

# ARE Version Transition

4.0  5.0

## TIPS FROM YOUR FELLOW TEST TAKERS

Test questions: The 4.0 format had multiple choice questions, fill-in the blank questions, and vignettes. The 5.0 format has multiple choice questions, fill-in the blank questions, hot spot questions, drag in place questions, and case study questions. The vignettes were eliminated in version 5.0. The demonstration exam can be helpful in getting used to the 5.0 exam question types.

Testing Break: The 4.0 version has one mandatory 15-minute. The 5.0 version has one optional 15-minute break. You start your break through an option button on your screen.

Case Study Questions: Each case study will have a different set of questions for each section. The case study is a prompt for multiple questions. The first couple of questions may be difficult, but you will see commonality as you move through the exam.

Studying with 4.0 test takers and materials: The transition calculator lets you know which tests share the most content, should you want to plan group study sessions or borrow study materials between 4.0 and 5.0 test takers.

**Remember**, your rolling clock transitions with you! Previous 4.0 tests convert to credits (see the transition calculator), which keep their original expiration date.

**Remember**, once you transition from 4.0 to 5.0 you can't transition back! For help making your decision: <https://www.ncarb.org/pass-are/are4/transition>

## NCARB RESOURCES

### TRANSITION CALC. & CREDIT MODEL

<https://arecalc.ncarb.org>

### DEMO EXAM & TESTING STRATEGIES

<https://www.ncarb.org/blog/are-50-demo-and-testing-strategies>

### 5.0 HANDBOOK

<https://www.ncarb.org/sites/default/files/ARE5-Handbook.pdf>

### TEST PREP VIDEO SERIES

are on YouTube and can be accessed through:

<https://www.ncarb.org/pass-are/are5/prepare>

### NCARB CUSTOMER RELATIONS

(Learning Disability Time Accommodations question to be asked of Customer Relations)  
202-879-0520 or

<https://www.ncarb.org/contact>

### 5.0 GUIDELINES

<https://www.ncarb.org/sites/default/files/ARE5-Guidelines.pdf>

### NAVIGATION VIDEO

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ULxA97A4Lpo>

### OTHER RESOURCES

<https://www.ncarb.org/pass-are/are5>

