

# E|N News

An E-Newsletter from the S.C. Board of Landscape Architectural Examiners.

## Certificate of Authorization

Section 40-28-70 of the SC Code of Laws for Landscape Architects requires that all firms advertising, offering or providing landscape architectural services in the State of South Carolina must have a valid Certificate of Authorization issued by the Board of Landscape Architectural Examiners. **The only exemptions are sole proprietorships where an individual is practicing landscape architecture in his/her name as individually licensed (example – John Doe is operating his sole proprietorship under the name “John Doe, Landscape Architect”).** Applications for a Certificate of Authorization are available at

[www.llronline.com/POL/LandscapeArchitect/PDF/Applications/COA%20Application%202010.pdf](http://www.llronline.com/POL/LandscapeArchitect/PDF/Applications/COA%20Application%202010.pdf)

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## Changes to Landscape Architect Registration Examination (LARE) Coming September 2012; Candidates Encouraged to Complete Current Exam by June 2012

The Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards has announced changes to the exam that will take effect with the September 2012 administration of the Landscape Architect Registration Examination (LARE).

Changes to the exam will include:

Four sections instead of five - This modest structural change will better align the content of the LARE with current practice, as demonstrated in the 2010 Task Analysis study. For additional detail on equivalency between the current and new exam, view the transition chart on the CLARB website at [www.clarb.org](http://www.clarb.org).

- Section 1 – Project and Construction Management
- Section 2 – Inventory and Analysis
- Section 3 – Design



- Section 4 – Grading, Drainage and Construction Documentation

Full computer-based testing - By December 2012 all four sections will be delivered by computer to improve relevance, reliability and accessibility.

Meanwhile, candidates are encouraged to continue taking the current exam, especially those who have already started the exam process. Because the content that is currently tested in Section D will be split between Sections 3 and 4 in the new exam, candidates already in the exam process should complete the current exam to avoid losing credit for Sections C, D or E.

New candidates are also encouraged to begin the exam process as soon as possible to obtain licensure. Obtaining licensure is an important career goal that makes you a more marketable professional —particularly in challenging economic times. There is ample time to complete the current exam and become licensed prior to the transition to the new exam in September 2012.

Additionally, completing the current exam has financial benefits for current and new candidates as well. The cost per section of the new exam will go up because the costs must be spread across four sections instead of five.

CLARB has developed a set of Frequently Asked Questions to help candidates better understand the changes and how to navigate the transition process. For additional information, contact CLARB at 571-432-0332 or visit its website at [www.clarb.org](http://www.clarb.org).

## **Are You Interested in Serving on the S.C. Board of Landscape Architectural Examiners?**

Members of the S.C. Board of Landscape Architectural Examiners are appointed by the Governor. The primary responsibility of Board members is to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public of South Carolina.

Professional members of the Board must be a citizen of the United States, licensed in the State of South Carolina for a period of at least five years and in a position of responsible charge for a period of at least three years.

Anybody interested in serving on the Board should complete a resume that includes the following information:

- Education and collegiate achievements.
- Professional experience.
- Professional and technical society activities.
- Civic and humanitarian activities.
- Continuing competence.
- General personal data.
- References or letters of recommendation, if available.

Resumes can be sent to:  
Governor Nikki Haley  
Office of the Governor

1205 Pendleton Street  
Columbia, SC 29201  
FAX: (803) 734-5167

## State Holidays

The Board office will be closed in observance of the following state holidays:

<b>November 11, 2011</b>	<b>Veteran's Day</b>
<b>November 24-25, 2011</b>	Thanksgiving Day
<b>December 23-27, 2011</b>	Christmas Day
<b>January 2, 2012</b>	New Year's Day
<b>January 16, 2012</b>	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
<b>February 20, 2012</b>	President's Day
<b>May 10, 2012</b>	Confederate Memorial Day
<b>May 28, 2012</b>	Memorial Day
<b>July 4, 2012</b>	Independence Day
<b>September 3, 2012</b>	Labor Day