



## **PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE** **(1964, R1994, R2000, R2001, R2002, R2018)**

### **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.

### **Rationale**

Licensure of landscape architects, based on the combination of education, experience, and examination, demonstrates competency and qualification to provide professional landscape architectural services in a manner that protect the public's health, safety and welfare.

The practice of landscape architecture should only be performed by, and the titles "landscape architect" and "landscape architectural" should only be used by, licensed individuals as defined, titled, and governed by enacted licensure requirements. Qualified individuals are encouraged to pursue professional licensure as a means to demonstrate minimum standards of competency across the profession and strengthen protection of the public interest in the delivery of landscape architectural services.

Licensure of landscape architects provides parity with the other design professions by lifting restraints on competition, within overlapping markets, that are often created when some but not all of the design professions are licensed.

### **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.