

AMENDMENT TO THE REGULATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

Pursuant to sections 207, 6506, 6507 and 7324 of the Education Law.

1. Section 79-1.1 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education is amended, effective July 11, 2012, as follows:

79-1.1 Professional study [of] and experience requirements for landscape architecture.

(a) Definition. Unless otherwise provided, acceptable accrediting agency means an accrediting agency which is recognized by the United States Commissioner of Education as a reliable authority for the purpose of accreditation at the postsecondary level, and which applies its criteria for granting accreditation in a fair, consistent and nondiscriminatory manner.

(b) Licensure requirement. To meet the professional education [requirement] and experience requirements for [admission to the examination] licensure as a landscape architect in this State, the applicant shall submit evidence of either:

(1) (i) graduation from a five-year professional program in landscape architecture registered by the department, accredited by an acceptable accrediting [organization acceptable to the department] agency, or determined by the department to be the equivalent of a registered or accredited program; and

(ii) receipt of the degree of bachelor of landscape architecture or higher [master of landscape architecture], or the equivalent as determined by the department, from a school offering a program which meets the requirements of subparagraph (i) of this paragraph; and

(iii) completion of a minimum of three years of landscape architectural work experience of a scope and nature satisfactory to the State Board for Landscape Architecture; or

(2) (i) graduation from a four-year professional program in landscape architecture registered by the department, accredited by an acceptable accrediting agency, or determined by the department to be the equivalent of a registered or accredited program; and

(ii) receipt of the degree of bachelor of landscape architecture, or the equivalent as determined by the department, from a school offering a program which meets the requirements of subparagraph (i) of this paragraph; and

(iii) completion of a minimum of four years of landscape architectural work experience of a scope and nature satisfactory to the State Board for Landscape Architecture; or

(3) completion of experience in landscape architectural work acceptable to the State Board for Landscape Architecture, or a combination of education and experience totaling 12 years which is determined by the department to be the equivalent of the education and experience described in paragraph (1) or (2) of this subdivision.

[(b) A graduate from a program in landscape architecture registered by the department, accredited by an accrediting organization acceptable to the department, or determined by the department to be the equivalent of a registered or accredited program, or a candidate with eight years of experience satisfactory to the State Board for Landscape Architecture, may be admitted to the part of the licensing examination related to fundamental landscape architectural theory prior to completion of the

experience requirements provided in subdivision (a) of this section.

(c) The department may conditionally admit to the licensing examination any person who will complete the experience requirement within 90 days after the examination.]

(c) The department may accept a second professional degree in landscape architecture in lieu of not more than one year of work experience.

2. Section 79-1.2 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education is amended, effective July 11, 2012, as follows:

79-1.2 Licensing examinations.

(a) Content. The examination may include, but need not be limited to, landscape architectural history, theory, construction, professional administration, landscape architectural design and plant materials and planting design. The department may accept satisfactory scores on all or part of the written examination produced by the Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards.

(b) Passing score. All parts of the examination shall be scored numerically or on a pass/fail basis. For numerically scored examinations, the [The] passing score on each part of the examination shall be 75.0 as determined by the State Board for Landscape Architecture.

(c) Retention of credit. The grade retention provisions of section 59.5 (f) of this Title shall not be applicable to the examination.

(d) [Rescorings and reviews. Multiple choice or other objective parts of the examination will be rescored upon written request of the candidates. Candidates who have failed the graphic parts of the examination may review those parts in accordance

with the provisions of section 59.5(g) of this Title. Graphic parts of the examination with scores of 65 or above will be regraded upon written request including detailed justification of such appeal.] Admission to examination. (1) To meet the professional education and experience requirements for admission to the licensing examination, an applicant shall either:

(i) have met the professional study requirements of section 79-1.1(b)(1)(i) and (ii) or 79-1.1(b)(2) (i) and (ii) of this Part; or

(ii) have met the eligibility requirements of the Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards; or

(iii) provide evidence of completion of experience in landscape architectural work acceptable to the State Board for Landscape Architecture or a combination of education and experience totaling 8 years which is determined by the department to be the equivalent of the education and experience credit described in section 79-1.1(b)(1) or 79-1.1(b)(2) of this Part.

(2) The department may conditionally admit to the licensing examination any person who will complete the experience requirement within 90 days after the examination.