Policy Statement
The American Society of Landscape Architects believes that the licensure of the practice of landscape architecture in every state, the District of Columbia, and U.S. territories is essential to protect the public health, safety, and welfare. Licensure is the appropriate statutory process by which an individual meets the legal requirements of education, experience, and examination to demonstrate minimum professional competency. Licensure offers the consumer assurance 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. Licensure also ensures the practitioners’ ability to compete within regulated markets of the design professions.

Note
This policy serves as the preamble to a group of policies on professional licensure that includes the definition of landscape architectural practice, prerequisites for licensure, reciprocity, enforcement, and universal designation.