
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the State's board of
2 professional engineers, architects, surveyors, and landscape
3 architects (board) previously voted in favor of adopting the
4 Uniform Licensure Standard for Landscape Architecture developed
5 in 2022 by the Council of Landscape Architectural Registration
6 Boards, of which the board is a member. The Council of
7 Landscape Architectural Registration Boards is a nonprofit
8 organization that works to protect the public's health, safety,
9 and welfare by establishing and promoting professional licensure
10 standards for landscape architects. Its members are the
11 licensure boards across the United States and Canada.

12 The legislature further finds that the board is the entity
13 best suited to determine the eligibility requirements for the
14 licensure of landscape architects in the State and should be
15 authorized to implement standards as it deems appropriate.

16 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to:



1 (1) Authorize the board of professional engineers,
2 architects, surveyors, and landscape architects to
3 determine the appropriate educational and examination
4 requirements for landscape architect licensure in the
5 State; and

6 (2) Clarify experience requirements for landscape
7 architect licensure.

8 SECTION 2. Section 464-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
9 amended by adding a new definition to be appropriately inserted
10 and to read as follows:

11 "Board" means the board of professional engineers,
12 architects, surveyors, and landscape architects established in
13 section 464-6."

14 SECTION 3. Section 464-8, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
15 amended to read as follows:

16 **"§464-8 Qualifications for licensure.** (a) No person
17 shall be eligible for licensure as a professional engineer
18 unless:

19 (1) The person is the holder of an unexpired license
20 issued to the person by any jurisdiction, domestic or
21 foreign, in which the requirements for licensure at



1 the time the person was first licensed are of a
2 standard satisfactory to the board; provided that if
3 the board is in doubt as to whether the standards are
4 satisfactory, or as to whether the holder was required
5 to fully comply with them, it shall require that the
6 holder successfully pass a written examination,
7 prescribed by the board and designed to test the
8 holder's knowledge, skill, and competency in the
9 profession of engineering;

10 (2) The person is the holder of a master's degree in
11 engineering from an institution of higher education
12 approved by the board; is a graduate of a school or
13 college approved by the board as of satisfactory
14 standing and has completed an engineering curriculum
15 of four years or more; has had three years of full-
16 time lawful experience in engineering work of a
17 character satisfactory to the board, or part-time
18 experience which the board finds to be the equivalent
19 thereof; and has successfully passed a written
20 examination, prescribed by the board and designed to



- 1 test the person's knowledge, skill, and competency in
2 the profession of engineering;
- 3 (3) The person is the holder of a master's degree in
4 engineering from an institution of higher education
5 approved by the board; has had four years of full-time
6 lawful experience in engineering work of a character
7 satisfactory to the board, or part-time experience
8 which the board finds to be the equivalent thereof;
9 and has successfully passed a written examination,
10 prescribed by the board and designed to test the
11 person's knowledge, skill, and competency in the
12 profession of engineering;
- 13 (4) The person is a graduate of a school or college
14 approved by the board as of satisfactory standing, and
15 has completed an engineering curriculum of four years
16 or more; has had four years of full-time lawful
17 experience in engineering work of a character
18 satisfactory to the board, or part-time experience
19 which the board finds to be the equivalent thereof;
20 and has successfully passed a written examination,
21 prescribed by the board and designed to test the



1 person's knowledge, skill, and competency in the
2 profession of engineering;

3 (5) The person is a graduate of a school or college
4 approved by the board as of satisfactory standing, and
5 has completed an engineering technology or arts and
6 science curriculum of four years or more; has had
7 eight years of full-time lawful experience in
8 engineering work of a character satisfactory to the
9 board, or part-time experience which the board finds
10 to be the equivalent thereof; and has successfully
11 passed a written examination, prescribed by the board
12 and designed to test the person's knowledge, skill,
13 and competency in the profession of engineering; or

14 (6) The person has had twelve years of full-time lawful
15 experience in engineering work of a character
16 satisfactory to the board, or part-time experience
17 which the board finds to be the equivalent thereof;
18 and has successfully passed a written examination,
19 prescribed by the board and designed to test the
20 person's knowledge, skill, and competency in the
21 profession of engineering.



1 (b) No person shall be eligible for licensure as a
2 professional architect unless:

3 (1) The person is the holder of an unexpired license in
4 architecture issued to the person by any jurisdiction,
5 domestic or foreign, and the person meets the
6 requirements of this chapter and the rules of the
7 board;

8 (2) The person is the holder of a bachelor's, master's, or
9 higher degree in architecture from a school or college
10 approved by the board as of satisfactory standing; has
11 had three years of full-time lawful experience in
12 architecture work of a character satisfactory to the
13 board, or part-time experience which the board finds
14 to be the equivalent thereof; and has successfully
15 passed a professional written examination, prescribed
16 by the board and designed to test the person's
17 knowledge, skill, and competency in the profession of
18 architecture;

19 (3) The person is a graduate of a school or college
20 approved by the board as of satisfactory standing and
21 has completed an architectural curriculum of four



1 years or a pre-architecture or arts and science
2 curriculum of four years or more; has had five years
3 of full-time lawful experience in architecture work of
4 a character satisfactory to the board, or part-time
5 experience which the board finds to be the equivalent
6 thereof; and has successfully passed a professional
7 written examination, prescribed by the board and
8 designed to test the person's knowledge, skill, and
9 competency in the profession of architecture;

10 (4) The person is a graduate of a community college or
11 other technical training school approved by the board
12 as of satisfactory standing, and has completed an
13 architectural technology curriculum of two years or
14 more; has had eight years of full-time lawful
15 experience in architecture work of a character
16 satisfactory to the board, or part-time experience
17 which the board finds to be the equivalent thereof;
18 and has successfully passed a professional written
19 examination, prescribed by the board and designed to
20 test the person's knowledge, skill, and competency in
21 the profession of architecture; or



1 (5) The person has had eleven years of full-time lawful
2 experience in architecture work of a character
3 satisfactory to the board, or part-time experience
4 which the board finds to be the equivalent thereof;
5 and has successfully passed a professional written
6 examination, prescribed by the board and designed to
7 test the person's knowledge, skill, and competency in
8 the profession of architecture;

9 provided that those persons who qualify under paragraphs (2)
10 through (5), as of June 30, 2000, shall be required to fulfill
11 the requirements of the intern development program of the
12 National Council of Architectural Registration Boards or of any
13 similar program satisfactory to the board, and approved by the
14 board. For paragraph (2), the intern development program shall
15 fulfill the experience requirement. For paragraphs (3), (4),
16 and (5), time participating in the intern development program
17 shall be credited toward the experience requirement.

18 (c) No person shall be eligible for licensure as a
19 professional land surveyor unless:

20 (1) (A) The person is the holder of an unexpired license
21 issued to the person by any jurisdiction,



1 domestic or foreign, in which the requirements
2 for licensure at the time the person was first
3 licensed are of a standard satisfactory to the
4 board; provided that if the board is in doubt as
5 to whether the standards are satisfactory, or as
6 to whether the holder was required to fully
7 comply with them, it shall require that the
8 holder successfully pass the national land
9 surveyor licensing examinations and a written,
10 multiple-choice examination on the subject of
11 Hawaii land matters and Hawaii land description;

12 (B) The person is a graduate of a school or college
13 approved by the board as of satisfactory
14 standing, and has completed a geoscience, civil
15 engineering, or general engineering curriculum of
16 four years or more; has had three years of full-
17 time lawful experience in land surveying of a
18 character satisfactory to the board, or part-time
19 experience which the board finds to be the
20 equivalent thereof; and has successfully passed
21 the national land surveyor licensing examinations



- 1 and a written, multiple-choice examination on the
2 subject of Hawaii land matters and Hawaii land
3 description;
- 4 (C) The person is a graduate of a school or college
5 approved by the board as of satisfactory
6 standing, and has completed a civil engineering
7 technology (survey option) curriculum of two
8 years or more or arts and sciences curriculum of
9 four years or more; has had seven years of full-
10 time lawful experience in land surveying of a
11 character satisfactory to the board, or part-time
12 experience which the board finds to be the
13 equivalent thereof; and has successfully passed
14 the national land surveyor licensing examinations
15 and a written, multiple-choice examination on the
16 subject of Hawaii land matters and Hawaii land
17 description; or
- 18 (D) The person has had eleven years of full-time
19 lawful experience in land surveying of a
20 character satisfactory to the board, or part-time
21 experience which the board finds to be the



1 equivalent thereof; and has successfully passed
2 the national land surveyor licensing examinations
3 and a written, multiple-choice examination on the
4 subject of Hawaii land matters and Hawaii land
5 description; and

6 (2) Any applicant shall certify on the application that
7 the applicant has read, understood, and agrees to
8 comply with the laws and rules that the board
9 determines are required for licensure.

10 (d) No person shall be eligible for licensure as a
11 professional landscape architect unless:

12 (1) The person is the holder of an unexpired license in
13 good standing issued to the person by any
14 jurisdiction[~~, domestic or foreign, in which the~~
15 ~~requirements for licensure at the time the person was~~
16 ~~first licensed are of a standard satisfactory to the~~
17 ~~board; provided that if the board is in doubt as to~~
18 ~~whether the standards are satisfactory, or as to~~
19 ~~whether the holder was required to fully comply with~~
20 ~~them, it]~~ approved by the board to practice landscape
21 architecture; provided that the board shall require



1 that the holder successfully pass [~~the national~~
2 ~~landscape architect licensing examination and~~] a
3 written examination, prescribed by the board designed
4 to test the holder's knowledge of the State's climatic
5 conditions, native plants and native ecosystems, land
6 use ordinance and special management area
7 requirements, and cultural and historical conditions
8 affecting landscape architecture;

- 9 (2) The person is the holder of a [~~master's~~] degree in
10 landscape architecture from [~~an institution of higher~~
11 ~~education approved by the board; is a graduate of~~] a
12 school or college approved by the board [~~as of~~
13 ~~satisfactory standing and has completed a landscape~~
14 ~~architectural curriculum of four years or more~~]; has
15 had two years of full-time lawful experience in
16 landscape architecture work of a character
17 satisfactory to the board, or part-time lawful
18 experience [~~which~~] that the board finds to be the
19 equivalent thereof; and has successfully passed the
20 national landscape architect licensing examination and
21 a written examination, prescribed by the board



1 designed to test the person's knowledge of the State's
2 climatic conditions, native plants and native
3 ecosystems, land use ordinance and special management
4 area requirements, and cultural and historical
5 conditions affecting landscape architecture; or
6 ~~[-(3) The person is a graduate of a school or college~~
7 ~~approved by the board as of satisfactory standing, and~~
8 ~~has completed a landscape architectural curriculum of~~
9 ~~four years or more; has had three years of full-time~~
10 ~~lawful experience in landscape architecture work of a~~
11 ~~character satisfactory to the board, or part-time~~
12 ~~experience which the board finds to be the equivalent~~
13 ~~thereof; and has successfully passed the national~~
14 ~~landscape architect licensing examination and a~~
15 ~~written examination, prescribed by the board designed~~
16 ~~to test the person's knowledge of the State's climatic~~
17 ~~conditions, native plants and native ecosystems, land~~
18 ~~use ordinance and special management area~~
19 ~~requirements, and cultural and historical conditions~~
20 ~~affecting landscape architecture;~~



1 ~~(4)~~ ~~The person is a graduate of a school or college~~
2 ~~approved by the board as of satisfactory standing, and~~
3 ~~has completed a pre-landscape architecture or arts and~~
4 ~~science curriculum of four years or more; has had five~~
5 ~~years of full-time lawful experience in landscape~~
6 ~~architecture work of a character satisfactory to the~~
7 ~~board, or part-time experience which the board finds~~
8 ~~to be the equivalent thereof; and has successfully~~
9 ~~passed the national landscape architect licensing~~
10 ~~examination and a written examination, prescribed by~~
11 ~~the board designed to test the person's knowledge of~~
12 ~~the State's climatic conditions, native plants and~~
13 ~~native ecosystems, land use ordinance and special~~
14 ~~management area requirements, and cultural and~~
15 ~~historical conditions affecting landscape~~
16 ~~architecture; or~~

17 ~~(5)]~~ (3) The person has had [~~twelve~~] eight years of full-
18 time lawful experience in landscape architecture work
19 of a character satisfactory to the board, or part-time
20 lawful experience [~~which~~] that the board finds to be
21 the equivalent thereof; and has successfully passed



1 the national landscape architect licensing examination
2 and a written examination, prescribed by the board
3 designed to test the person's knowledge of the State's
4 climatic conditions, native plants and native
5 ecosystems, land use ordinance and special management
6 area requirements, and cultural and historical
7 conditions affecting landscape architecture.

8 [~~6~~] The person may earn credit toward the required years
9 of lawful experience through one of the following
10 options:

11 (A) If the person holds a degree or certificate in
12 landscape architecture from a school or college
13 not approved by the board, then the person may be
14 credited with one year of experience for each
15 year of schooling completed up to a maximum of
16 four years of credited experience; or

17 (B) If the person holds any degree or certificate,
18 then the applicant may be credited with six
19 months of experience for each one year of
20 schooling completed up to a maximum of two years
21 of credited experience.



1 (e) The applicant shall also certify on the application
2 that the applicant has read, understood, and agrees to comply
3 with the laws and rules that the board determines are required
4 for licensure.

5 In addition to the [~~foregoing~~] requirements[~~7~~] under this
6 section, the board, in its discretion, may also require
7 additional proof that the applicant is competent to practice
8 professionally, and whenever the board is not fully satisfied
9 [~~from~~] with the results of an examination that any applicant is
10 competent to practice professionally, it may give the applicant
11 a further examination or examinations.

12 No person shall be eligible for licensure as a professional
13 engineer, architect, land surveyor, or landscape architect if
14 the person does not possess a history of honesty, truthfulness,
15 financial integrity, and fair dealing."

16 SECTION 4. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
17 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
18 begun before its effective date.

19 SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
20 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.



1 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 3000.



Report Title:

Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors, and
Landscape Architects; Landscape Architects; Licensing
Requirements

Description:

Authorizes the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects,
Surveyors, and Landscape Architects to determine the appropriate
educational and examination requirements for landscape architect
licensure. Clarifies experience requirements for landscape
architect licensure. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

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