1.0  **Background and Authority**

1.1 The mandatory Continuing Education System (CES) Canadian reciprocity option is approved under Council Rules 5: Continuing Education System (CES) and described in Bulletin 80: Mandatory Continuing Education System (CES). This bulletin explains the reciprocity option and the required reporting procedures, which includes compliance verification.

1.2 The AIBC recognizes that all Canadian jurisdictions currently have credible, mandatory continuing education systems, and acknowledges variations among them with respect to length of reporting period; end-date of reporting period; number of hours of continuing education (Learning Units) required per reporting period; Learning Unit classifications; evaluation measures; reporting and tracking systems; and other, minor aspects.

1.3 Any Architect AIBC who is both registered in other Canadian licensing jurisdiction(s) **and** is compliant with its mandatory continuing education system, is deemed to be compliant with the AIBC’s CES requirements in the relevant reporting period, provided that compliance is reported to the AIBC following the reciprocity reporting procedures outlined in section 3.0 below.

1.4 AIBC CES reciprocity is only available to architects registered in Canadian licensing jurisdictions.

2.0  **Definition of Declared Jurisdiction**

2.1 For purposes of CES reciprocity, an architect’s ‘declared’ jurisdiction can be any **one** of the Canadian provinces or territories in which they are registered.

2.2 The declared jurisdiction must be the one in which the architect is earning and reporting their continuing education hours.

2.3 Architects AIBC residing in Yukon or Nunavut, where there is currently no architectural licensing authority, may choose any one of the Canadian jurisdictions in which they are registered as their ‘declared’ jurisdiction for CES reporting purposes in B.C.
3.0 **Reporting Procedures for the Reciprocity Option**

3.1 If an architect is eligible and elects to report compliance with the AIBC’s CES requirements by means of reciprocity, they must submit a Declaration of Out-of-Province CES Compliance before the end of each AIBC reporting period deadline of June 30.

3.2 A declaration can be submitted at any time during a reporting period, however, compliance will only be verified after the closing of a reporting period.

3.3 If an architect is exempt from reporting in their declared jurisdiction, that exemption does not apply in B.C. The reciprocity path of compliance with AIBC’s CES cannot be used unless continuing education was earned and reported as complete. For more information, refer to paragraphs 2.9 to 2.12 *CES Exemptions and Extensions* in Bulletin 80: Mandatory Continuing Education System (CES).

4.0 **Compliance Verification**

4.1 Following the close of each AIBC reporting period, the professional services department will verify CES compliance with the declared jurisdictions.

5.0 **Non-compliance Procedures**

5.1 Any architect selecting the reciprocity option for CES compliance in a jurisdiction outside of B.C. must be compliant by the end of the declared jurisdiction’s current reporting period, or must become compliant in the declared jurisdiction by the end of the current AIBC reporting period.

5.2 Failure to submit a Declaration of Out-of-Province CES Compliance before the end of each AIBC reporting period deadline of June 30, will result in non-compliance.

5.3 Upon verification, if an architect is found non-compliant with their declared jurisdiction they will be deemed non-compliant with the AIBC.

5.4 Section 6.0 *Consequences for CES Bylaw Non-Compliance and Authority* of Bulletin 80: Mandatory Continuing Education System (CES) will apply to all non-compliant architects who have chosen the reciprocity option.

2019: March. Minor revisions to provide further clarity and guidance on CES reciprocity processes.


2012: November. Bulletin revised per Bylaw 10: Architect AIBC replaces MAIBC

2011: June 10. First Edition

The AIBC does not provide legal, accounting or insurance advice and expressly disclaims any responsibility for any errors or omissions with respect to legal, accounting or insurance matters that may be contained herein. Readers of AIBC documents are advised to consult their own legal, accounting or insurance representatives to obtain suitable professional advice in those regards.