



Landscape Architecture Licensure Laws

ASLA Summary of Provisions

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Official Code of Georgia: Section 43-23-1, et seq.
Rules and Regulations of the State of Georgia: Chapter 310

Type of Law: Practice/title act.

Board of Landscape Architects

Consists of four landscape architects and one public member appointed by the Governor. Financed via the General Fund.

Powers: Adopt necessary rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of the law.

Definitions

Landscape architect: A person who is licensed to practice or teach landscape architecture.

Landscape architecture: The performance of professional services, including, but not limited to, consultation, investigation, planning, design, preparation of drawings and specifications, and responsible supervision, all in connection with the preservation or determination of proper land uses, natural land features, esthetics, planting plans, the shaping of land to produce the best functional and esthetic effect, and grading plans with determination of drainage. This term shall also include the consideration of environmental problems involving land areas, as such problems relate to the public health, safety, and welfare.

Exemptions

Interprofessional practice: The law does not prohibit a licensed architect or engineer from such landscape architectural practice as may be incidental to the practice of his or her profession or exclude a licensed landscape architect from such architectural or engineering practice as may be incidental to the practice of landscape architecture.

Exempt persons (None of these persons shall use the title landscape architect.):

- A contractor engaging in the business of or acting in the capacity of a contractor or landscape contractor, provided that he or she is the prime contractor for the installation of his or her design. A contractor or landscape contractor may not perform design services without also performing the installation of the design.
- Any person whose services are offered solely as a gardener or nurseryman.
- Any person qualified by training or experience or both whose services are offered solely as a municipal, regional, or urban planner.
- Any person employed by a state agency, county, or municipality who engages in the business of or acts in the capacity of a landscape architect, insofar as such acts are performed in the course of employment with the respective governmental entity on lands owned by the jurisdiction by which employed.

Eligibility Requirements – Initial Licensure

A Bachelor of Landscape Architecture degree or a Bachelor of Science degree in landscape architecture from a college or school of landscape architecture, environmental design, or its equivalent approved by the board and at least 18 months of [full-time] training [(or 36 months of part-time training)] in the actual practice of landscape architecture as may be approved by the board, provided that at least one year of such actual practice is subsequent to receiving the undergraduate degree; or having earned a postgraduate degree in landscape architecture from a college or school of landscape architecture or environmental design approved by the board. Experience must be completed under the direct supervision of a licensed landscape architect.

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Applicants must also pass the LARE [and the Georgia supplemental examination that includes Georgia laws, regulations, and Georgia ecosystem preservation, protection, enhancement and modification. Applicants must receive written approval from the board before taking any portion (written or computer-based) of the examination.]

Fee: [Application, \$25. Initial license, \$80. Biennial renewal, \$125.]

Eligibility Requirements – Reciprocal Licensure

Licensure in any state, country, or political entity whose requirements for registration are substantially equivalent and which state, country, or political entity extends the same privilege of reciprocity to landscape architects licensed in Georgia.

Fee: [Application, \$105. Initial license, \$80. Biennial renewal, \$125.]

Eligibility Requirements – Temporary Licensure

Allows a landscape architect licensed in another state or country to receive a temporary license for a stipulated site and project if the person presents evidence satisfactory to the board that he is competent to practice landscape architecture. [CE requirements apply to temporary licensees. The license may be renewed for the life of the project, not to exceed two years.]

Fee: [\$50.]

Practice Entities

A partnership, firm, limited liability company, or corporation may engage in the practice of landscape architecture, provided that any service which constitutes the practice of landscape architecture shall be supervised by a duly licensed landscape architect who shall be responsible for the services furnished by the entity which require a license. In no event shall the other members of the entity be designated or described as landscape architects if they are not so licensed and the term landscape architect or any abbreviation, or any other designation which conveys the meaning of landscape architect shall not appear in any such entity's name in which any person is identified who is in fact not a licensed landscape architect.

Upon approval of the board, any partnership, limited liability company, firm, or corporation may operate branch offices to provide landscape architectural services, provided that each branch office has a resident landscape architect.

Seal Requirements

[Drawings, specifications, and other documents issued by a licensee shall be stamped or sealed and countersigned by the licensee. A landscape architect shall not affix, or permit to be affixed, his name or seal to any drawing, specification, or other document which was not prepared by him or her or under his or her personal supervision. No licensee shall affix his or her seal to any drawings, specification, or other document unless he or she has assumed the responsibility for the accuracy of the work involved. A licensee shall not stamp or seal, or allow any other person to stamp or seal any document after the license has expired, or has been revoked, or during the period of any suspension imposed by the board.]

Enforcement

Board powers: Carry out investigations, regulate the issuance of licenses, revoke or suspend licenses, censure licensees and refer matters to the attorney general to bring action in court on behalf of the state.

Prohibitions/penalties: Obtaining a license by false or fraudulent representations; impersonating another landscape architect or former landscape architect with the same or similar name, or practicing under an assumed or misleading name, to include practicing under a partnership, limited liability company, or corporate name in which any person who is not a landscape architect is named; aiding or abetting an

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unlicensed person in the practice of landscape architecture; being convicted of a felony or other crime involving moral turpitude; being guilty of fraud, deceit, negligence, or incompetence in the practice of landscape architecture; affixing ones signature to plans, drawings, specifications, or other instruments of service which have not been prepared by the licensee or under his or her immediate and responsible direction or permitted his or her name to be used for the purpose of assisting any unlicensed person to evade the law. Any person who violates the law is guilty of a misdemeanor.

Prohibitions/penalties for unlicensed practice: Performing or offering, attempting, or agreeing to perform any act which would constitute the practice of landscape architecture, whether as a part of a transaction or as an entire transaction. The commission of a single act constitutes a violation of the law. Any person practicing the profession of landscape architecture or representing himself or herself as a landscape architect or acting as such without first obtaining a license or when such license is revoked, is guilty of a misdemeanor.

Notwithstanding any provisions for criminal liability, any person who, without possessing a valid unsuspended, unrevoked license uses the title or term landscape architect in any sign, card, listing, advertisement, or in any other manner that would imply or indicate that he or she is a landscape architect may be enjoined from using such title or term in such manner.

Advertising

All classified directory listings, advertisements, signs, and broadcast commercials, except letterheads and business cards, of such entities offering landscape architectural services must include the name and license number of a duly licensed landscape architect providing such services.

Mandatory Continuing Education

Licensees are required to complete 12 contact hours per biennial renewal period.

- New licensees (12 or more months) must complete 6 hours of CE
- All activities must consist of subject matter that contributes directly to the professional competence of a licensee in the practice of landscape architecture.

Administration: The board must verify satisfactory requirements of the provisions on a test basis.

Activities:

- Courses/programs offered by institutions of higher learning, specialty societies, professional organizations and government agencies that are developed and conducted by qualified persons and provide the licensee with evidence of attendance or satisfactory completion
- Correspondence courses and independent study programs if the course provides for interaction between the participant and instructor or administrator (this usually takes the form of periodic examinations and must be documented)
- College courses offered in a degree program that is not taken to meet the education requirements for licensure as a landscape architect
- Credit may be awarded for published articles and books if they contribute to the professional competence of the applicant. Credit for preparation of such publications may be given on a self-declaration basis up to 50% of the total hours required. In exceptional circumstances an applicant may request additional credit by submitting the article(s) or book(s) to the board with an explanation of the circumstances that justify a greater credit.
- Those acting as instructors, discussion leaders or speakers qualify if the course qualifies for those who attend the course (2 hrs CE for each hour of teaching, with no credit for preparation; first presentation only)
- Rendering service to the profession and/or the public through appointment, election or volunteerism on city/county/state/national commissions or boards, professional societies, councils or committees. provided the positions held and activities conducted consistently relate to issues

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considered relative to the practice of landscape architecture. Tasks include, but are not limited to: registration examination grading and question writing; advocacy; public awareness; policy, etc. Documentation must be retained and submitted verifying length of service, position/title, description and function of entity, meeting dates and agenda. (Maximum of 4 hours/ renewal cycle).

Recordkeeping: Licensee has responsibility for maintaining four-year record, with sufficient detail to permit audit verification. The information is submitted with biennial renewal application and fee.

Exemptions:

- Board is authorized to waive requirements in cases of hardship, disability or illness
- New licensees (fewer than 12 months) are exempt from CE for the first renewal period

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