

**§ 83A-8. Qualification for firm practice.**

(a) Any architectural firm desiring to practice architecture in this State shall file a firm application on forms provided by the Board, accompanied by the required application fee. To be eligible for a firm certificate to practice architecture, the firm must meet all requirements of the Professional Corporation Act.

(b) Architectural firms from other states may be granted firm certificates to practice architecture in this State upon filing application with the Board and satisfying the Board that they meet the requirements of subsection (a) above. Those firms shall designate the individual or individuals licensed to practice architecture in this State who shall be in responsible control of all architectural work offered or performed by that firm in this State. Those firms shall notify the Board of changes in such designation.

(b1) Any interior design firm desiring to practice interior design in this State shall file a firm application on forms provided by the Board, accompanied by the required application fee. To be eligible for a firm registration, the firm must meet all requirements of the Business Corporation Act.

(b2) Interior design firms from other states may be granted firm registration for practice of interior design in this State upon filing an application with the Board and satisfying the Board that they meet the requirements of subsection (b1) of this section. Those firms shall designate the individual or individuals registered to practice interior design in this State who shall be in responsible control of all interior design work offered or performed by that firm in this State. Those firms shall notify the Board of changes in such designation.

(c) All firms holding firm certificates of licensure to practice architecture or certificates of registration to practice interior design from the Board shall be subject to the applicable rules and regulations adopted by the Board, and to all the disciplinary powers applicable to individual licensees or registered interior designers who are officers or employees of the firm. Firms may perform no acts or things forbidden to officers or employees as licensees or registered interior designers. (1979, c. 871, s. 1; 2021-81, s. 1.)