



# Ohio Board of Landscape Architect Examiners

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## License Renewal Time

This is a license renewal year! Renewal applications will be mailed approximately September 1, 2009 to the most recent address on file with the Board. All license renewals are due by October 31, 2009.

The fee to renew a license is still \$125. After October 31, 2009, the fee is \$156.25, which includes a penalty of \$31.25.

We regret that due to budget restrictions, online renewal will not be available this year.

## Continuing Education Reminder

Since 2005, all Ohio-registered landscape architects have been required to complete 24 hours of Mandatory Continuing Education (MCE) *prior* to renewing their license.

Things to keep in mind:

- No documentation is submitted with the renewal application.
- Licensees must keep proof of completion on file for four years.
- Random audits may be conducted at any time by the Board.
- Proof of completion is required when reinstating a lapsed license.
- Proof of completion can be requested in connection with an investigation or enforcement proceeding.
- Exemptions from MCE must be approved by the Board *before* submitting the renewal application. An exemption form is located on the Forms page of the Board's website.
- A licensee is allowed to carry-over up to 12 hours into the next renewal period.

## Landscape Architecture Continuing Education System (LA CES)

What is LA CES?! The Landscape Architecture Continuing Education System (LA CES) is a collaboration of the American Society of Landscape Architects, Canadian Society of Landscape Architects, Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture, Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards, Landscape Architectural Accreditation Board, and Landscape Architecture Foundation.

LA CES establishes, maintains, and enforces standards for evaluating professional development and continuing education programs for landscape architects.

Continuing education has never been more important for professionals; it is needed to stay up to date in the profession, to develop new areas of expertise,

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## Important Board Website Links (right click to open):

Change of Address

Complaints/  
Enforcement

Continuing Education

Forms

Frequently Asked  
Questions

License Look-up

## The next Board meeting will take place on:

Friday, November 20  
9 AM

Board Room, 31<sup>st</sup> Fl.  
Riffe Center  
77 S. High St.  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

## All Board Meetings are open to the public.

and is mandated for maintaining licensure in many jurisdictions.

LA CES guides professionals in identifying courses that are appropriate for landscape architects and are offered by legitimate organizations that have controls and processes in place to monitor quality and track attendance.

The mission of the LA CES program is to assure landscape architects and licensing boards that courses provided by LA CES approved providers are of sufficient quality.

Only providers that have met LA CES requirements may register courses with LA CES. Registered courses cover a broad range of subject matter and providers are required to identify those courses that meet the LA CES standard of health, safety, and welfare subject matter. To find LA CES courses, visit <http://laces.asla.org/>.

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## All Firms Must Have a Certificate of Authorization

You are probably tired of reading about the Board's Firm Certificate of Authorization requirement! However, due to the diligence of the Board's Investigator, Chad Holland, the number of firms obtaining a Certificate of Authorization has increased dramatically.

Disciplinary action can be taken against individual landscape architects for failure to obtain a Certificate for their firm. In addition, the Board can issue monetary fines to firms who operate without a Certificate.

Only two types of firms are exempt from the requirement:

- An *unincorporated* sole proprietor. A sole proprietor who is registered with the Ohio Secretary of State as a corporation or LLC *is required* to have a Certificate.
- Design/Build firms, as defined in Ohio Revised Code section 4703.332.

Firms that offer additional services such as: architecture, engineering or professional surveying may be required to obtain Certificates of Authorization from those Boards as well.

The rules for firm Certificates of Authorization can be downloaded from the Board's website at <http://arc.ohio.gov/lae/laws.stm>. Application forms are available on the forms page of the website.

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## Board Welcomes New Registrants

The Board is pleased to announce that the following individuals have been licensed by examination since the last newsletter. Please congratulate them on their achievement!

<b>1199</b>	Beightol, Michael
<b>1205</b>	Poisel, James E.
<b>1208</b>	Skinner, Timothy S.

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## Change of Address?

Please make sure that we have your most current mailing address, email, and telephone number so we may send renewal notices and other important

*Other Useful Links  
(right click to open):*

American Society of  
Landscape Architects

CLARB

International Code  
Council

Ohio Architects Board

Ohio Board of  
Landscape Architect  
Examiners

Ohio Dept. of Natural  
Resources

Ohio Dept. of  
Transportation

Ohio Engineers and  
Professional Surveyors  
Board

Ohio EPA

Ohio Nursery &  
Landscape Association

The Ohio State  
University  
Knowlton School of  
Architecture  
Landscape Architecture  
Section

State Architects Office  
State of Ohio

information to you in a timely fashion. If you were forwarded this newsletter and would like to be added to our list, please let us know that, too.

You may update your contact information with the Board online at <http://www.arc.ohio.gov/lae/address.stm>, by emailing Jodi Ross at [jodi.ross@arla.state.oh.us](mailto:jodi.ross@arla.state.oh.us), via telephone at (614) 466-2316, or by fax at (614) 644-9048.

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## Do you know Ohio's Landscape Architecture Laws and Rules?

When was the last time you read the laws and rules regulating the practice of landscape architecture in Ohio?

The Board constantly reviews and updates its rules. It is the licensee's responsibility to be aware of changes to the rules.

The latest versions of Ohio's laws and rules affecting the practice of landscape architecture can be found on the "Laws and Rules" page of the Board's website at <http://arc.ohio.gov/lae/laws.stm>

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## CLARB to Administer Graphic Sections of LARE

Beginning with the December, 2009 exams, CLARB will administer the Graphic Sections of the Landscape Architect Registration Exam. This change will make the registration process for the exam more seamless for candidates, as they will now register via CLARB for all sections of the exam. Previously, Ohio handled the registration for the Graphic sections and CLARB handled the registration for the Multiple Choice exams.

In addition, the test will be given at the CLARB test center instead of in Pickerington, Ohio. The CLARB Test Center (Ohio) is located in suburban Columbus at the Holiday Inn Columbus/Worthington, which is located at 7007 North High Street, Worthington, OH 43085. Phone is 614/436-0700

Registration for the December exam is now open. Use the CLARB website to register at <https://www.clarb.org/Candidates/GraphicExams/Pages/default.aspx>. Candidates are encouraged to register by October 12, 2009 in order to ensure they have a seat at the test center.

The redline review of failed sections of the June graphic sections will still take place at the Board offices. Those candidates will receive a notice in their mail regarding the date.

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## Unethical or Unlicensed Activity?

If you believe the services or conduct of an Ohio landscape architect or firm to be unethical, illegal, or below an acceptable standard or if you are aware of unlicensed practice, please contact Chad B. Holland, Investigator, at (614) 466-1476 or [chad.holland@arla.state.oh.us](mailto:chad.holland@arla.state.oh.us).