

Oregon State Landscape Architect Board

Summary Guide to Proposed Rule Amendments

OSLAB conducted a comprehensive review of its administrative rules, which resulted in the identification of numerous proposed amendments. The proposed rule amendments involve numerous divisions of Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) Chapter 804. The rule divisions and specific rules within the divisions that have proposed amendments are listed below along with key highlights. This document is provided as a high-level summary and is not intended to take the place of other documents showing all proposed rule amendments. Links to these other reference documents are provided at the end of this summary document.

Division 1 – Procedural Rules

804-001-0005 Model Rules of Procedure: Housekeeping amendments are proposed to incorporate by reference updated versions of Oregon Attorney General’s model rules for rulemaking and alternative dispute resolution. The existing rule refers to outdated 2012 versions.

804-001-0014 Selection of Board Members: Housekeeping amendments are proposed to ensure the rule aligns with current requirements for Governor-appointed positions. An amendment is proposed to allow a registrant to qualify for service on the Board regardless of years of practice.

804-001-0015 Election of Officers: Housekeeping amendments are proposed to provide flexibility around the timing of Board officer elections.

804-001-0025 Criminal Conviction Determination Process: A new rule is proposed to comply with changes in state law that require professional licensing boards to review petitions from individuals seeking Board determination of whether criminal conviction history will limit or prohibit future licensure. The idea behind the state law is to inform an individual's decision about pursuing an education program in anticipation of seeking a professional license in the future. This will be a new process offered by the Board.

Division 3 – Definitions

804-003-0000 Definitions: Amendments are proposed to add definitions for common terms used within the Board rules but not previously defined. Amendments are also proposed to improve clarity of several existing definitions, with the most extensive updates being for the “Direct Supervision” definition.

Division 10 - Examination Qualifications

804-010-0000 Education and Examination Qualifications: Housekeeping amendments are proposed to clarify the primary Board education standard.

804-010-0010 Equivalent Education and Experience: The proposed amendments would expand the types of degrees given some credit towards the education required for registration, thereby expanding opportunities for pursuit of Landscape Architect registration to those following alternative pathways to registration. Specifically, a university certificate in landscape architecture and an associate's degree would be given some education credit for the first time. No changes in how other types of degrees currently included in the status quo rule are credited. Work experience used to make up for the difference in education credit granted compared to a Landscape Architectural Accreditation Board (LAAB) or Landscape Architectural Accreditation Council (LAAC) degree still must be under the supervision of a licensed/registered Landscape Architect. Other housekeeping amendments are also included.

804-010-0020 Experience in Lieu of Education: The proposed amendments would reduce the years of work experience required under this pathway from 8 to 5 years. This would align this experience only pathway with all other pathways to registration, i.e., all would require a minimum of 8 years of total qualifying credit. See also the reference section for the 8 Pathways/8 Years table which summarizes the proposed requirements for registration. Other housekeeping amendments are included.

Division 20 – Examination Procedures

804-020-0001 Landscape Architect Registration Examination (LARE): Housekeeping amendments are proposed to clarify the requirement to pass the LARE as the required examination for registration regardless of the pathway used to qualify for registration. The amendments would also remove the requirement for examination candidates without a LAAB or LAAC degree to obtain Board approval prior to sitting for examination.

804-020-0003 Application for Board Approval, 804-020-0005 Reapply for Examination, 804-020-0010 Date of Application and Prior Approval Request Receipt, 804-020-0015 Refunds: The Board proposes to repeal these rules to implement a change to no longer require any examination candidates to seek approval from the Board before registering with the national examination provider to start the examination process. Any individual passing all sections of the national examination still needs to meet the Board's standards for registration to be registered as either a Landscape Architect-in-Training or Landscape Architect in Oregon.

804-020-0030 Date and Administration of Examinations: Housekeeping amendments are proposed to clarify that the LARE is administered per protocols established by the national examination provider.

Division 22 – Qualifications for Registration

804-022-0000 Landscape Architect in Training (LAIT): Housekeeping amendments are proposed to clarify the rule.

804-022-0005 Initial Landscape Architect Registration: A comprehensive update of this rule is proposed to improve overall clarity of rule. Education, examination, and work experience standards largely stay the same but with key updates including removal of a sequencing requirement that currently restricts the order in which experience vs. education is obtained and alignment of the no degree pathway to require 8 total qualifying years like other pathways. The amendments also provide enhanced guidance about the oral examination step of the application process.

804-022-0010 Landscape Architect Registration for Licensed or Registered Practitioner: A comprehensive update of this rule is proposed to improve overall clarity of rule. Education, examination, and work experience standards largely stay the same but with key updates including removal of sequencing requirement that currently restricts the order in which experience vs. education is obtained. The amendments would also provide for any Landscape Architect licensed/registered in another U.S. state or territory for 3 or more years to use work experience in responsible charge (instead of the current restriction of needing 11 or more years of such experience). The rule would also align with the no degree pathway to require 8 total qualifying years like other pathways.

804-022-0015 Initial Date of Registration & Renewal: Housekeeping amendments are proposed to clarify rule language.

804-022-0020 Individual Registration Late Renewal and Reinstatement: Housekeeping amendments are proposed to clarify rule language.

804-022-0025 Inactive and Inactive Emeritus Status: Housekeeping amendments are proposed to clarify rule language.

804-022-0030 Required Application Information: Housekeeping amendments are proposed to clarify rule language.

804-022-0035 Military Portability and Temporary Military Spouse Registration: The proposed amendments address changes in federal law that restrict Board authority over military members and their spouses who are Landscape Architects licensed/registered elsewhere and are relocated to Oregon via military orders. Proposed amendments also would update rule language for the optional temporary military spouse registration offered per requirement in state law.

Division 25 – Continuing Education

804-025-0015 Continuing Education Requirements for Reactivation or

Reinstatement of Registration: The proposed amendments would limit the timeframe for professional development hours (PDH) used for reactivation (from inactive/inactive emeritus to active) or reinstatement (from lapsed to active) to 1 calendar year prior to submitting a request to the Board.

804-025-0020 Uniform Continuing Education Standards: The proposed amendments would clarify the audit period for the first year of registration with the Board. The amendments would also memorialize how carryover PDHs are handled. Credit for certain self-directed activities would be altered, specifically increasing credit for giving a professional/technical presentation and removing the 1 year service requirement for service as an elected officer, appointed member, or appointed committee member of a professional society, organization, board or commission with a mission related to the practice of landscape architecture. These changes are intended to increase the amount of PDH Registered Landscape Architects can potentially earn for these self-directed activities. Additional housekeeping amendments are also proposed.

804-025-0035 Auditing of PDH: The proposed amendments would update audit procedures to give the Board more flexibility in how it works with Registered Landscape Architects whose audit materials are incomplete or unclear. The proposed amendments would also provide the Board with more options for working with registrants who do not present the required PDH to find a pathway to compliance without formal action. Additional housekeeping amendments are also proposed.

Division 30 – General

804-030-0040 Roster: The Board proposes repeal of this rule. With an online public register, there is no longer a public need to publish a biennial roster of registrants.

Division 35 – Business Registration

804-035-0010 Business Registration for Business Providing Landscape

Architecture Services: Housekeeping amendments are proposed to clarify rule language.

804-035-0020 Application for Business Registration: Housekeeping amendments are proposed to clarify rule language.

804-035-0030 Issuance, Renewal and Expiration of Business Registration:

Housekeeping amendments are proposed to clarify rule language.

804-035-0035 Reinstatement of Expired Business Registration: Housekeeping amendments are proposed to clarify rule language.

Division 40 – Fees

804-040-0000 Fees: Two amendments are proposed. The first amendment would delete the fee for application for examination, as the Board proposes to no longer require any examination candidates to seek approval from the Board before registering with the national examination provider. See also Division 20 – Examination Procedures section of this document. The second amendment is to set a fee for Board review of a petition as would be processed under proposed rule 804-001-0025.

Division 50 – Code of Professional Conduct

804-050-0005 Responsibility to the Board: The proposed amendments would update the communication methods the Board could use with registrants with regard to written notices. Written notices as referred to in this rule do not include registration renewal notices. Additional housekeeping amendments are also proposed.

Reference Documents

- The current (status quo) OAR Chapter 804 can be accessed online at: <https://secure.sos.state.or.us/oard/displayChapterRules.action?selectedChapter=126>
- See the following documents available at the Laws and Rules page of the Board’s website: <https://www.oregon.gov/landarch/Pages/LawsRules.aspx>
 - Notice of Proposed Rulemaking Filed 08/15/2025 for the proposed rule changes shown in track changes mode, i.e., with additions and deletions marked. The notice also provides details on how to submit comments to OSLAB on these proposed changes. The last day and time to submit comments is 10/08/2025 at 5 PM PST.
 - Proposed Rulemaking Filed with amendments without track changes, i.e., the clean version.
 - 8 Pathways/8 Years table summarizing proposed pathways to registration.