

# For Landscape Contracting Jobs, Who Needs a License, and for What?

For all of the types of work listed below, a license from the Horticulture Commission of Louisiana, Department of Agriculture and Forestry is required as follows:

**1. Landscaping:**

Landscape Horticulturist License

*Examples: Plant Installation, Grass Sodding, Bush Pruning, Mulching, Fertilizing*

**2. Lawn Irrigation:**

Landscape Irrigation Contractor License

**3. Tree Surgery, Trimming, Pruning, Cutting Down, Removal:**

Arborist License

**4. Grass Seeding, Hydro-Seeding**

Seed Dealers Permit

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In addition, for the types of work above, a license from the Louisiana State Licensing Board for Contractors is required as follows:

**For Homes: None**

**Any project of \$50,000 or more requires the following classification of licensure:**

**For Buildings, Apartment Complexes, Houses used primarily for Commercial Purposes, Parks, Campuses – any one or more of the below:**

Building Construction

Landscaping, Grading, and Beautification

Recreation & Sporting Facilities & Golf Courses (can only do landscaping, irrigation, arborist work for these types of facilities).

Seeding, Sodding, Load & Soil Stabilization, Erosion Control, Sheet Piling (for grass seeding and sodding work)

**For Highway, Street, and Bridge Construction- any one or more of the below:**

Highway, Street, and Bridge Construction

Landscaping, Grading, and Beautification

Seeding, Sodding, Load & Soil Stabilization, Erosion Control, Sheet Piling (for grass seeding and sodding work)

**For Heavy Construction (i.e., Industrial Plants, Oilfields, Railroads, Waterways) – any one or more of the below**

Heavy Construction  
Landscaping, Grading, and Beautification  
Industrial Plants (for landscaping, irrigation, arborist work inside an industrial plant)  
Oil Refineries (for landscaping, irrigation, arborist work inside an oil refinery)  
Coastal Restoration and Habitat Enhancement (for landscaping, irrigation, arborist work related to such projects)  
Seeding, Sodding, Load & Soil Stabilization, Erosion Control, Sheet Piling (for grass seeding and sodding work)

**For Municipal and Public Works Construction (Water, Gas, Sewer, Stormwater Distribution Pipelines and Treatment Plants) – any one or more of the below**

Municipal and Public Works Construction  
Landscaping, Grading, and Beautification  
Electrical Transmission Lines (for landscaping, irrigation, arborist work related to such projects)

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**Please note:** Contractors holding Earthwork, Drainage, and Levees, or Clearing, Grubbing, and Snagging may clear trees and brush on properties without further licensure.

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**See Flowchart below for additional information**

