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An E-Newsletter from the S.C. Board of Landscape Architectural Examiners.



Updated Continuing Education Requirements for 2015 License Renewals

Twenty hours of continuing education will be required for license renewals in 2015 and thereafter. Of these hours:

- Fifteen hours must be in health/safety/welfare topics. Five hours may be used for practice related topics.
- Twelve hours must be obtained in structured educational activities. The remaining eight hours can be applied to self-directed study.

Continuing education hours for 2015 renewals must be obtained February 1, 2013 – January 31, 2015. Licensees are allowed to carry over 10 hours of continuing education courses from February 1, 2011 – January 31, 2013 as long as those hours were not used to meet the continuing education requirement for 2013-2015 license renewals.

Additional information on the continuing education requirement is available on the [Board's website](#).

December 2013 Landscape Architect Registration Examination (LARE)

The LARE will be offered on the following dates in 2014:

- March 31 –April 12, 2014
- August 18-30, 2014
- December 1-13, 2014

Section 1, Section 2, Section 3, and Section 4 will be offered on these dates. All examinations will be administered through Pearson VUE testing centers. L. A. R. E. resources for the new examination are available online at

www.clarb.org/Candidates/Pages/PreparefortheExam.aspx .

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BOARD MEETING DATES

All meetings are held at the S.C. Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation, 110 Centerview Drive, Room 204, Columbia, SC and begin at 10 a.m.

- February 19, 2014
- May 21, 2014
- July 16, 2014
- October 15, 2014

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BOARD OFFICE HOURS

8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. Monday – Friday

South Carolina exam candidates must still pre-register with the Board before they take any sections of the LARE.

The following chart shows pre-registration application deadlines for the SC Board of Landscape Architectural Examiners to guarantee application approval before the early registration deadline with CLARB:

Exam Administration	SC Pre-Approval Deadline
April	February 15
August	June 15
December	September 15

Candidates will only go through the pre-approval process once to take the examination in South Carolina and may go to www.clarb.org/Candidates/Pages/Register.aspx to complete registration for the exam. In order to pre-register, new exam candidates will need to take the following steps:

- All candidates are required to start a Council Record with the Council of Landscape Architectural Examiners (CLARB) to take the exam. To establish a Council Record, visit <https://www.clarb.org/LandscapeArchitects/Pages/Begin-a-Council-Record.aspx>. Please note this is a time – consuming process, so candidates should begin the process of establishing the record well in advance of the pre-approval deadline date (at least 45 days).”

Once the Council Record is complete:

- Contact CLARB to request the record be transmitted to the SC Board of Landscape Architectural Examiners.
- Complete the SC Board of Landscape Architectural Examiners application posted online at <http://www.lironline.com/POL/LandscapeArchitect/PDF/Applications/Exam%20Application.pdf>.
- Submit two additional references that are not on the CLARB Council Record. (The South Carolina Board requires a total of five references and will accept the three references on the CLARB Record.) A reference form is available to send to references at <http://www.lironline.com/POL/LandscapeArchitect/PDF/Applications/LA%20Reference.pdf>.

Once the materials are received, the application will be reviewed for addition to the SC Pre-Approved Candidate list for the examination. Your name must be added to this list before you can take any section of the examination. Please note that you may be required to appear before the Board for an application hearing to get qualifying experience approved. **The CLARB Record and the South Carolina application must be received by the pre-approval deadline date to ensure approval for the test administration you wish to take.**

Additional information on registering for the LARE is available online at www.clarb.org/Candidates/Documents/LARE-Registration-Process-PreApproval.pdf.

What Does “Welfare” Mean?

How do you define “welfare?” It’s a cornerstone of emphasis in protecting the environment and general public along with health and safety, but it’s poorly defined. Licensure of landscape architects in 50 U.S. states and three Canadian provinces require demonstration of competence through a combination of education, experience, and examination, but how is welfare addressed amongst these components and in the services that landscape architects provide on a day-to-day basis?

A study was performed by ERIN Research for the Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards (CLARB) on landscape architecture and public welfare, with the purpose to develop a holistic, working definition of public welfare and to show major ways it is impacted by the practice of landscape architecture. You can view an executive summary of this research online at <https://www.clarb.org/CLARBDocuments/CLARBWelfareExecutiveSummary.pdf>.

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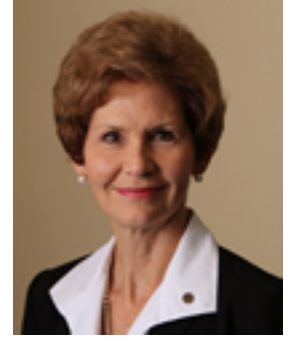
Administrator Jan Simpson Retires

Jan Simpson, Administrator for the Board of Architectural Examiners, Landscape Architectural Examiners, Professional Engineers and Surveyors, and the Soil Classifiers Advisory Council, retired effective June 30, 2013.

Simpson was instrumental in assisting with the Board's move from the SC Department of Natural Resources in 2010 and in assisting the Board with its statute and regulation updates. Her guidance was essential in implementing new continuing education requirements and updated administrative procedures for the Board that allows faster processing time for application reviews.

Simpson graduated from Wesleyan College in Macon, GA, with a bachelor of arts in English. She has actively participated in NCARB and NCEES regional and annual meetings, serving as a workshop presenter and panelist. NCARB Past President Frank Guillot (2004-2005) awarded Simpson the NCARB President's Medal for Distinguished Service in 2005.

The Board wishes her the best in her retirement and future endeavors.



Meet New Administrator Lenora Addison-Miles



The Board is pleased to introduce Lenora Addison-Miles as the Administrator for the Boards of Architectural Examiners, Landscape Architectural Examiners, Professional Engineers and Surveyors, and the Soil Classifiers Advisory Council, effective July 1, 2013.

Addison-Miles graduated from Columbia College in 1993 with a bachelor of arts in public affairs, and a minor in business administration. She graduated from South University with high honors in 2011 with a master's degree in business administration and earned her Certified Public Manager credential from the South Carolina Budget and Control Board in 2005.

Addison-Miles began her career with state government in 1993 as a temporary employee with the South Carolina Board of Nursing. She was hired as a full-time employee with the Residential Builders Commission in May 1994, and since that time has also worked with the Building Codes Council and the Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Surveyors, and as an administrative coordinator for the health and medically related boards. Addison-Miles most recently has served as the administrator for the Auctioneer's Commission, the Board of Registration for Foresters, and the Board of Registration for Geologists for 11 years, and the Environmental Certification Board for three years. She brings expertise in initial licensing, renewals, board meetings, compliance, administration and management support to this position.

The Board welcomes Addison-Miles and looks forward to many years of service and support to the profession.

Online Services

LLR offers licensees [online services](#). Services available on this site include entering a change of address and printing licensure cards. Licensees will need a username and password to access the system, which is provided on the renewal notice mailed to licensees or can be requested by clicking on "I do not know my UserID/Password."

State Holidays

The Board office will be closed in observance of the following State holidays:

- Monday, November 11, 2013, for Veteran's Day.
- Thursday – Friday, November 28-29, 2013, for Thanksgiving Day.
- Tuesday, December 24, 2013, for Christmas Eve.
- Wednesday – Thursday, December 25-26, 2013, for Christmas Day.
- Wednesday, January 1, 2014, for New Year's Day.
- Monday, January 20, 2014, for Martin Luther King, Jr., Day.

Monday, February 17, 2014, for President's Day.
Friday, May 9, 2014, for Confederate Memorial Day.
Monday, May 26, 2014, for Memorial Day.

Licensure Statistics as of October 28, 2013

Individual Landscape Architects	577
Certificate of Authorization (Firms)	153
LARE Pre-Approved Candidates	18