



ARCHITECTURAL INSTITUTE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Oral Review Frequently Asked Questions

Q. What are the eligibility requirements for the Oral Review?

Intern architects who have a minimum of 2800 approved work experience hours along with completion of all the required professional development courses are eligible to apply for the oral review.

Broadly Experienced Applicants (BEAs) must first complete the Oral Assessment, any Oral Assessment panel recommendations and/or requirements, and complete all required professional development courses.

Q. When are the Oral Reviews scheduled?

Oral Reviews are held three times per year. Each round will have three evenings of reviews. The scheduled dates of the Oral Reviews and preparatory workshops will be posted online in January. Notices and reminders will also be included in the Connected newsletter and circulated around the start of each round's application period and before the closing dates. These are also listed in the AIBC calendar on the website. Should there be changes to the posted dates, AIBC will send out notifications as early as possible.

Q. Are there specific requirements about what subcategories the 2800 experience hours need to be logged in to qualify for the Oral Reviews?

No, however candidates should try to gain experience in all subcategories in preparation for their Oral Review.

Q. May I apply for the oral review if I have one more outstanding PD course to complete?

If you have already registered for your last professional development course and will complete the course before the scheduled oral review dates, you may submit your application for that round within the posted application period and it will be accepted conditionally. Note that the scheduling of Oral Review dates is prioritized based on level of program completion so another applicant who already meets the eligibility requirements at the time of their application will take precedence.

Q. May I select the date for my Oral Review?

We will assign your Oral Review date out of the three listed oral review evenings. If you have an unavoidable conflict with a particular date or have a preference to organize travel arrangements in advance you may indicate this on your application form and we will make efforts to accommodate your request if possible.

Q. What do I need to submit along with my Oral Review application?

Your Oral Review application must include a letter from your supervising architect, advising in detail of the extent of your participation with the chosen project. Full payment of your Oral Review fee must also be submitted at the time of application.

Q. What do I need to bring to the Oral Review?

Oral Review participants are to bring to the Review a set of construction documents for a project where they have been significantly involved. This should consist of a building more complex than a typical single-family residence. You may also wish to bring other documents of either a design, technical or administrative nature to help illustrate your involvement in the project.

Q. Can I bring more than one project to my Oral Review?

You are welcome to feature more than one project in your review to demonstrate different aspects of your knowledge and experience. Due to the limited time frame to cover all required topics in the Oral Review, it is recommended to keep your project selection to a minimum.

Q. How long is the Oral Review?

The Oral Reviews are approximately 45-60 minutes long.

Q. When will I be able to find out the result of my Oral Review?

At the end of the Oral Review, your panelists will inform you unofficially of your results. Following Registration Board and AIBC Council approval you will receive an official results letter which may also include additional comments and recommendations.

Q. If I attempt another Oral Review, will the panelists know I was previously unsuccessful?

No. Panelists will not be told of your previous attempts and you will be assigned with a different group of panelists each time to ensure an unbiased review.

Q. Who do I contact if I have more questions?

If you have more questions not addressed here, please contact iap@aibc.ca