

Latest on Licensure

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After a year of hard work and lobbying landscape architects finally have licensure in the state of New Hampshire. It seems quiet now after all the effort and push for our licensure law, but a more steady and slower effort is underway – Actually applying for and getting your NH stamp! It is important to get your NH stamp since many towns already require a stamp from NH or out of state right now. Many towns will start to require only a NH stamp in the future.

The Joint Board of Licensure now includes landscape architects and is accepting applications now. You can visit their website at: <http://www.nh.gov/jtboard/lisa.htm> I called the NH Joint Board to clarify some common questions that I've been hearing. The grandfathering period started 3-27-07 and will end 3-27-08. Grandfathering only means that the board will look more leniently at applications. The person I talked to even admitted that it's not much of a grand father clause. You will still have to take the LARE or CLARB exam if you haven't done so. If you already have another state license, however, you can get a NH license through reciprocity. You can do this even after the



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grandfather date of 3-27-08. You do not have to take the LARE again if you already have your license. If the state license that you already have is equal or more strict than NH, then you can get your NH license. Some Landscape Architects I've talked to have applied to CLARB instead of the state of NH directly. That way you can get licensed in multiple states and it seems to be the same amount of paperwork. CLARB keeps your record on file and will send it to any state you want for a fee. You can start a CLARB record at www.clarb.org

Once you have your license there is a continuing education requirement of 30 hours every 2 years. You can get your hours by attending seminars or classes related to the field. You will get one hour credit for each hour of class. You can also get 2 credits for writing published articles. Yes, that's right, I'm getting 2 credits for this article and you can too! We need more NH Forum articles from our state Landscape Architects. If you write a published textbook, you get 30 credits. All credits must be earned after you are licensed, but they can carry over from each biennial period of renewal.