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LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. Does the state of Louisiana offer reciprocity?

Individuals who are licensed to practice landscape architecture in another jurisdiction may obtain a license from the State of Louisiana by completing the Louisiana state exam.
2. How do I qualify for the Louisiana state exam?

You must first pass the LARE or an exam approved by CLARB and submit proof of passage with the state exam application. You must also have at least one year of practical experience under the direct supervision of a licensed landscape architect, landscape horticulturist, engineer, architect, or a licensed professional with a design or contracting firm.
3. Why does Louisiana have its own state exam?

The purpose of the state exam is to familiarize you with Louisiana's rules and regulations and specific plants unique to our area. The exam will also test your knowledge of specific practice issues required to perform landscape architecture services in our state.
4. Is there reference material that can be purchased to help me prepare for the exam?

Yes, the book titled "Identification, Selection, and Use of Southern Plants for Landscape Design (4th Edition)" by Neil G. Odenwald and James R. Turner. This book can be purchased at most book stores.
5. How is the state exam administered?

The exam is composed of two parts, a written exam and a practical exam. One hour is allowed for each part. The written exam covers plant use and characteristics and is a mix of matching, fill in the blanks and short answers. The practical exam consists of a walking tour during which you will identify selected plant material and write the genus, species and common names of the plants.
6. Where and when may I take the exam?

The exam is offered twice a year on the campus of Louisiana State University. You can visit our website at ldaf.state.la.us for test dates.
7. What is the exam fee?

The cost is \$200 the first time you take the exam. Should you need to retake the exam, the fee will be \$100.
8. Are Continuing Education requirements needed to renew my license?

Yes. You must have a minimum of 8 credit hours of continuing education within each calendar year. If more than 8 credit hours are obtained during a calendar year, you may carry over a maximum of 4 credit hours from one calendar year to the next. A credit hour must contain at least 50 minutes of actual instruction or education.

9. What other fees are associated with the license?

There is a yearly license fee of \$100.

10. Who do I contact if I have any more questions?

You may contact Faye Worsham or Tina Peltier with the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry at 225-952-8100.