

## SECTION .0300 - EXAMINATION AND LICENSING PROCEDURES

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(a) The LARE published by CLARB shall be the examination recognized by the Board, so long as the Board shall remain a member of the CLARB. The Board may administer a state supplement to the LARE as allowed by the CLARB.

(b) All persons desiring to submit an application to take the LARE are encouraged to first make application through CLARB. Upon taking and passing all sections of the LARE, candidates shall complete the Board's initial individual application for license by examination and submit the non-refundable application fee as established in Rule .0105 of this Chapter. If an application is complete and the applicant is otherwise qualified by statute and these rules to sit for examination, the Board shall approve the application for licensure by examination.

(c) CLARB sets the fees for the LARE. Fee information shall be made available to all applicants for examination on the Board website, [www.ncbola.org](http://www.ncbola.org), and may be obtained from the CLARB.

(d) An applicant shall be qualified for examination and licensure upon graduation from a LAAB accredited collegiate curriculum in landscape architecture, passage of the LARE, and the experience requirements of Paragraph (f) of this Rule.

(e) In allowing credit for education to satisfy the minimum qualification requirements established by G.S. 89A-4(a)(3), an undergraduate, a masters, or a doctorate degree from an accredited curriculum approved by the LAAB shall be deemed to have met the educational requirement.

(f) To fulfill the experience requirements established by G.S. 89A-4(a)(4), an applicant shall have a minimum of 8,000 hours of professional experience in landscape architecture working under the direct supervision of a registered landscape architect. In submitting an initial individual application to the Board for registration, a licensed landscape architect shall certify that the applicant has completed the number of hours required by this Rule. An applicant may petition the Board for up to 8,000 hours of experience credit by providing proof of work experience that is directly related to the practice of landscape architecture as defined by G.S. 89A-1(3). Experience credits shall be based on a full-time work week of 40 hours and a work year of at least 2,000 hours. Part-time work shall be fully described and may be given proportional credit. An applicant is ineligible to receive experience credit if the work was in fulfillment of an educational requirement.

(g) The Board shall treat as confidential and not subject to disclosure, except to the extent required by law or by rule of the Board, individual test scores and applications and material relating thereto, including letters of reference relating to an application.

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