

**-HOW TO PASS THE A.R.E.
& STUDY AS LITTLE AS POSSIBLE-**

- Take the weekend workshop w/Norman K. Dorf www.are-solutions.com
The class is great because you will get sample test questions that are just like the ones on the test. You will also get a copy of the software, which is also good to be familiar with because it's like drafting with training wheels.

- Schedule all nine exams, one week apart, at the same time and same place. Take the graphic exams first, they're the longest, and you've recently completed the study course.

- Schedule the most difficult exams earlier and the easy ones later. You will inevitably study harder for the first few exams than you do for the last few exams.

- Study the Archiflash flash cards for one week before each exam.
www.nalsa.com
Repetition is the key, study them during your daily commute & during your lunch break at work. Warning: there will be some questions on some tests that are from non-corresponding flash cards, but it's only a few questions on a couple of the tests.

- After your nine weeks of solid effort, hopefully you've passed most of the exams. Now you have 6 months to study for the ones that you did not pass. Seek out additional study material in 5 months if necessary.

- IMPORTANT: get a really good night's sleep before each test. Your ability to think clearly & logically on multiple choice questions will be your strongest asset on passing each exam for the first time.

- NOTE: most of the tests have formulas & conversion factors that you can access on the computer during the exam!

- You will be offered a free pair of ear plugs at each exam. Take them, it's about all you can walk away with after paying around \$100 for each test! You can use them when you're out checking out one of many talented local live bands, such as small CHANGE. www.smallchangeband.com
www.myspace.com/smallchange

- Be patient, it's a long road from completion of IDP to passing the A.R.E., but stay focused and do not be shy to ask for a raise as soon as you pass!

Good luck !

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