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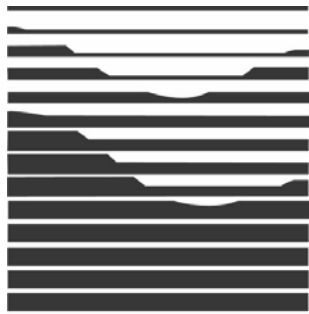
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**TAKE
ACTION**



Ask LATC to Retain Degrees in Landscape Architecture as part of the LARE and Reciprocity Review Process

An Education/Experience Subcommittee of the LATC will meet Tuesday, October 3 to discuss whether candidates that apply to take the LARE or request licensing reciprocity should have earned degrees in landscape architecture or degrees with common course content.

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Feel free to use the following letter that the CA Council of ASLA is sending today!

TO: LATC Education/Experience Subcommittee
c/o Brianna Miller, LATC Program Manager (Brianna.Miller@dca.ca.gov)

FROM: Your Name, Firm Name, City

RE: Landscape Architecture Licensing Educational and Reciprocity Requirements

I am writing to request that the Landscape Architects Technical Committee (LATC) Education/Experience Subcommittee determine the core courses and fields of study that would be

required to qualify a candidate to sit for the Landscape Architects Registration Exam (LARE) and the California Supplemental Exam (CSE).

I understand that the California Architects Board (CAB) has asked the LATC to align its licensing approval with the CAB requirements which do not require an architect exam applicant to have a degree in architecture.

The California Council of ASLA (CCASLA) is sending the Subcommittee an executive summary of a study *Determinants of Success* conducted by Professional Testing, Inc. for the Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards. The goal of the research was to define and, if possible, weigh the determinants of successfully passing the LARE and to provide greater insights for the profession and regulatory community on which to base policy, practice and support decisions. They found that those that had degrees in landscape architecture, had higher LARE passage rates.

Approximately half of the states in the United States do require a landscape architect license exam applicant to have a degree or partial degree in landscape architecture along with other educational and job experience in order to be qualified to take the LARE.

As part of the Education/Experience Subcommittee's research and due diligence, I recommend that in their discussions the Subcommittee consider as a model the eligibility standards of those states with a landscape architecture degree requirement, and determine what academic and practical experience should be required of applicants without a landscape architecture degree to assure public health, safety and welfare, and work proficiently in this field of practice.

I believe that core educational standards provide the foundation for knowledge of the field of landscape architecture which protects the public from practitioners who do not understand grading and drainage, storm water management, vegetative fuel management, erosion control, soils, wetlands restoration, river and waterway restoration, plant water conservation, habitat restoration, invasive species, grading and other best practices that provide a healthy environment for consumers.

In order to determine whether an individual who is a licensed landscape architect in another state has mastered the core concepts of landscape architecture through studies in other academic majors and fields, certain core courses need to be determined to ensure that individuals meet basic reciprocity standards and are qualified to take the California Supplemental Exam.

I look forward to updates from the LATC Education/Experience Subcommittee and urge you to consider my request to keep this profession strong and public consumers protected when you discuss these issues at your October 3rd LATC Education/ Experience Subcommittee meeting in Sacramento.

Please take a moment to email your message to LATC staff

Brianna.Miller@LATC.ca.gov and

copy us at CCASLA@sbcglobal.net

Voice your support for retaining credit for a degree in landscape architecture when evaluating candidates for the LARE and when determining licensee reciprocity.

To review the *Determinants of Success* research study executive summary, find it at this [LINK](#).

If you plan to attend the LATC meeting next week in Sacramento, review their agenda for the meeting location and time at this [LINK](#).

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