

## LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT

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**Legal Authority** Code of Iowa, Chapter 554B

**Job Description** Landscape architects plan the best use of land areas for parks and other recreational facilities, airports, golf courses, highways, factories, shopping malls, housing developments, and other projects. They use trees and shrubs and design walkways and lighting to create a pleasant environment; confer with clients, engineers and architects to achieve overall project; prepare site plans, working drawings, specifications, and cost estimates for land development; supervise all aspects of the project—including the grading of the land, surface and subsoil damage, erosion control, planting, and reforestation; and, inspect construction work in progress to ensure compliance with landscape specifications.

**Education & Experience Required** To become registered, an applicant must pass all seven parts of a uniform national examination and have his or her credentials evaluated and approved.

An applicant must meet one of the following requirements:

1. Graduation from a college or university offering an accredited minimum four-year curriculum in landscape architecture and a minimum of three years of practical experience; one year under the supervision of a registered landscape architect.
2. Graduation from a college or university offering a non-accredited four-year course in landscape architecture, and a minimum of four years of practical experience. One year of experience must be under the supervision of a registered landscape architect.
3. A minimum of ten years of practical experience as a landscape architect.

**Continuing Education** Thirty-six hours of continuing education are required biennially for license renewal.

**Examination** The exam for landscape architect is given every June. Graphic sections of the exam are offered in December as well. For more information on the Uniform National Examination for Landscape Architects, contact the Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Board (CLARB), 12700 Fair Lakes Circle, Suite 110, Fairfax, VA 22033.

**Fees** Application: \$350  
Renewal: \$350  
Exam: \$670  
Other: \$15 – Initial monthly registration fee until the immediate next June 30<sup>th</sup> (i.e., prorated).

**SOC Code, Title, & Avg. Hourly Wage** 17-1012 – Landscape Architects (\$18.43)

**Number of Licenses Issued** Total number of licenses active as of December 31,  
2001: 217  
2000: 188  
1999: 193  
1998: 187  
1997: 175  
1996: 167

**For Additional Information** American Society of Landscape Architects  
Career Information  
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Washington DC 20008