

**Department of Consumer Affairs
Title 16. CALIFORNIA ARCHITECTS BOARD
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

**PROPOSED REGULATORY LANGUAGE
Education and Training Credits**

<p>Legend: Added text is indicated with an <u>underline</u>. Omitted text is indicated by (* * * *) Deleted text is indicated by strikeout.</p>

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)(~~3~~7) 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.
 Amend Section 2620 of Article 1 of Division 26 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations as follows:

§ 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) <u>Degree in landscape architecture from an approved school where the degree program has been accredited by the Landscape Architectural Accreditation Board (LAAB).</u>	4 years	
(2) <u>Degree in landscape architecture, from a non-approved school 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) <u>Extension certificate in landscape architecture from an approved school. 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>	2 years	
(5) <u>Degree, where the degree program consists of at least a four-year curriculum.</u>	1 year	

(46) Associate d Degree in landscape architecture, from a community college which where the degree program consists of at least a 2 <u>two</u> -year curriculum.	1 year	
(7) Extension certificate in landscape architecture from an <u>Extension Certificate Program that meets the requirements of section 2620.5.</u>	<u>2 years</u>	
(58) Extension certificate as specified in subdivision (a) (37) and a degree from a university or college which consists of <u>at least a 4</u> four -year curriculum.	4 years	
(69) Associate degree from a college specified in subdivision (a) (4) and an e <u>Extension certificate as specified in subdivision (a)(37) of this section and a degree as specified in subdivision (a)(6).</u>	3 years	
(710) Partial completion, <u>as defined in subdivision (b)(1), of a degree in landscape architecture, where the degree program has been accredited by the LAAB from an approved school.</u>	1 year	
(811) Partial completion, <u>as defined in subdivision (b)(1), of an extension certificate in landscape architecture from an Extension Certificate Program that meets the requirements of section 2620.5 and the Extension Certificate Program approved school where the applicant has a degree from a university or college 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.	4 year	
(1012) Self-employment <u>Experience</u> as, or employment by <u>experience obtained under the direct supervision of</u> , a landscape architect licensed <u>or registered</u> in the jurisdiction where the experience occurred shall be granted credit on a 100% basis.		<u>51-6</u> years

<p>(1413) Self-employment <u>Experience</u> as, or employment by experience obtained under the direct supervision of, an licensed architect or registered civil engineer <u>licensed or registered</u> in the jurisdiction where the experience occurred shall be granted credit on a 100% basis.</p>		<p>4<u>up to 3</u> years</p>
<p>(1214) Self-employment <u>Experience</u> as a California-licensed landscape contractor or a licensed landscape contractor <u>licensed or registered</u> in another jurisdiction where the scope of practice for landscape contracting is equivalent to that allowed in this State pursuant to <u>Business and Professions Code Ssection 7027.5 of the Code and Cal. Code Regs. Title 16, Ssection 832.27 of article 3, division 8, title 16 of the California Code of Regulations</u> shall be granted credit on a 100% basis.</p>		<p><u>up to 4</u> years</p>
<p>(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></p>		<p><u>up to 1</u> year</p>
<p>(1316) 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 <u>and where the degree program consists of at least a two-year curriculum.</u></p>		<p>1 year</p>

(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.

(51) For purposes of subdivisions (a)(710) and (811), "partial completion" shall mean that the candidate completed at least 80 percent of the total units required for completion of the four-year degree or extension certificate program.

(62) Except as provided in subdivisions (a)(710) and (811), 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~~ 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,~~ 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 subdivision (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.~~

(G2) ~~A~~ Candidates shall be deemed to have met the provisions of requirements in subdivision (c)(1)(B) if the candidate he or she possesses either:

(A) 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

~~(B) possesses an extension certificate from a school as specified in subdivision (a)(37) and has at least four years of training/practice credit as a licensed landscape contractor as specified in subdivision (a)(14).~~

~~(23) 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.~~

~~(34) 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~~

~~(15) 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 cCandidates 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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