:** The address declared by the architect to be the address at which the architect is predominantly offering architectural services. The architect may only identify one principal place of practice.
- (c) **Limitations:** Nothing in this Agreement limits the ability of an NCARB Member Board or CALA jurisdiction to refuse to license/register an architect or impose terms, conditions, or restrictions on their licence/registration.

2. Eligibility and Conditions

All applicants for registration in the Province of Ontario, and all architectural practices, must comply with the local requirements.

A. Eligibility

- (a) Architects able to benefit from the provisions of this agreement must be citizens respectively of the United States or Canada or have lawful permanent residency status in that country as their home country in order to seek licensure/registration in the other country as the host country under this Agreement. Architects shall not be required to establish citizenship or permanent residency status in the host country in which they seek licensure/registration under this Agreement.
- (b) Architects must also be licensed/registered in a jurisdiction of their home country and must have completed at least 2,000 hours of post-licensure/registration experience practising as an architect in their home country.
- (c) Architects who have been licensed by means of a Broadly Experienced Foreign Architect (BEFA) program of either two countries or other foreign reciprocal licensing agreement are not eligible under this agreement.

B. Conditions

U.S. Architect to Canadian Jurisdiction

Upon application, those CALA jurisdictions who are signatories to this Agreement and so long as they remain signatories agree to license/register as an architect in their respective province or territory any architect who:

- (a) Is currently licensed/registered in good standing by one or more NCARB Member Board(s) that is a current signatory to this Agreement;
- (b) Holds a current NCARB Certificate;
- (c) Meets the eligibility requirements listed above; and
- (d) Whose principal place of practice is in a jurisdiction that is a current signatory to this Agreement.

C. Applicant Must Provide:

(a) a letter of good standing from the architectural licensing authority in the architect's principal place of practice (template attached);



- (b) a letter of declaration from the applicant attesting to at least 2,000 hours of post-licensure experience (template attached); and
- (c) proof of citizenship/permanent residency in the home country.

3. Practice (Certificate of Practice)

- (a) To promote, offer, or provide architectural services in Ontario, a registered architect must apply for and have approved a Certificate of Practice
- (b) In order to obtain and continue to hold a Certificate of Practice, a registered architect under the Mutual Recognition Agreement must maintain their Principal Place of Practice in a jurisdiction that allows an OAA member to become registered on a reciprocal basis.
- (c) In order to hold a Certificate of Practice, a registered architect is subject to the local requirements including those relating to professional liability insurance coverage.

Permissible forms of practice are set out in the *Architects Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. A. 26 and Regulations. Information is available from the Office of the Registrar at 416-449-6898.



Schedule 1 – Signatory States/Territories

Schedule 1 lists those State Licensing Boards that will accept Certificate Holders for registration to practise architecture in its jurisdiction without any further demonstration of qualification by the Certificate Holder other than, in the case of certain State Licensing Boards, a demonstration that the Certificate Holder is familiar with local laws, conditions, and practice requirements.

Alabama	Kansas	Puerto Rico
Alaska	Louisiana	Rhode Island
Arizona	Maryland	South Carolina
Arkansas	Massachusetts	Tennessee
California	Michigan	Texas
Colorado	Missouri	U.S. Virgin Islands
Connecticut	Montana	Vermont
Delaware	Nebraska	Virginia
District of Columbia	New Hampshire	Washington
Georgia	New Mexico	West Virginia
Guam	North Carolina	Wisconsin
Idaho	North Dakota	Wyoming
Illinois	Ohio	
Indiana	Oregon	
Iowa	Pennsylvania	

Schedule 2 – Signatory Provinces/Territories

Schedule 2 lists those Canadian Provincial Associations and Territories that will Register as Registered Architects those Certificate Holders whose Principal Place of Practice is in the jurisdiction of a Member Board listed in Schedule 1, without further demonstration of qualification by the Certificate Holder other than, in the case of certain Associations, a demonstration that the Certificate Holder is familiar with local laws, conditions, and practice requirements.

Alberta	Newfoundland & Labrador	Prince Edward Island
British Columbia	Northwest Territories	Quebec
Manitoba	Nova Scotia	Saskatchewan
New Brunswick	Ontario	





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Licence Fees

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Payment of Fees – 2024 Application for Licence

Applications approved

between Jul 1 & Dec 31

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The Ontario Association of Architects accepts payment of fees with U.S. cheques. The fees listed below are in Canadian funds and include the Harmonized Sales Tax (HST). Visit the OAA website page, Methods of Payment, for U.S. cheques.

Applications approved

between Jan 1 & Jun 30

Application fee (non-refundable)	\$366.12	\$366.12
Annual Licence fee—submit ONLY the annual fee applicable to your application		
Annual Licence fee	\$1,111.92	\$555.96
Total	\$	\$
NAME OF APPLICANT:		
PAYMENT METHOD:		
☐ Cheque	Online Banking	
☐ Money Order [Interac e-Transfer	
☐ Bank Draft	Credit Card	
☐ Cash		

If you already have an OAA account/identification number, you may use online banking or Interac e-Transfers at this time.

Online Banking

Online banking bill payment is available for major Canadian banks (*i.e.* CIBC, RBC, Scotia, TD, BMO, Credit Union, and National). Note: You must use your OAA account/ID number to ensure the OAA receives the correct information from the bank to process your payment. Visit the OAA Website (Methods of Payment) for online banking instructions.

Interac e-Transfer

Interac e-Transfers can be sent to OAAFees@oaa.on.ca. Note: You must enter your OAA ID in the message box to ensure the OAA receives the correct information from the bank to process your payment. Visit the OAA Website (Methods of Payment) for Interac e-Transfer instructions.

Credit Card

Note: There is 2.5% convenience fee for Credit Card payments that is non-refundable once the payment has been made.

- Complete the application package and submit by email to officeoftheregistrar@oaa.on.ca.
- 2. Visit secure.oaa.on.ca/store to pay your Architect application fee by credit card.
- Once the application fee and form are received, the Office of the Registrar will begin the review process.
- 4. When your application has been reviewed, OAA Finance will provide a link to pay your Architect Licence fee.

Once the Office of the Registrar receives notification of payment from OAA Finance, a letter of approval will be issued in due course.



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Personal Information Protection and Electronic Document Act (PIPEDA) Consent Form

For the collection, use, disclosure, and retention of personal information by the Ontario Association of Architects (OAA) in the course of its commercial activities.

Name:		
	Prov./State:	
Telephone:	Email:	
Through this Consent Fo	orm:	
OAA to the organization		correspondence, telephone number, and email address by the nce Plan for architects licensed by the OAA and other classes of organization to contact me.
Yes	□No	
-	or individuals offering the OAA	correspondence, telephone number, and email address by the Conference, event planning, and/or event registration services for
Yes	□No	
l acknowledge that I hav	e the right to amend this Conse	ent Form in writing.
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Signature		Date

Please Note - by opting out, you may not receive important information about your professional liability insurance requirements and/or opportunities to complete your continuing education requirement.



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A. IDENTIFICATION

1.	Name in Full:						
	Surna	ame		First Name			Middle Name(s)
	Please check one	☐ Woman	☐ Man	☐ Non Binary	☐ Prefer no	t to answer	
	representation of	the profession, i on system, with a	dentify trends, a	about the architectura nd monitor progress a to staff members for	as it relates to g	ender. The data wi	ll be maintained in a
	Name as it should a on the Certificate:						
2.	Residence Address	s:					
		Street					Apt. No.
		City		Province/State	/Territory	Country	Postal/Zip Code
3.	Place of Business: or Employment	Firm Name					
		Street					Suite No.
		City		State		Country	Zip Code
4.	(a) Address for Co (The selected addresidence and busi district that corresp	ess will be your ness addresses	s are in differer	ecord on the Ontariont electoral districts,			
	(b) Permission to s	hare contact in	formation with	public, upon reques	t:	Yes	□ No □
5.	Residence Tel: ()		Busine	ess Tel: ()	
6.	Email:						
7.	Date of Birth:	(mm/	(At	tach copy of proof)			
8.	Country of Origin						
9.	Language(s):	English □	Fre	nch 🗆	Other		
10	. School of Architectu	ure:					
De	aree/Diploma Recei	ved:	Dat	e Degree/Diploma	Received:		

B.	ARCHITECT LICENC	E HISTORY AND	GOOD CHARACTE	R QI	JESTIONS (Use s	suppleme	entary sheets if ne	cessary.)
1.	Jurisdiction in which fir	rst Licence issued:						
Juri	sdiction			Licer	nce Number	Date L	icence issued	
2.	List all jurisdictions in v	which you currentl	y hold a Licence:					
Juri	sdiction			Licer	nce Number	Date L	icence issued	
3.	List all jurisdictions in v jurisdictions:	vhich you previous	sly held a Licence ar	nd pro	ovide the reason y	ou no lor	nger hold a Licenc	e in those
Juri	sdiction	Licence Number	Date Licence Issued		Date Resigned/Can	celled	Reason Resigned/	Cancelled
4.	Have you ever been d	enied a Licence?					Yes □	No □
5.	(a) Has your Licence 6 (b) Has your Licence 6						Yes □ Yes □	No □ No □
6.	Have you resigned you the practice of architectany reason?							No □
6.1	6.1 Was your conduct or competence under review at the time of your resignation or cancellation? Yes ☐ No					No □		
7.	Have you ever been for	ound guilty of, or c	onvicted of, any offe	ence	under any statute	e?	Yes □	No □
i) m ii) s iii) c thre iv) c not (If y	ase exclude: nunicipal bylaws or ordinal speeding and parking ticke offences for which more the ee years have passed sind convictions or findings of of exceeding 30 grams or co you are unsure of whether anot conduct preliminary re	ets; han one year has pa ce you were discharq guilt under the Contr annabis resin not ex r these exclusions ap	ged on conditions pres colled Drugs and Subs ceeding 1 gram that d oply to you, please co	scribe tance lid no	ed in a prohibition of es Act for possessio t include a term of i	rder; and n of canna ncarcerati	abis	
7.1	Are you currently the s	subject of criminal p	proceedings?				Yes □	No □
8.	(a) Have you ever bee	en found guilty of p	rofessional miscond	luct o	r incompetence?		Yes □	No □
	(b) Is your conduct or	competence prese	ently the subject of p	roce	edings?		Yes □	No □
If v	ou have answered "ve	es" to Questions	4. to 8 use a supp	leme	ntary sheet to pr	ovide da	ates and details.	

NOTE: ENSURE YOU HAVE ANSWERED ALL QUESTIONS OR YOUR APPLICATION WILL BE DEEMED INCOMPLETE



C. DECLARATION

I DO SOLEMNLY DECLARE:

THAT I am applying for a Licence under the Architects Act of the Province of Ontario;

THAT in regard to the documents listed in the Guidelines for Completion of an Application for Licence, I have and will continue to maintain:

- a. the OAA Official Documents:
- b. unrestricted access to all other listed documents;
- c. general knowledge of the contents of the documents identified under "General Knowledge;" and
- d. specific knowledge of the contents of the documents identified as "documents architects must be familiar with."

THAT I agree to comply with the Architects Act, the Regulation, and Bylaws, all as amended from time to time;

THAT I understand that only an architect who is a holder of a licence who also has a Certificate of Practice, or is employed by a Certificate of Practice, is permitted to offer and/or provide to a member of the public a service that is part of the practice of architecture;

THAT the facts set out in this Application for Licence are true and correct in every particular;

THAT I have an ongoing obligation to update the OAA if there have been any changes to the Good Character questions in this application and a failure to do so may constitute professional misconduct;

THAT I will respond within the timeframes specified by the OAA to any inquiries related to my licence history and good character and I will cooperate with any investigation related thereto;

AND THAT I MAKE THIS solemn declaration conscientiously believing it to be true and knowing that it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath.

IN ADDITION, I consent and authorize other jurisdictions where I have been or continue to be licensed to practise architecture, to provide the OAA with all information and documents that relate to any past, current, or pending investigations or proceedings involving my conduct or competence;

AND, I consent and authorize the OAA to release and disclose to any other jurisdictions where I am seeking a licence or currently hold a licence to practise architecture, all information and documents that relate to any past, current, or pending investigations or proceedings involving my conduct, competence, or good character.

Signature of Applicant	Date

OAA-12-21



DECLARATION AND UNDERTAKING

For The

MUTUAL RECOGNITION AGREEMENT

Between The

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURAL REGISTRATION BOARDS (NCARB) And The

CANADIAN ARCHITECTURAL LICENSING AUTHORITIES (CALA)

I, [NAME], declare and affirm that:

I am a citizen or hold permanent residency status in [UNITED STATES or CANADA];

I am a licensed/registered architect, and currently a licensee/registrant in good standing with the [NAME OF LICENSING AUTHORITY] which is my principal place of practice;

I was licensed on [MONTH / DAY / YEAR] with the [NAME OF LICENSING AUTHORITY] who will separately be confirming that I am in good standing with that Authority, and I did not obtain licensure in that jurisdiction by means of a foreign reciprocal registration agreement or a Broadly Experienced Foreign Architect (BEFA) program.

I have completed a minimum of 2,000 hours of post-licensure experience as an architect engaged in the lawful practice of architecture; and

I meet all of the eligibility requirements of the Mutual Recognition Agreement for reciprocal licensing between NCARB and CALA.

I have had a disciplinary action registered against me by a licensing authority.

(circle one) YES / NO

(The accepting licensing authority has the right to request further details with respect to disciplinary actions.)

I affirm that the above statements are accurate and true to the best of my knowledge and belief.				
Signature of Applicant	Date			
Name (print)				

DATE
NAME ADDRESS ADDRESS ADDRESS ADDRESS ADDRESS
To Whom It May Concern:
This is to confirm that [NAME OF INDIVIDUAL] was licensed/registered on [MONTH/DAY/YEAR] with the [NAME OF LICENSING AUTHORITY] and was not licensed by means of a foreign reciprocal registration agreement or a Broadly Experienced Foreign Architect (BEFA) program.
[NAME OF INDIVIDUAL] is currently a licensee/registrant in good standing with the [NAME OF LICENSING AUTHORITY], and neither is the current subject of disciplinary action by this licensing authority nor has a record of unresolved disciplinary action on file with this licensing authority.
Sincerely,
NAME
Registrar