



# North Carolina Board of Landscape Architects

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## **PROCESSING APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSE AS A NC LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT**

The North Carolina Board of Landscape Architects desires to process applications for license as a landscape architect in North Carolina as expeditiously as possible in accordance with the law, Chapter 89A of the General statutes of North Carolina. Applicants can materially assist the Board by submitting adequate and timely documentation to substantiate all of the essential statutory and administrative requirements.

The Board will give approval only to applications that fully satisfy all statutory and administrative requirements.

Applications will not be presented to the Board for consideration until all supporting documents have been received. Examples of supporting documents include acceptable confidential reference forms, transcripts of college or university degrees, and employment verification forms. Reference forms and employer verification forms may be submitted by email to [ncbla@bellsouth.net](mailto:ncbla@bellsouth.net).

1. IF you have a CLARB Council Record (CCR), you must contact CLARB and request that the CCR be transmitted to the NC Board. You must complete the entire NCBLA individual application even if you have a CCR.
2. The application should be clearly marked to indicate whether registration is sought through examination or comity.
3. The applicant's full name should be listed.
4. Your date of birth and social security number are essential in meeting the requirements of the law.
5. The applicant's complete residence address, telephone number(s) and email address must be listed. It is the applicant's responsibility to notify the Board of any changes.
6. The Board will use the business address in corresponding with an applicant or registrant unless specifically requested to use a different address.
7. You are required to list three character references one of whom must be a Landscape Architect. If you have a CLARB Council Record, these references must match the CCR. If not, you will be required to obtain reference forms.
8. Educational achievement should be documented by having the institution transmit an official transcript to the Board. Student issued transcripts will not be accepted unless submitted in a sealed envelope from the institution.

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9. The Board will verify experience via past and present employers. Please have both past and present employers complete and transmit directly to the Board, the Employment Verification form. Self-employment should be documented in writing to the Board.

A separate listing should be made for each period of employment. List only one period of employment in a block. Complete additional pages if necessary.

For each employment period, clearly indicate the following:

- a. Concise description of the employer's business.
- b. Concise description of your duties and responsibilities.
- c. Whether the work was full time or part time. Part time work should show number of hours per week.

**NOTE:** The Board will not consider employment while enrolled in a collegiate curriculum. It is not permissible to gain both educational and experience equivalents during the same period of time.

The application form should be signed and notarized. Please note that the applicant is signing a statement verifying "for the truth and accuracy of all statements and answers with full knowledge of the fact, fraud or misrepresentation is grounds for refusal, or subsequent revocation of a certificate."

Three confidential reference forms are required to consider the application. At least one of the confidential reference forms should come from a licensed landscape architect. The licensed landscape architect should indicate the name of the state or states in which he or she is licensed and the certificate or registration number. It is preferred that the persons submitting references mail, fax or email them directly to the Board. It is the responsibility of the applicant to assure that the persons completing the confidential reference forms have the address of the North Carolina Board of Landscape Architects, and to follow through to ascertain that the confidential reference forms have been completed and mailed to the Board.

### **EXAMINATIONS**

Beginning with the December 2015 administration, if you have an accredited degree in landscape architecture, NC Board approval is NOT required prior to taking the examination. However, if your degree is not accredited you must be approved for examination by the NC Board prior to taking the L.A.R.E..

In order to be approved for license by exam, candidates should submit the individual application by examination to the North Carolina Board. The Board meets quarterly. Applications must be received 30 days prior to the regularly scheduled meeting of the Board. The current meeting schedule can be found on the Contact page of the Board website.

The Landscape Architect Registration Exam (L.A.R.E.) consists of 4 sections:

- 1 - Project and Construction Management
- 2 - Inventory and Analysis
- 3 - Design
- 4 - Grading, Drainage and Construction Documentation