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### LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT EXAMINATION FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. Does the state of Louisiana offer reciprocity?  
No. We offer Louisiana Landscape Architect Examination.
2. How do I qualify for the state exam?  
You must first pass the LARE or an exam approved by CLARB and submit proof of passage with the application for the Louisiana Landscape Architect Examination. 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 their own state exam?  
The purpose of the Louisiana Landscape Architect Examination is to familiarize the applicant's with Louisiana's rules and regulations and specific plants unique to our area. The exam will test the applicant's 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 (4<sup>th</sup> Edition) by Neil G. Odenwald and James R. Turner. This book can be purchased at most book stores.
5. How is the Louisiana Landscape Architect Examination 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 where applicants are to identify selected plant material and write the genus, species, and common names of the plants.
6. Where and when can 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](http://ldaf.state.la.us) for the most recent dates.
7. What is the fee to take the exam?  
The initial fee for the exam is \$200. The exam fee for retake candidates is \$100.
8. Are Continuing Education Requirements needed to renew my license?  
Yes, each licensee shall attend 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, a licensee 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 Marissa Smith or Tina Peltier with the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry at 225.952.8100 for any further information.