



“Emeritus ACHA” Status Policy:

The ACHA Board of Regents, at its discretion, may grant “Emeritus ACHA” status to a certificate holder in good standing who meets all the guidelines outlined below, and pledges to abide by the minimum criteria listed.

Qualifications for Emeritus Status:

“Emeritus ACHA” status is a high honor. This status is granted at the end of one's primary career for years of distinguished service to the Healthcare Architecture profession. In addition to standard immediate retirement, a variety of new options are now available in this new policy update to allow for a phased retirement arrangement. This includes reduced regular hours (part-time), periodic project work (consulting), or significantly changed roles and responsibilities, as a certificate holder transitions over time into full retirement. This policy and application process are not for individuals who plan to maintain their current full-time employment, even if they meet the minimum age or certification requirements.

To become “Emeritus ACHA” will require that an applicant has been **continuously certified in good standing for 15 years minimum and be at least 65 years of age** to qualify. The certification period includes the original year of certification, plus a minimum of 14 years of re-certification. If an applicant has already met the minimum of 15 years of continuous certification and is retiring at the beginning of the calendar year in which they will turn the age of 65, an application may be made ahead of the applicant’s birth date during that calendar year.

Privileges and Responsibilities of Emeritus Status:

All fees for “Emeritus ACHA” status are waived. However, the former certificate holder is highly encouraged to give back to the College with charitable donations while using the “Emeritus ACHA” credential.

There is no requirement for obtaining continuing education credits, although continuing education is always encouraged. You may continue to maintain all architectural licenses, but none are required.

As a representative of the College with this high honor, individuals holding the title Emeritus ACHA and FACHA are encouraged to be guest speakers, guest teachers, or sit on professional committees of any type that fit within the high ethical standards of the College. We also encourage that you mentor younger architects, assist with AXP courses, or write for professional journals. You are also welcome to apply to serve on ACHA standing or ad-hoc committees, task forces, think tanks, and participate in similar College activities.

Annually, in November, those with “Emeritus ACHA” status will receive an email asking to verify your intent to remain “Emeritus ACHA” for the following calendar year and to verify your current contact information. This will ensure that the College can communicate with you. If there is no response to this annual e-mail, you may lose this status.

“Emeritus ACHA” Application:

I, _____, hereby pledge the following:

Applicant’s Printed Name

1. I have read and understand the “Emeritus ACHA” status policy and I meet all the criteria.
2. I understand that once “Emeritus ACHA” status is granted by the Board of Regents reinstatement to a full certificate holder is not possible without full re-examination. (The portfolio review and letters of recommendation will be waived.)
3. I shall use the following term after my name to reference my honorary status: “Emeritus ACHA.” For Fellows of the College, “Emeritus FACHA” shall be used.
4. I understand that maintaining annual contact with the ACHA is the responsibility of the status holder to maintain this status.
5. I understand that my new status will be recognized on the College website and other publications.

The ACHA assumes that a certificate holder in good standing who retires will continue to maintain an elevated level of ethical behavior and will comply with the criteria set forth herein to the best of his/her ability.

I affirm that the foregoing statements are made in good faith and are true in every respect. I respectfully request that the American College of Healthcare Architects Board of Regents grant me the status and high honor of “Emeritus ACHA.”

Applicant’s Signature

Date