



PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE

(1964, R1994, R2000, R2001, R2002, R2018, R2023)

Policy Statement

The American Society of Landscape Architects endorses, supports, and promotes state regulation of the practice of landscape architecture in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. territories ASLA also supports and encourages qualified individuals to pursue professional licensure as a means to protect public health, safety, and welfare in the delivery of landscape architectural services.

ASLA believes:

- the enactment of a uniform state licensure framework—in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. territories—is essential to protect the public health, safety, and welfare.
- licensure through a statutory practice act is the most appropriate form of regulation of the profession, which allows the licensing jurisdiction to define a necessary level of minimum professional competency by setting legal prerequisites in education, experience, and examination for obtaining licensure and setting continuing education requirements.
- continuing education is necessary for professionals to expand upon and grow current knowledge and best practices in public health, safety, and welfare.
- licensure assures public and private consumers that the licensed landscape architect has met a minimum set of professional standards and is qualified to provide services within the profession's regulated scope of practice.
- the practice of landscape architecture should only be performed by—and the titles "landscape architect" and landscape architectural" should only be used by—individuals as defined, titled, and governed by statutes, regulations, and licensing boards.

Note

This policy serves as the preamble to a group of policies on professional licensure that includes the definition of landscape architectural practice, qualifications for licensure, reciprocity, enforcement, and post-nominal letters.