

CALIFORNIA ARCHITECTS BOARD

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

PROPOSED REGULATORY LANGUAGE

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Amend section 2615 of Article 1 of Division 26 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations 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 from an accredited program 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)(~~37~~) shall be eligible and may apply for Sections 1 and 2 of the Landscape Architect Registration Examination (LARE). 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.

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§ 2620 Education and Training Credits

(a) Experience Equivalents. The Board’s evaluation of a candidate’s ~~training and~~ educational and training experience is based on the following table:

Experience Description	Education Max. Credit Allowed	Training and/or Practice Max. Credit Allowed
(a) Experience Equivalent:		
(1) Degree in landscape architecture from an approved school <u>where the degree program has been accredited by the Landscape Architectural Accreditation Board (LAAB).</u>	4 years	
(2) Degree in landscape architecture from a non-approved school <u>where the degree program has not been accredited by LAAB and where the program consists of at least a four-year curriculum.</u>	3 years	
(3) Extension certificate in landscape architecture from an approved school. <u>Degree in architecture, where the degree program has been accredited by the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB).</u>	2 years	
(4) <u>Degree in civil engineering, where the degree program has been accredited by the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET).</u>	<u>2 years</u>	
(5) <u>Degree where the degree program consists of at least a four-year curriculum.</u>	<u>1 year</u>	
(6) Associate degree <u>Degree in landscape architecture from a community college which where the degree program</u> consists of at least a <u>two-year curriculum.</u>	1 year	
(7) <u>Extension certificate in landscape architecture from an Extension Certificate Program that meets the requirements of section 2620.5.</u>	<u>2 years</u>	
(8) Extension certificate as specified in subdivision (a)(3) and a degree from a university or college which consists of <u>at least a four-year curriculum.</u>	4 years	
(9) Associate degree from a college specified in subdivision (a)(4) and an e <u>Extension certificate as specified in subdivision (a)(3) of this section and a degree as specified in subdivision (a)(6).</u>	3 years	
(10) <u>Partial completion, as defined in subsection (b)(2), of a degree in landscape architecture where the degree program has been accredited by the LAAB</u> from an approved school.	1 year	

(8 11) Partial completion, as defined in subsection (b)(1 2), of an extension certificate in landscape architecture from an <u>Extension Certificate Program that meets the requirements of section 2620.5 approved school along with where the applicant has a degree from a university or college where the degree program which consists of at least a four-year curriculum.</u>	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 12) <u>Self-employment Experience</u> as, or employment by <u>experience obtained under the direct supervision of</u> , a landscape architect licensed or registered in the jurisdiction where the experience occurred shall be granted credit on a 100% basis.		5 1-6 years
(11 13) <u>Self-employment Experience</u> as, or employment by <u>experience obtained under the direct supervision of</u> , an licensed architect or registered civil engineer licensed or registered in the jurisdiction where the experience occurred shall be granted credit on a 100% basis.		4 up to 3 years
(12 14) <u>Self-employment Experience</u> as a California-licensed landscape contractor or a licensed landscape contractor licensed or registered 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 of the Code and Cal. Code Regs. Title 16, Section 832.27 of Article 3, Division 8, Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations shall be granted credit on a 100% basis.		up to 4 years
(15) <u>Experience obtained under the direct supervision of a California-licensed landscape contractor or a landscape contractor licensed or registered in another jurisdiction where the scope of practice for landscape contracting is equivalent to that allowed pursuant to section 7027.5 of the Code and section 832.27 of Article 3, Division 8, Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations.</u>		up to 1 year
(13 16) Teaching in a landscape architecture degree program as specified in subdivisions (a)(1),(2), and (4) of this section, under the supervision of a licensed landscape architect and where the degree program consists of at least a two-year curriculum.		1 year

(b) Education 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 And Procedures" dated February 6, 2010 or the Board determines that the program has a curriculum equivalent to a curriculum having LAAB accreditation.~~

(~~5~~1) For purposes of subdivisions (a)(~~7~~10) and (~~8~~11), "partial completion" shall mean that the candidate completed at least 80 percent of the total units required for completion of the ~~4~~four-year degree or extension certificate program.

~~(62)~~ Except as provided in subdivisions (a)(~~7~~10) and (~~8~~11), 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.~~

~~(73)~~ ~~A e~~Candidates ~~enrolled~~ in a degree program ~~where~~ earning credit ~~earned is~~ based on work experience courses (e.g., internship or co-op program) shall not receive more than the maximum credit otherwise granted ~~allowed~~ for degrees under ~~subdivisions (a)(1), (2) or (3) of this section.~~

~~(84)~~ ~~Except as specified in subdivision (a)(5) and (6) of this section,~~ ~~e~~Candidates with multiple degrees shall not be granted education ~~able to accumulate~~ credit for more than one degree.

(5) Candidates with multiple extension certificates shall not be granted education credit for more than one extension certificate.

(6) Except as provided in subdivisions (a)(8) and (9), candidates with both a degree and an extension certificate shall only be granted education credit for either the degree or the extension certificate, whichever holds the greater credit value.

~~(97) The maximum education credit allowed to any candidate is four years. 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 as, or~~ 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.~~

~~(Ae)~~ ~~A e~~Candidates shall be deemed to have met the ~~provisions of requirements in~~ subdivision (c)(1)~~(B)~~ if the candidate ~~he or she~~ possesses either:

i. a degree from a school specified in subdivision (a)(1) or an extension certificate as specified in subdivision (a)(8) and has at least two years of training/practice credit as a licensed landscape contractor as specified in subdivision (a)(14); or

ii. possesses an extension certificate ~~from a school as~~ specified in subdivision (a)(~~3~~7) and has at least four years of training/practice credit as a licensed landscape contractor as specified in subdivision (a)(14).

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

(3) Candidates may receive one ~~A~~ year of training/practice ~~experience credit shall consist of for~~ 1500 hours of qualifying employment. ~~Training/practice experience~~ ~~Candidates may be accrued~~ training/practice credit on the basis of part-time employment. Candidates will not receive training/practice credit for ~~E~~employment in excess of 40 hours per week ~~shall not be considered.~~

~~—(d) Miscellaneous Information~~

~~(44)~~ ~~Candidates will not receive training/practice credit for~~ Independent, non-licensed practice or experience, regardless of claimed coordination, liaison, or supervision of licensed professionals ~~shall not be considered.~~

~~(2d)~~ The Board may purge application records after five (5) years of lack of communication or inactivity from candidates. ~~shall retain inactive applications for a five (5) year period. Thereafter, the Board shall purge these records unless otherwise notified by the candidate. A e~~ candidates who wishes to reapply to the Board, shall be required to re-obtain submit the required documents to allow the Board to determine their current eligibility.

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TO THE EMPLOYER:

Please complete the employment information on the reverse side of this form verifying the applicant's employment under your direct supervision. If additional space is needed, please use another Employment Verification Form or a photocopy of a blank Employment Verification Form.

Signature must be provided by the "Responsible Managing Officer" for California general building contractor corporations.

The Board requires that all Employment Verification Forms submitted for an applicant contain the original signature of the employer. Copies, rubber stamps, or other reproductions of the signature will not be accepted. In addition, forms containing strikeouts or corrections will not be accepted.

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EMPLOYMENT VERIFICATION FORM

APPLICANT MUST COMPLETE SECTIONS I ONLY

TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY IN INK

I. Applicant is required to complete section I of this form prior to sending it to the employer. Please remember that making or giving any false information in connection with an application for examination and/or licensure may be grounds for denial, suspension, or revocation of a license to practice architecture.

Name _____ ID # _____
Last First Middle (If known)

Known By Any Other Name _____ Birthdate _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Country _____

Work Phone (____) _____ Home Phone (____) _____

CHECK BOX IF ABOVE IS A CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Filing Status - Please Check Appropriate Category Only

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**SECTION II TO BE COMPLETED BY EMPLOYER AND/OR SUPERVISOR ONLY
FORMS CONTAINING STRIKEOUTS OR CORRECTIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**

II. This will certify that to the best of my knowledge and as indicated in the records of this office, the above-named person worked under my direct supervision performing architectural duties for the following time period.

Month/Day/Year

Month/Day/Year

From _____ To _____ Full-Time Part-Time Hours/Week _____

From _____ To _____ Full-Time Part-Time Hours/Week _____

Name of Firm _____ Work Phone (____) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Country _____

During the time period shown above, my professional status was as follows:

Name _____
Last First Middle

Licensed as _____ State of Registration _____
(architect, civil or structural engineer, landscape architect, California general building contractor *)

Individual License # _____ Original Date Issued _____ Date Expires _____

If applicant performed work in a state other than the one listed above, provide employment period for that project and the following information for that state.

From _____ To _____ Full-Time Part-Time Hours/Week _____

Licensed as _____ State of Registration _____
(architect, civil or structural engineer, landscape architect, California general building contractor *)

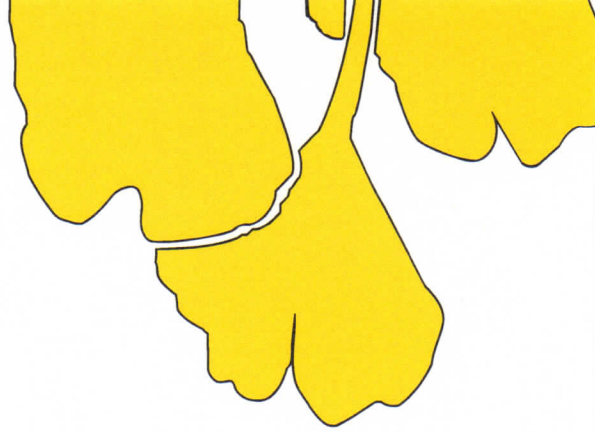
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I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information on this form is true and correct.

Original Signature _____ Current Date _____
(Please do not sign in black ink)

Print Name _____

Jon Pride Designs



Building Design
Landscape Planning
Site Supervision

May 31, 2018

California Architects Board
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Subject: LATC RECIPROCITY/LICENSURE UPDATES

Dear Board,

I first want to thank you for the opportunity in the recent past several months for allowing myself and many others to speak at several of your meetings regarding changing the rules for reciprocity and licensure through the LATC. On behalf of all of us, we sincerely appreciate the fact you recognize that the LATC needs to bring their licensure requirements into the same program as CAB. More importantly, I along with all of us who have been active in guiding the LATC to move towards positive change, applaud the LATC for their hard work to get to this point.

Although we are close, from what I've found out, we have hit another delay beyond a canceled meeting at the first of the year. I think that it can be resolved fairly quickly, but it's this hiccup that is why today you do not have the final verbiage/language in front of you to approve, which of course if done, would then go to the state regulatory body for review and approval.

Apparently, there is now concern over the future forms and its content that is delaying sending over the final draft for CAB's approving the language for the updated law/ordinance. We appreciate the LATC wanting to be thorough, but unless I missed a meeting, forms/check boxes and what an applicant fills out has no relevance to the legal language of law/ordinance being adopted. Forms get altered all the time and will be altered in the future with/without the board's approval, many of the forms are staff adopted and approved. This is just delaying the entire process unnecessarily.

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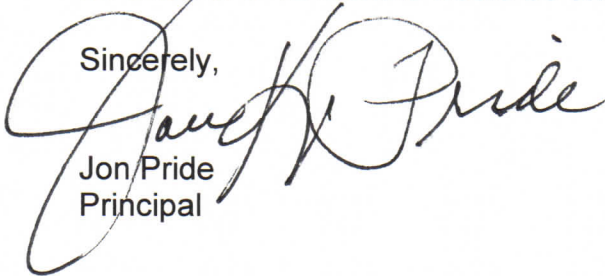
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I/we whom I speak for, are requesting that the CAB board request that the LATC send you the final language/verbiage to be approved, and submitted to the state regulatory agency for processing, and if the LATC has concerns about any of the forms content/verbiage, that it can be worked out during the regulatory process, as it has no bearing/effect on the actual law itself.

I may misunderstand, but I believe that the law language is codified, and ready for your approval, if we are worrying about form language, the LATC should consider the more important picture. We are encouraging the CAB board to request the LATC to move the already approved regulatory language to you for final approval as soon as possible, so that the State can do their part.

There are too many people who would benefit from the law being changed and delaying that for another 9-12 months would be unnecessary.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jon Pride". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with large loops.

Jon/Pride
Principal

July 18, 2018

Dear Chairperson Trauth and LATC Board members,

I wanted to bring to your attention a proposal regarding accreditation and self-certification of the Landscape Architecture Program, slated to be discussed at the July 20th meeting. This letter is in response to the meeting packet Attachment H.3 information and the idea of “self-certification” to replace independent accreditation by the Landscape Architecture Accreditation Board (LAAB) for extension programs.

The key component of independent LAAB accreditation is the determination of how each program compares with others around the nation, as evaluated by independent LAAB representatives. I am aware of the amount of work that goes into preparing for independent University accreditation by LAAB, and do not believe educational programs should be granted program equivalency through the proposed self-certification methodology.

As the lead Landscape Architecture program instructor at Southwestern College, I am not in favor of any educational programs being granted the right to self-certification. At Southwestern College, we adhere to the principles of LAAB accreditation standards and have evaluated joining forces with a university to develop a public four-year program in San Diego to gain LAAB accreditation and better meet the needs of our students desiring a Bachelor’s degree in Landscape Architecture.

Allowing extension landscape architecture programs to self-certify affects our region as we try to develop LAAB programs in our region. Currently our local MLA program at Woodbury struggles to find students to fill their program. The New School of Architecture closed their MLA and BSLA programs because they could not meet LAAB accreditation standards due to lack of resources and students enrolled in those degrees. Both of those university programs face additional challenges because they are not publicly funded and are out of financial reach of many of our regional students’ ability to attend. By allowing extension programs to self-certify, it further impairs Woodbury’s ability to enroll students and create a viable LAAB program in our region, due to regional competition from UCLA Extension.

If program equivalency is granted to extension programs through self-certification, our Community College programs, which hold the same accreditation from Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), request eligibility for this same State program approval method to increase our educational credit from 1 to 2 years.

Thank you for your consideration,



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