

Chapter 13: LICENSURE OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

Summary: This chapter sets forth the educational qualifications, experience and examination requirements for licensure as a landscape architect.

1. Overview

Applicants for licensure by examination must satisfy the requirements as set forth in this Chapter.

2. Examination

1. The current examination for landscape architects is the LARE administered by CLARB. Unless examination is waived by law, the applicant must achieve a passing grade on each division of the LARE. The time, place and manner of examination and the standards for a passing grade shall be as determined by CLARB, including but not limited to any decisions regarding requests for testing accommodations.
2. Those individuals who wish to take the LARE shall contact CLARB directly to obtain exam eligibility.
3. Individuals are not required to fully complete the education and experience or experience alone required for licensure before sitting for any division of the LARE.

3. Pathways for Qualification for Licensure

1. Professional Degree from an Accredited Program. An applicant may qualify for licensure as a landscape architect by:
 - A. Providing evidence of receiving a Bachelor of Landscape Architecture, Bachelor of Science in Landscape Architecture, Master of Landscape Architecture or equivalent or higher degree, from a program that was accredited by LAAB or the Canadian Society of Landscape Architects Accreditation Council not later than two (2) years after the degree was received;

B. Demonstrating completion of two (2) years of experience in the regulated practice of landscape architecture, with a minimum of one (1) year under the direct supervision of a licensed landscape architect, and up to one (1) year of the remaining experience under the direct supervision of a licensed professional in a related field;

and

C. Demonstrating a passing grade on each division of the LARE.

2. Professional Degree from Non-Accredited Program. An applicant may qualify for licensure as a landscape architect by:

A. Providing evidence of receiving a Bachelor of Landscape Architecture, Bachelor of Science in Landscape Architecture, Master of Landscape Architecture or equivalent or higher degree from a program that was not accredited;

B. Demonstrating completion of four (4) years of experience in the regulated practice of landscape architecture, with a minimum of two (2) years under the direct supervision of a licensed landscape architect, and up to two (2) years of the remaining experience under the direct supervision of a licensed professional in a related field;

and

C. Demonstrating a passing grade on each division of the LARE.

3. Other Professional Degrees. An applicant may qualify for licensure as a landscape architect by:

A. Providing evidence of a bachelor's degree or higher from a regionally-accredited institution in a field other than landscape architecture;

B. Demonstrating completion of six (6) years of experience in the regulated practice of landscape architecture, with a minimum of three (3) years under the direct supervision of a licensed landscape architect, and up to three (3) years of the remaining experience under the direct supervision of a licensed professional in a related field;

and

C. Demonstrating a passing grade on each division of the LARE.

4. Experience. An applicant may qualify for licensure as a landscape architect by:

A. Demonstrating completion of eight (8) years of experience in the regulated practice of landscape architecture, with a minimum of at least four (4) years under the direct supervision of a licensed landscape architect, and up to four (4) years of the remaining experience under the direct supervision of a licensed professional in a related field:

and

B. Demonstrating a passing grade on each division of the LARE.

4. Experience in the Regulated Practice of Landscape Architecture

A. For the purposes of this Chapter, “experience in the regulated practice of landscape architecture,” means that an applicant must gain experience in the following areas:

- i. Project and Construction Management: includes pre-project management, project management, bidding, construction, and maintenance;
- ii. Inventory and Analysis: includes site inventory, physical analysis, and contextual analysis;
- iii. Design: includes stakeholder process, master planning, and site design; and
- iv. Grading, Drainage, and Construction Documentation: includes site preparation plans, general plans and details, specialty plans, and specifications.

B. A minimum of 50% of the experience in the regulated practice of landscape architecture must be performed under the direct supervision of a licensed landscape architect, and the remaining amount may be under the direct supervision of a licensed professional in a related field.

5. Application for Licensure

1. Form of Application and CLARB Record

An applicant for licensure as a landscape architect shall submit an application on a form provided by the board and any fees required by Chapter 10 of the rules of the Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation.

An applicant shall provide all evidence of satisfying the requirements for licensure to CLARB and transmit their CLARB record, including evidence of having passed all divisions of the LARE, directly to the board. The board reserves the right to require an applicant to submit other information needed to

evaluate the application and qualifications for licensure. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the board retains the sole discretion to make the final determination as to whether an applicant for licensure is sufficiently qualified.

2. **Completeness**

The board will not act on an application until the application is complete. If an applicant does not remedy the deficiencies described by the board within the time designated by the board, the application may be voided and the applicant would need to submit a new application and any required fee to reapply.

7. **Display of Licensed Status**

1. **Advertising and Promotional Materials**

A landscape architect shall display the legend “Maine Licensed Landscape Architect” in all advertising and promotional materials published by or on behalf of the named landscape architect that relate to landscape architectural services for Maine-located projects. Such materials include but are not limited to print media, web sites, and social media platforms.

2. **Correspondence and Business Cards**

A landscape architect shall display the legend “Maine Licensed Landscape Architect” on the landscape architect’s business card and beneath the landscape architect’s name on all professional correspondence, proposals and solicitations signed by or on behalf of the named landscape architect for Maine-located projects.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S. §§ 214(1) and 220(2)(B)

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