



ARKANSAS ALLIANCE OF RECOVERY RESIDENCES

Certification Readiness Self-Assessment.

Before you apply — are you ready to move forward?

This self-assessment mirrors the readiness standards covered in AARR's two pre-application videos. A recovery residence must already be operating — and meet a baseline of policies, insurance, and structure — before AARR can begin certification. Review each item honestly. **If you can check every box, you're ready to submit your inquiry. If you can't yet, that's okay: AARR's guidance and templates are free.**

BEFORE YOU APPLY

Can you check every box?

- ☐ **Operational residence** — Your home is open right now, with residents currently living in it. Planning-stage homes can't be certified.
- ☐ **Legal entity** — You operate as a nonprofit, a for-profit business, or a faith-based ministry — not an informal arrangement.
- ☐ **Written policies & procedures** — Documented, accessible to staff, and reviewed regularly — not kept in your head.
- ☐ **Resident handbook** — Every resident receives one at intake, covering rules, rights, fees, and grievance procedures.
- ☐ **Drug-screening policy** — Written, applied consistently, with a defined process for contested results.
- ☐ **Staff & house-manager structure** — One person runs the home day-to-day; one runs the organization. Both roles are filled.
- ☐ **Liability insurance** — Commercial General Liability appropriate to your level of recovery housing.
- ☐ **Zoning & occupancy approval** — You've confirmed a recovery residence is permitted at your property — the issue that stops the most operators.
- ☐ **Recovery-specific population** — Your home serves people in recovery from substance use disorder — not general transitional housing.
- ☐ **Willing to follow NARR 3.0** — You'll align to the national standard and make the changes it requires.
- ☐ **Leadership capacity** — You can complete the paperwork, take the training, and make the corrections asked during certification.
- ☐ **Co-ed separation (if applicable)** — Men and women have clearly separated bedrooms and bathrooms. AARR does not certify co-ed sleeping arrangements.

What your answers mean.

Every box checked. You're ready. Visit narrarkansas.org, click "Get Certified," and submit your inquiry.

Some boxes unchecked. You're not ready yet — and that's fine. Email info@narrarkansas.org with what you have and what you're missing. AARR provides free policy and resident-handbook templates to help you close the gaps.