



Oregon

Kate Brown, Governor

Landscape Architect Board

707 13th Street SE, Suite 114

Salem, OR 97301

Phone: 503-589-0093

Fax: 503-485-2947

E-mail: oslab.info@state.or.us

Web: www.oregon.gov/landarch

To: Board Registrants and Other Interested Parties

Date: March 30, 2016

From: Christine Valentine, Board Administrator

Subject: Oregon State Landscape Architect Board
Notice of Proposed Rulemaking & Hearing

The purpose of this correspondence is to notify you of proposed rulemaking by the Oregon State Landscape Architect Board (OSLAB) and to request your comments.

PROPOSED ADOPTION OF PERMANENT RULE AMENDMENTS Continuing Education (CE) Rules

OSLAB voted at its February 11, 2016 meeting to initiate the rulemaking notice process for proposed revisions to CE rules in OAR 804 Division 25. A brief description of the proposed revisions is provided below, but OSLAB encourages individuals to review the draft rule language directly for a more comprehensive understanding of the proposed revisions. Visit <http://www.oregon.gov/landarch/Pages/index.aspx> or contact the Board office for a copy of the draft rule language.

OAR 804-025-0000: Rule title and text revisions would make housekeeping changes to refer to when CE requirements went into effect.

OAR 804-025-0010: Rule title revision would reflect that the revised rule focuses on exemptions to CE requirements. Text revisions would: (a) allow registrants to request CE exemption for extending travel or work out of the United States under certain conditions, (b) clarify how existing exemptions for active military service or illness, disability, or other extenuating circumstances apply, (c) otherwise clarify how the Board considers exemption requests, and (d) move requirements related to CE records and audits into other rules in Division 25 addressing those topics.

OAR 804-025-0015: Rule title revision would clarify that the revised rule applies to both requests for registration reactivation (inactive to active) and reinstatement (lapsed to active). Text revisions would: (a) reduce maximum CE hours required for reactivation and reinstatement compared to the status quo rules and (b) clarify when CE hours for reactivation or reinstatement must be completed.

OAR 804-025-0020: Section (1) and (2) text revisions would: (a) add new definitions of terms used with Division 25 rules, (b) clarify existing definitions, and (c) consolidate requirements in this rule about # of CE hours that registrants must complete annually. **No**

Oregon State Landscape Architect Board
PROPOSED ADOPTION OF PERMANENT RULE AMENDMENTS
Continuing Education (CE) Rules

changes in the total # of hours or the % of hours either in health, safety or welfare topics or other topics are proposed. Also, registrants would continue to be allowed carryover of CE hours for one renewal period. Section (3) text revisions would: (a) clarify maximum possible credits and how credits are determined for various self-directed CE activities listed in the rule, (b) combine provisions for professional societies, organizations, boards or commissions from two subsections to one subsection, (c) modify the subsection addressing exam grading and writing subsection to only cover exam writing, and (d) add new subsections for design critiques at student and professional levels.

OAR 804-025-0030: Text revisions would clarify requirements for registrant documentation of CE hours, including use of Board tracking log and acceptable types of documentation for CE activities.

OAR 804-025-0035: Text revisions would clarify Board procedures for audit and registrant responsibilities when audited. The Board also proposes to restore its discretion as authorized in statutes about options for addressing registrant violation of CE rules such that non-renewal of registration is not the only option available to the Board.

Rule Hearing: The Board is holding a **hearing** on the proposed rule as follows: **April 27, 2016 at 10 AM**, Association Center, 707 13th St. SE, Suite 114, Salem, OR 97301. Contact the Board office for more information. Verbal or written comments may be provided at the hearing. You do not need to attend the hearing to provide comments.

Comment Deadline: **Written comments** may also be provided to the Board office through **close of business (i.e., 5 PM) on April 27, 2016**. Comments can be sent in hard copy, by e-mail, or by fax. The Board contact information is found on the front page of this notice.

Website: Additional details (hearing notice, statement of need and fiscal impact, and draft rule language) are available at <http://www.oregon.gov/landarch/Pages/index.aspx> or by contacting the Board office.