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Practical Skills (Hands-on) Exam Changes for 2019

For the last two years the Landscape Contractors Board (LCB) has been able to leverage a portion of the Oregon Landscape Contractors Association's (OLCA's) certification testing as part of our annual practical skills (hands-on) exam.

Recently, OLCA, advised the LCB that the hands-on certification test they administer was being canceled by the test owner, the National Association of Landscape Professionals (NALP) effective April 2019.

What does this mean for candidates testing in 2018?

Testing for LCB candidates will go on as scheduled for 2018. The LCB will be working over the next few months to determine next steps, but at this time 2019 exam options are unknown.

What if I am a new registrant for 2018?

If this is your first time registering this means you will need to pass all of one section (planting, design, grading & drainage, or irrigation) of the hands-on exam. Retakes will also be available through Washington Association of Landscape Professionals (WALP) on Sept 14 & 15, 2018.

What if I only need to retake a few sections of the hands-on?

If you are retaking sections this year, you must complete and pass all of the section for which you are testing (planting, design, grading & drainage, or irrigation). Retakes will also be available through Washington Association of Landscape Professionals (WALP) on Sept 14 & 15, 2018.

What if I still need to take mini-written sections?

If you have already passed a complete section of the hands-on, the mini-written exams needed for licensure will remain available at PSI test centers.

What if I already attended the business course at Clackamas Community College last year?

If you attended the business course at Clackamas Community College within the last two years and pass an entire section of the hands-on exam (e.g.; planting, design, grading & drainage, or irrigation), the business course will still count toward licensure.

What if I already tested through OLCA?

If you previously tested through OLCA within the last two years and need to use your scores to apply toward licensure, you must obtain that information from OLCA prior to April 2019.

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