

Chapter 212

(Senate Bill 293)

AN ACT concerning

State Board of Examiners of Landscape Architects – Applicants for Licensure – Educational and Experience Requirements

FOR the purpose of clarifying the educational and experience requirements for applicants seeking to take the Landscape Architect Registration Examination (LARE); establishing additional criteria for meeting the educational and experience requirements for the LARE applicants; and generally relating to the practice of landscape architecture.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Business Occupations and Professions
Section 9–303
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Business Occupations and Professions

9–303.

(a) Before an applicant takes the examination given by the Board, the applicant shall qualify under this section by meeting the educational and experience requirements set forth in subsection (b) [or (c)], **(C), (D), OR (E)** of this section.

(b) **[(1)]** An applicant qualifies under this section if the applicant:

[(i)] (1) has been graduated from a college or school of landscape architecture that [the Board approves] **HOLDS ACCREDITED STATUS FROM THE NATIONAL LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURAL ACCREDITATION BOARD;** and

[(ii)] (2) has [practical] **AT LEAST 2 YEARS OF** work experience in landscape architecture that is:

(I) UNDER THE RESPONSIBLE CHARGE OF A LICENSED LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT OR OTHER AUTHORIZED INDIVIDUAL; AND

(II) OTHERWISE satisfactory to the Board.

[(2) The education and experience of the applicant under this subsection must total at least 6 years.]

(c) [(1) An applicant qualifies under this section if the applicant has at least 8 years of practical work experience in landscape architecture that is satisfactory to the Board.

(2) The Board may count each full year of study, at a college or school of landscape architecture that the Board approves, as 1 of the years of the work experience required under this subsection.] **AN APPLICANT QUALIFIES UNDER THIS SECTION IF THE APPLICANT:**

(1) HAS BEEN GRADUATED ON COMPLETION OF AT LEAST A 4-YEAR CURRICULUM IN A DESIGN-RELATED DISCIPLINE FROM A COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY THAT IS ACCREDITED BY, OR IS A CONSTITUENT UNIT OF AN INSTITUTION ACCREDITED BY, THE MIDDLE STATES ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES AND SCHOOLS OR THE EQUIVALENT REGIONAL ACCREDITING ASSOCIATION OF OTHER REGIONAL AREAS; AND

(2) HAS AT LEAST 4 YEARS OF WORK EXPERIENCE IN LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE THAT IS:

(I) UNDER THE RESPONSIBLE CHARGE OF A LICENSED LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT OR OTHER AUTHORIZED INDIVIDUAL; AND

(II) OTHERWISE SATISFACTORY TO THE BOARD.

(D) AN APPLICANT QUALIFIES UNDER THIS SECTION IF THE APPLICANT:

(1) HAS BEEN GRADUATED ON COMPLETION OF AT LEAST A 4-YEAR CURRICULUM IN A NONDESIGN-RELATED DISCIPLINE FROM A COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY THAT IS ACCREDITED BY, OR IS A CONSTITUENT UNIT OF AN INSTITUTION ACCREDITED BY, THE MIDDLE STATES ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES AND SCHOOLS OR THE EQUIVALENT REGIONAL ACCREDITING ASSOCIATION OF OTHER REGIONAL AREAS; AND

(2) HAS AT LEAST 6 YEARS OF PRACTICAL WORK EXPERIENCE IN LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE THAT IS:

(I) UNDER THE RESPONSIBLE CHARGE OF A LICENSED LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT OR OTHER AUTHORIZED INDIVIDUAL; AND

(II) OTHERWISE SATISFACTORY TO THE BOARD.

(E) (1) AN APPLICANT QUALIFIES UNDER THIS SECTION IF THE APPLICANT:

**(I) IS A HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE OR THE EQUIVALENT;
AND**

(II) HAS AT LEAST 8 YEARS OF PRACTICAL WORK EXPERIENCE IN LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE THAT IS:

1. UNDER THE RESPONSIBLE CHARGE OF A LICENSED LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT OR OTHER AUTHORIZED INDIVIDUAL; AND

2. OTHERWISE SATISFACTORY TO THE BOARD.

(2) THE BOARD MAY COUNT EACH FULL YEAR OF STUDY AT A COLLEGE OR SCHOOL OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE THAT MEETS THE CRITERIA SET FORTH IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION AS ONE OF THE YEARS OF THE WORK EXPERIENCE REQUIRED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2011.

Approved by the Governor, May 10, 2011.