

State Board of Landscape Architects  
*Continuing Education Requirement*

The State Board of Landscape Architects has updated and promulgated regulations providing for Continuing Education. Consequently, all licensees are now required to obtain 24 clock hours or credits of continuing education in order to renew their license (49 Pa. Code §15.72(a)). Likewise, a licensee who wishes to reactivate a lapsed license or who has been on inactive status must obtain 24 clock hours or credits of continuing education to be licensed (49 Pa. Code §15.72(c)), to practice the profession of landscape architecture. By **May 31, 2015**, each licensee will need to have completed 24 credits during the current biennial period to renew licensure, and a lapsed licensee or inactive status licensee must have completed 24 credits in the 2-year period immediately prior to reactivation. The applicable Board regulations, which are now regulatory law, may be referenced at: <http://www.pabulletin.com/secure/data/vol44/44-8/372.html>.

The Landscape Architects Registration Law (63 P.S. §901 *et seq.*, hereinafter “Act”), is our Commonwealth practice act, and section 4(5) of the Act refers to the “biennial registration.” The Board has the power and duty to require all persons licensed and registered to register biennially with the Board; to prescribe the form of such registration; to require as a condition precedent to such biennial registration the payment of biennial registration fees; to complete acceptable continuing education and to issue biennial registration to such persons; and, to suspend or revoke the license or registration of such persons who fail to register. Section 9.1(b) of the Act specifically provides for continuing education as a condition of licensure, and the continuing education requirement has, and is, increased from 10 to 24 hours during each two-year licensure period. All licensees must obtain 24 hours of continuing education through May 31, 2015, in order to renew their license to practice as a Landscape Architect for the 2015-2017 biennial period and hereafter.

Continuing education credits obtained by a licensee may not be in the subject area of office management, but must be in subjects to maintain, improve or expand skills and knowledge of the licensee obtained prior to initial licensure in the profession, or to develop new and relevant skills and knowledge applicable to professional practice. It is the responsibility of licensees to follow our laws for the protection of our citizen consumers.

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