

**CALIFORNIA ARCHITECTS BOARD
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
FINAL STATEMENT OF REASONS**

Hearing Date: August 6, 2012

Subject Matter of Proposed Regulation: Examination Eligibility Requirements

Section Affected: California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 16, Division 26, Sections 2615 and 2620

UPDATED INFORMATION

The Initial Statement of Reasons is included in this rulemaking file. The regulatory hearing date was rescheduled from July 2, 2012, at 11:00 a.m. to August 6, 2012, at 11:30 a.m. to give the interested parties the full notice required by law. Information contained therein is complete and no other changes have been made.

LOCAL MANDATE

A mandate is not imposed on local agencies or school districts.

SMALL BUSINESS IMPACT

This regulation will not have a significant adverse economic impact on small businesses.

ANTICIPATED BENEFITS OF REGULATORY PROPOSAL

The proposed change to CCR section 2615 will update the criteria for eligibility to reflect the changes in the Landscape Architect Registration Examination (LARE) format that will be implemented in 2012. If the regulation is not modified, candidates with a degree or extension certificate in landscape architecture could potentially take Sections 3 and 4 of the new LARE before completing all of the eligibility requirements, and potentially be given examination credit for Sections of the LARE that they were not eligible to take. Updating this regulation will ensure that LARE examinees will only be given examination credit for sections of the exam that they were eligible to take at the time of examination.

The proposed change to CCR section 2620 will update the name and release date of the Landscape Architectural Accreditation Board (LAAB) Accreditation Standards and Procedures publication to the most recent version. CCR section 2620 currently references the outdated LAAB "Accreditation Standards for Programs in Landscape Architecture" publication dated February 26, 1990. This update will ensure that CCR section 2620 references the most current publication of the LAAB accreditation standards and procedures.

The proposed change to CCR section 2620(a)(4) will remove unnecessary redundancy in referring to community colleges and result in regulation language that is easier to read.

CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVES

No reasonable alternative which was considered or that has otherwise been identified and brought to the attention of the California Architects Board or Landscape Architects Technical Committee would be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which it was proposed or would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the adopted regulation or would be more cost effective to affected private persons and equally effective in implementing the statutory policy or other provision of law.

OBJECTIONS OR RECOMMENDATIONS/RESPONSES

There were no objections or recommendations regarding the proposed action during the 45-day comment period.