

# Ky. Board of Landscape Architects

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## *Use of the Title "Landscape Architect"*

Graduates who are not yet licensed often struggle with an appropriate title and the Board is often asked what title(s) may be used. Kentucky law protects and reserves the use of the title "Landscape Architect" for only those who achieve & maintain licensure. This means that the two words "landscape" and "architect" cannot be used together (as well as the "LA", "RLA" or "PLA" designation) by anyone who is not licensed within the Commonwealth. Therefore, "Landscape Architect Graduate" is prohibited by anyone who is not licensed. While an individual may hold an accredited degree in landscape architecture from a university, colleges do not confer degrees deeming one to be a "Landscape Architect" or "Graduate Landscape Architect"; degrees are conferred

in an area of concentration, such as Landscape Architecture. Only licensing boards issue licenses allowing the use of the title "Landscape Architect".

Persons who hold a degree in landscape architecture may indicate so by listing their degree beneath or beside their name. For example, it is acceptable to identify oneself as "Jane Doe, BSLA, University of Kentucky". An acceptable similar title might be "Jane Doe, Landscape Architecture Graduate". Non-registered interns and employees can also use titles such as "Landscape Designer", "Designer" or "Project Manager" on resumes, business cards, websites & marketing or promotional materials until such time as they have be

come duly licensed within the Commonwealth.

The Board has also been asked about the use of the "RLA" or "PLA" designation. The Board understands that ASLA recently began urging all to use the "PLA" designation. Possibly in some states, the protected title is "Registered Landscape Architect" or "Professional Landscape Architect" but in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, the protected title is "Landscape Architect". There are no landscape architects within Kentucky who are not registered, so this is a redundant title. Licensees are welcome to use "RLA" or "PLA", however there is no reference to this particular title within Kentucky Statutes or Administrative Regulations.

## *License Status: Active vs. Inactive*

Licensees who maintain an Active license are able to use both the title of "Landscape Architect" as well as practice landscape architecture. When continuing education requirements were added to the law in the early 1990's, the Board created an Inactive status to allow professionals who are not practicing to continue to use the title while enjoying an

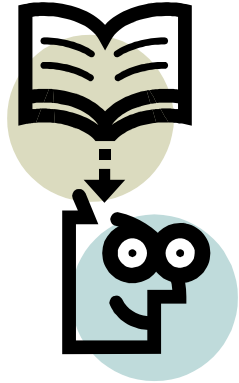
exemption from the annual continuing education requirement.

**Active License** - Ability to use the title & practice the profession. Required to report a minimum of fifteen (15) hours of continuing education activities each year. \$200 renewal fee annually.

**Inactive License** - Ability to use the title, but cannot practice the profession. Exempt from annual continuing education requirement. \$150 renewal fee annually.

A license that is currently inactive can be readily reactivated by paying a fee & bringing continuing education activities up to date.

## Exam Updates (L.A.R.E.)



Possibly you completed the national exam when it was known as the UNE ... or possibly you completed the L.A.R.E. when it was administered totally by pen & paper. Did you realize that for the past 7 years, the three multiple-choice sections of the examination have been computerized? And updates are ongoing!

Beginning in December 2012, all sections of the examination will be administered by computer. Even the two graphic sections (Design and Grading & Drainage) will be administered by computer!

Also beginning in December 2012, the examination will consist of four sections, rather than the current five sections.

The content of the current multiple-choice Section D (Structural Considerations & Materials and Methods of Construction) will be incorporated into both of the graphic sections.

Feel free to monitor the CLARB website ([www.clarb.org](http://www.clarb.org)) as more information regarding the testing transition comes available.

## Registration Board / ASLA Chapter

**ASLA Chapters serve a different purpose than do licensing Boards—while ASLA Chapters 'promote' the profession, licensing Boards 'police' the profession.**

Many licensees see the Board and the local ASLA Chapter as one in the same, yet each serves a vastly different purpose from the other.

The KY ASLA Chapter existed prior to the Board and serves to educate and promote the profession. It

was this local group of ASLA members who worked to establish the Registration Board, whose purpose is to protect the public from incompetent or unethical landscape architecture practice.

Another way to look at it is this: while the Chapter

promotes the profession, the Board polices the profession.

## Continuing Education Enforcement

Rather than require all licensees to provide verifications of the continuing education activities reported during license renewal, the Board randomly audits approximately 10% of licensees annually.

During last year's audit (October 2010), two licensees either failed to respond to the audit request or failed to complete additional continuing activities as required by the Board.

As a result, the Board entered into agreed orders with these individuals which included a fine and additional continuing education courses.

## Welcome New Licensees by Examination

The Board is pleased to announce that the following individuals have been granted licensure by examination in 2010 & 2011. Please congratulate them on their achievement & welcome them to the profession!

Mark J. Yanik	Carrie E. Read	Jack A. McGlasson
Katharine L. Pentecost	Emalee M. Ridgway	Marc C. Bond
Travis A. Edelen	Brock M. MacKay	Benjamin R. Taylor

**Congratulate these new licensees who have completed the L.A.R.E. & obtained licensure in the Commonwealth!**



## Licenses Suspended for Non-Renewal

Active licenses automatically suspended in 2010 or 2011 due to non-renewal:

Clark, Harold B.  
Edsall, Deborah C. (retired)  
Ernstberger, Eric Lee  
Foose, Karen C. (retired)  
Gilmore, David  
Holt, Alan D.  
Jones, Mary Margaret  
Katraska, Joseph A.  
Kinzelman, Brian P.  
Kirk, Robert P.  
Knight, Andrew D.  
Lebovitz, Paul A.  
Lewis, Thomas J.  
Luebke, Stefan R.

McCrorry, Kevin A.  
Merkel, M. Eugene  
Nunez, Ralph L.  
Peterson, Jay A.  
Plunkard, Stephen P. C.  
Reitz, David L.  
Rich, Kevin W.  
Sammons, Sarah Elizabeth  
Saunders, Jerald A.  
Taylor, Benjamin R.  
Turnburke, Janet E.  
Wike, James R.  
Wilson, Larry T.  
Wooley, Jane Murray  
Wray, Robert B.  
Inactive licenses automatically suspended in 2010 or 2011 due to non-renewal:

Adsit, Russell A.  
Baker, Nancy Irene  
Bassett, James H.  
Brown, Patrick S.  
Burkholder, David M. (retired)  
Cain, Mack R.  
Crice, Rodney L.  
Duttlinger, James M.  
Dyer, Jeffrey J.  
Erlandson, Daniel R.  
Fee, Warren M. (retired)  
Fortney, Peggy Ann (retired)  
Franklin, Steven S.  
Freeman, Anne H.  
Harrison, Cynthia S.  
Henry, H. Don  
Johnson, Robert William

Johnston, Clifford John  
Kiser, P. Wayne  
Long, Nimrod W. E.  
Mansbach, Robin Jill  
McGinnis, Robert M.  
Metz, Randall K.  
Millen, J. Michael  
O'Flinn, Larry P.  
Parker, Stephen C.  
Sajko, Craig A.  
Sierschula, Gary R. (retired)  
Stratton, J. Kingsley  
Wood, Christopher B.  
Yartz, J. P. Courtney (retired)

## Automatic Suspensions due to Non-Renewal

Any license (Active or Inactive) that is not renewed by August 31st each year is automatically suspended. The cost to reinstate a suspended license grows with each year a license is not current. For instance, the annual renewal fee for an active license is currently

\$200; the cost to reinstate a license that has been suspended for one year is currently \$400. The cost to reinstate a license after three years is \$1,200. With the downturn in the economy, the Board has seen a substantial increase

over the past few years in licenses that are automatically suspended due to non-renewal. Please be aware of the cost to reinstate a license that has been suspended.



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The Kentucky Board of Landscape Architects is an independent state agency whose purpose is to protect the public by administering and enforcing the statutes and regulations governing the practice of Landscape Architecture in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. The Board is a separate and distinct entity from any professional associations. **The Board is a self-supporting agency and receives no general fund tax appropriation. It is funded entirely through fees assessed for licensing its professionals.**

Licensing of landscape architects protects the public health, safety and welfare of citizens who cannot be reasonably expected to know or recognize inadequate or defective landscape architectural design work. Landscape architects offer complex professional services which are not easily understood by the average consumer and which have lasting impacts on the land and its users. If work is improperly performed, there exists a very real threat of irreparable harm - harm for which money cannot compensate. Poor design can lead to injury or death of users of the land and cause grave economic damages to the landowners.

As such, licensure is one means by which professional performance can be regulated. A license is required to use the title of or practice landscape architecture in the Commonwealth and is governed by the Kentucky Board of Landscape Architects. The Kentucky Revised Statutes and Administrative Regulations outline eligibility for licensure, requirements for maintaining licensure and defines the parameters for the practice of Landscape Architecture in the Commonwealth.

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