

**CALIFORNIA ARCHITECTS BOARD  
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS TECHNICAL COMMITTEE  
PROPOSED LANGUAGE**

Amend Section 2615 of Division 26 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations to read as follows:

**§ 2615 Form of Examinations**

- (a) (1) A candidate who has a combination of six years of education and training experience as specified in section 2620 shall be eligible and may apply for the Landscape Architect Registration Examination.
- (2) Notwithstanding subdivision (a)(1), a candidate who has a Board-approved degree in landscape architecture in accordance with section 2620(a)(1) or an extension certificate in landscape architecture from a Board-approved school in accordance with section 2620(a)(3) shall be eligible and may apply for ~~the multiple-choice s~~Sections 1 and 2 of the Landscape Architect Registration Examination. Such candidates shall not be eligible for Sections 3 and 4 of the LARE until the candidate has a combination of six years of education and training experience as specified in section 2620.  
  
A candidate's score on the LARE shall not be recognized in this State if at the time the candidate took the LARE, the candidate was not eligible in accordance with California laws and regulations for the examination or sections thereof.
- (b) A candidate shall be deemed eligible and may apply for the California Supplemental Examination upon passing all sections of the Landscape Architect Registration Examination.
- (c) All candidates applying for licensure as a landscape architect shall pass all sections of the Landscape Architect Registration Examination or a written examination substantially equivalent in scope and subject matter required in California, as determined by the Board, and the California Supplemental Examination subject to the following provisions:
  - (1)A candidate who is licensed as a landscape architect in a U.S. jurisdiction, Canadian province, or Puerto Rico by having passed a written examination substantially equivalent in scope and subject matter required in California as determined by the board shall be eligible for licensure upon passing the California Supplemental Examination.
  - (2)A candidate who is not a licensed landscape architect and who has received credit from a U.S. jurisdiction, Canadian province, or Puerto Rico for a written examination substantially equivalent in scope and subject matter required in California shall be entitled to receive credit for the corresponding sections of the Landscape Architect

Registration Examination, as determined by the Board, and shall be eligible for licensure upon passing any remaining sections of the Landscape Architect Registration Examination and the California Supplemental Examination.

**NOTE: Authority cited: Section 5630, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Section 5651, Business and Professions Code.**

Amend Section 2620 of Division 26 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations to read as follows:

**§ 2620 Education and Training Credits**

The Board's evaluation of a candidate's training and educational experience is based on the following table:

| Experience Description  | Education<br>Max.<br>Credit<br>Allowed | Training<br>and/or<br>Practice<br>Max.<br>Credit<br>Allowed |
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| (a) Experience Equivalent:  |  |   |
| (1) Degree in landscape architecture from an approved school.   | 4 years                                |   |
| (2) Degree in landscape architecture from a non-approved school.  | 3 years                                |   |
| (3) Extension certificate in landscape architecture from an approved school.  | 2 years                                |   |
| (4) Associate degree in landscape architecture from a <del>city</del> /community college which consists of at least a 2-year curriculum.      | 1 year                                 |   |
| (5) Extension certificate as specified in subdivision (a)(3) and a degree from a university or college which consists of a 4-year curriculum. | 4 years                                |   |
| (6) Associate degree from a college specified in subdivision (a)(4)   | 3 years                                |   |

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| and an extension certificate as specified in subdivision (a)(3) of this section.   |  |   |
| (7) Partial completion of a degree in landscape architecture from an approved school.  | 1 year                                 |   |
| (8) Partial completion of an extension certificate in landscape architecture from an approved school where the applicant has a degree from a university or college which consists of a four-year curriculum. | 1 year                                 |   |
| (9) A degree in architecture which consists of at least a four-year curriculum that has been accredited by the National Architectural Accrediting Board.   | 1 year                                 |   |
| (10) Self employment as, or employment by, a landscape architect licensed in the jurisdiction where the experience occurred shall be granted credit on a 100% basis.   |  | 5 years   |
| (11) Self employment as, or employment by, a   |  | 1 year  |

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| licensed architect or registered civil engineer in the jurisdiction where the experience occurred shall be granted credit on a 100% basis.  |  |   |
| (12) Self employment as a California licensed landscape contractor or a licensed landscape contractor in another jurisdiction where the scope of practice for landscape contracting is equivalent to that allowed in this State pursuant to Business and Professions Code Section 7027.5 and Cal. Code Regs. Title 16, Section 832.27 shall be granted credit on a 100% basis |  | 4 years   |

(b) Educational Credits.

- (1) Candidates shall possess at least one year of educational credit to be eligible for the examination.
- (2) A degree from a school with a landscape architecture program shall be defined as one of the following:
  - (A) Bachelor of Landscape Architecture.
  - (B) Bachelor of Science in landscape architecture.
  - (C) Bachelor of Arts in landscape architecture.
  - (D) Masters degree in landscape architecture.

- (3) The maximum credit which may be granted for a degree or combination of degrees from an approved school shall be four years of educational credit.
- (4) A degree from a school with a landscape architecture program shall be deemed to be approved by the Board if the landscape architectural curriculum has been approved by the Landscape Architectural Accreditation Board (LAAB) as specified in its publication: "Accreditation Standards ~~for Programs in Landscape Architecture~~ And Procedures" dated February ~~26, 1990~~ 6, 2010 or the Board determines that the program has a curriculum equivalent to a curriculum having LAAB accreditation.
- (5) For purposes of subdivisions (a)(7) and (8), "partial completion" shall mean that the candidate completed at least 80 percent of the total units required for completion of the 4-year degree or extension certificate program.
- (6) Except as provided in subdivisions (a)(7) and (8), no credit shall be granted for academic units obtained without earning a degree or extension certificate under categories of subdivisions (a)(1), (2), (3) or (4) of this section.
- (7) A candidate enrolled in a degree program where credit earned is based on work experience courses (e.g., internship or co-op program) shall not receive more than the maximum credit allowed for degrees under subdivision (a)(1), (2) or (3) of this section.
- (8) Except as specified in subdivision (a)(5) and (6) of this section, candidates with multiple degrees shall not be able to accumulate credit for more than one degree.
- (9) The Board shall not grant more than four years of credit for any degree or certificate or any combination thereof for qualifying educational experience.

(c) Training Credits

- (1) (A) Candidates shall possess at least two years of training/practice credit to be eligible for the examination.
  - (B) At least one of the two years of training/practice credit shall be under the direct supervision of a landscape architect licensed in a United States jurisdiction, and shall be gained in one of the following forms:
    1. After graduation from an educational institution specified in subdivisions (a)(1), (2), (3) or (4) of this section.
    2. After completion of education experience specified in subdivisions (a)(7) and (8) of this section.
  - (C) A candidate shall be deemed to have met the provisions of subdivision (c)(1)(B) if he or she possesses a degree from a school specified in subdivision (a)(1) and has at least two years of training/practice credit as a licensed landscape contractor or possesses a

certificate from a school specified in subdivision (a)(3) and has at least four years of training/practice credit as a licensed landscape contractor.

(2) Candidates shall be at least 18 years of age or a high school graduate before they shall be eligible to receive credit for work experience.

(3) A year of training/practice experience shall consist of 1500 hours of qualifying employment. Training/practice experience may be accrued on the basis of part-time employment. Employment in excess of 40 hours per week shall not be considered.

(d) Miscellaneous Information

(1) Independent, non-licensed practice or experience, regardless of claimed coordination, liaison, or supervision of licensed professionals shall not be considered.

(2) The Board shall retain inactive applications for a five (5) year period. Thereafter, the Board shall purge these records unless otherwise notified by the candidate. A candidate who wishes to reapply to the Board, shall be required to re-obtain the required documents to allow the Board to determine their current eligibility.

**NOTE: Authority cited: Section 5630, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Section 5650, Business and Professions Code.**