



Oregon Landscape Contractors Board

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Modified License Proposed

Introduced by legislators in 2017, House Bill 3337 proposed the creation of a new limited license. The bill passed the house floor, but died in a senate committee.

After the 2017 legislative session ended, the Governor's office asked the LCB to formulate ideas and criteria under which a new limited license would be feasible through rule-making to help with workforce entry. A new license of this type seemed imminent so the board saw the opportunity to shape this outcome.

After board discussion and feedback from members of interested stakeholder groups such as the Oregon Landscape Contractors Association (OLCA), Southern Oregon Landscape Contractors Association (SOLA), Association of Landscape Designers (APLD), educators, and water conservation representatives, a proposed rule has been filed which is summarized below.

- One-year landscape related experience qualification required;
- Licensee must be the owner of the business;
- \$5,000 job limit (per jobsite, per customer, per year). An increase to \$6,500 may be allowed after 24 months without a claim filed or civil penalty issued;
- Must pass laws, rules, and business practice section of the exam;
- No piercing of the dwelling allowed;
- Subcontracting would be allowed.

Proposed to be **allowed** in scope:

- Planting (lawns, shrubs, vines, trees, or nursery stock)
- Preparing the property for planting
- Fences
- Decks (when no permit is required)
- Arbors
- Patios
- Landscape edging
- Driveways
- Walkways
- Grading (with allowed landscaping, not to exceed 5 cu yds)

Proposed to be **disallowed**:

- Drainage
- Ornamental water features
- Irrigation
- Backflow
- Low voltage lighting (allowed after 24 mos. without a claim filed or civil penalty issued)
- Retaining walls

The Board will meet on January 25, 2018 to review feedback from public comment, discuss any potential revisions, and/or potential adoption of the rule.

For up to date information or if you have other questions, please feel free to call or email the LCB office: (503) 967-6291 or lcb.info@oregon.gov