

# Your Path to Licensure


Webinar for future landscape architects

**Welcome!**

*The event will  
begin soon.*



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# Poll: Where are you in the licensure process? *(select all that apply)*

- Considering a career in landscape architecture
- Earning my degree
- Gaining professional experience
- Taking the exam
- Proud to be licensed!
- Other *(share in the chat)*

# Tech tips

- This event is being recorded
- Q&A in Zoom
- Captions

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# Agenda

- What is licensure?
- How to get licensed?
- Exam
- I'm licensed, now what?
- Q&A

# Learn the lingo



*Jurisdiction*

**New York**

*Licensing/registration board*

**New York State Board for  
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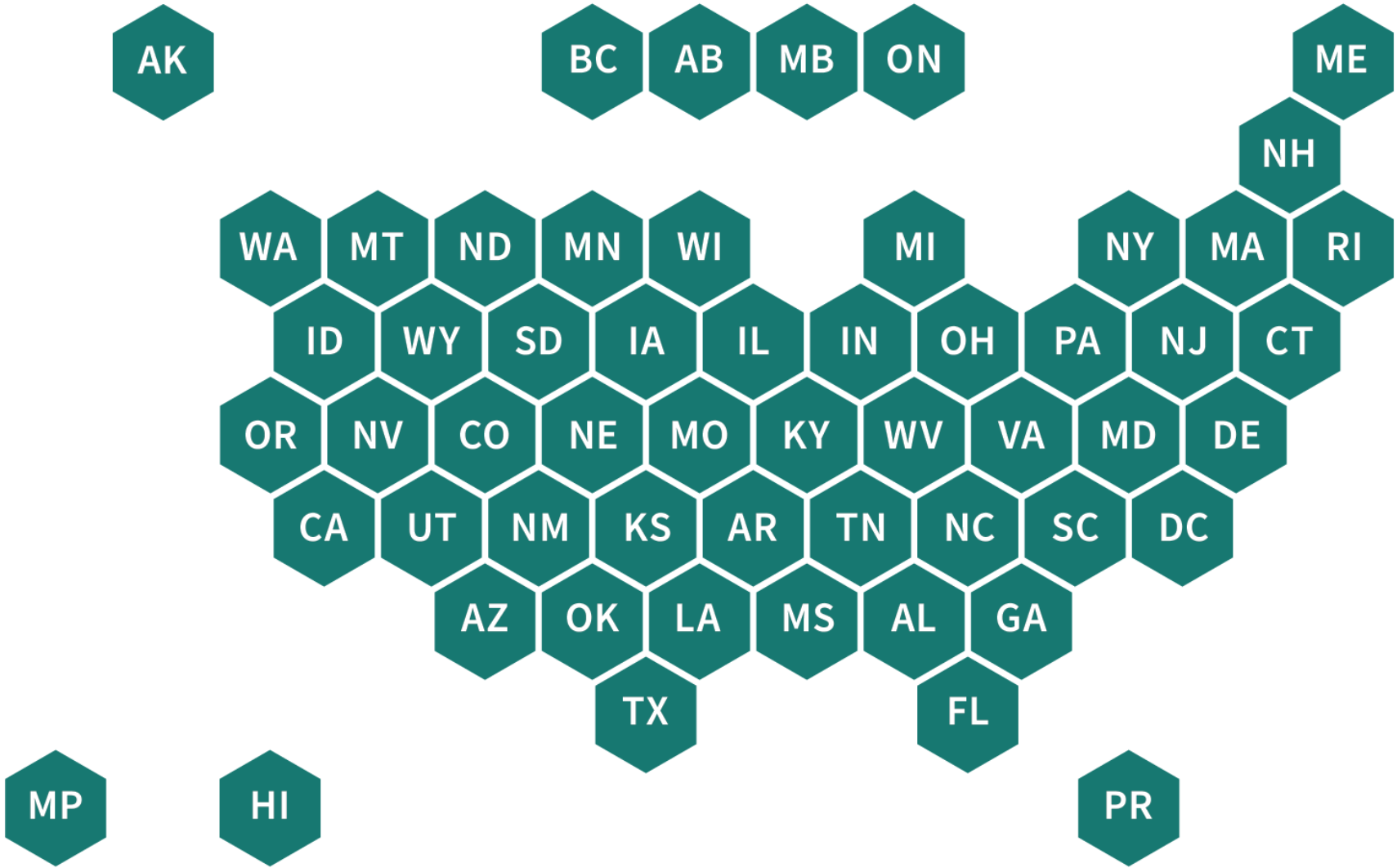
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# Licensure protects the health, safety and wellbeing of the public

## Licensed landscape architects are trusted to:

- Investigate, select and allocate land and water resources
- Formulate feasibility studies and graphic/written criteria to govern the planning, design and management of land and water resources
- Prepare, review and analyze land use master plans, subdivision plans and preliminary plats
- Determine the location and siting of improvements, including buildings and other features, as well as the access and environs for those improvements
- Design land forms, storm water drainage, soil conservation and erosion control methods, site lighting, water features, irrigation systems, plantings, pedestrian and vehicular circulation systems and related construction details

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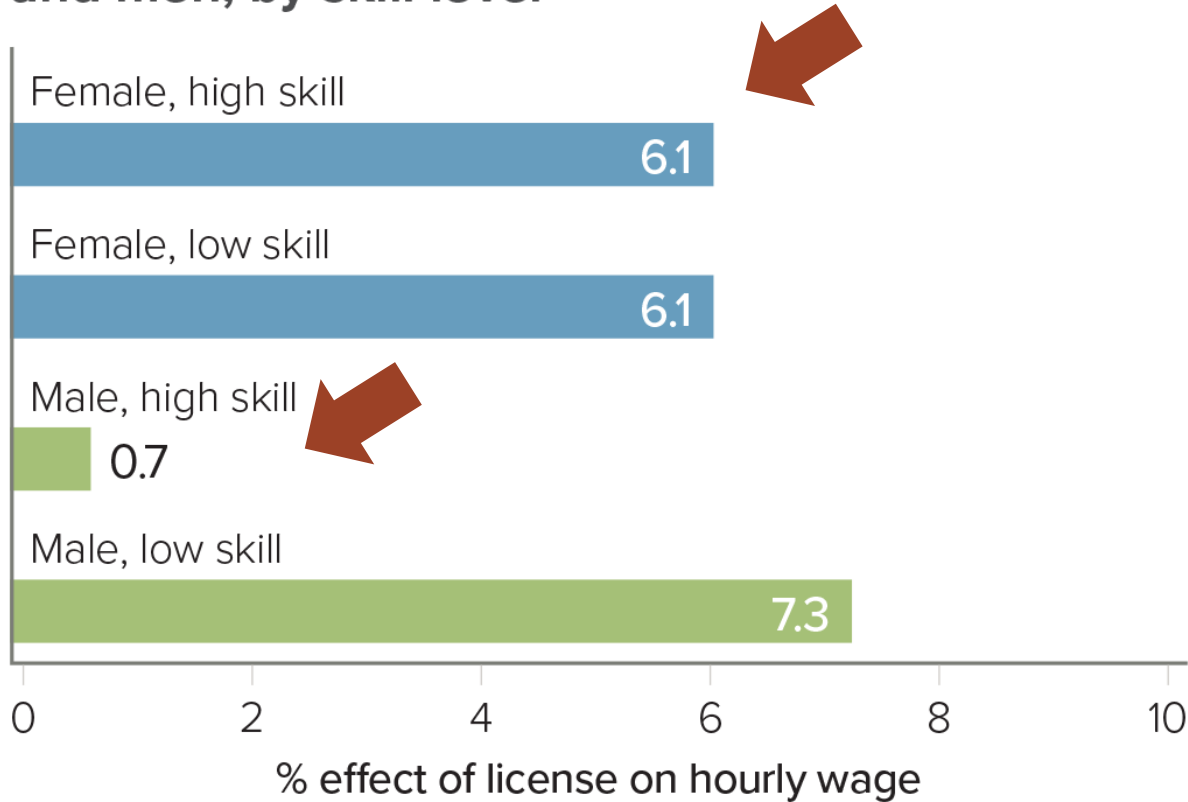
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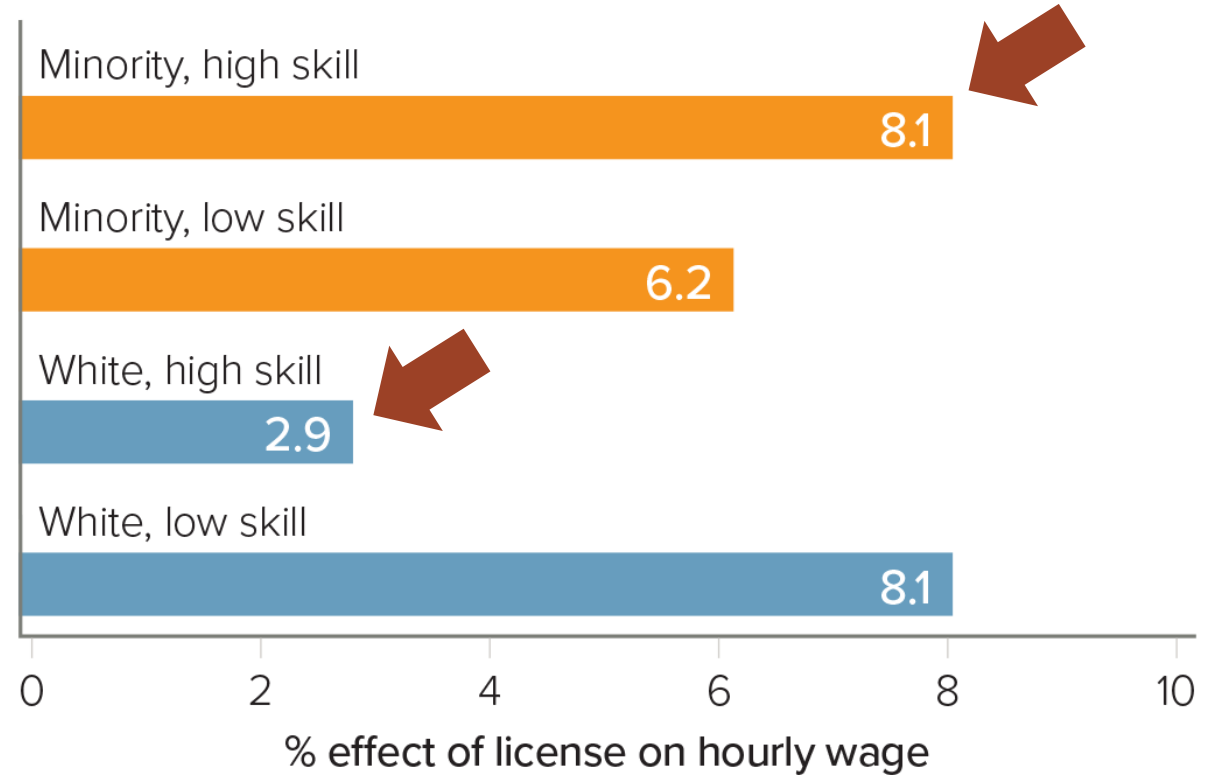
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Fig. 25. Licensing premia for women and men, by skill level



Source: Oxford Economics

Fig. 26. Licensing premia for minority and white workers, by skill level



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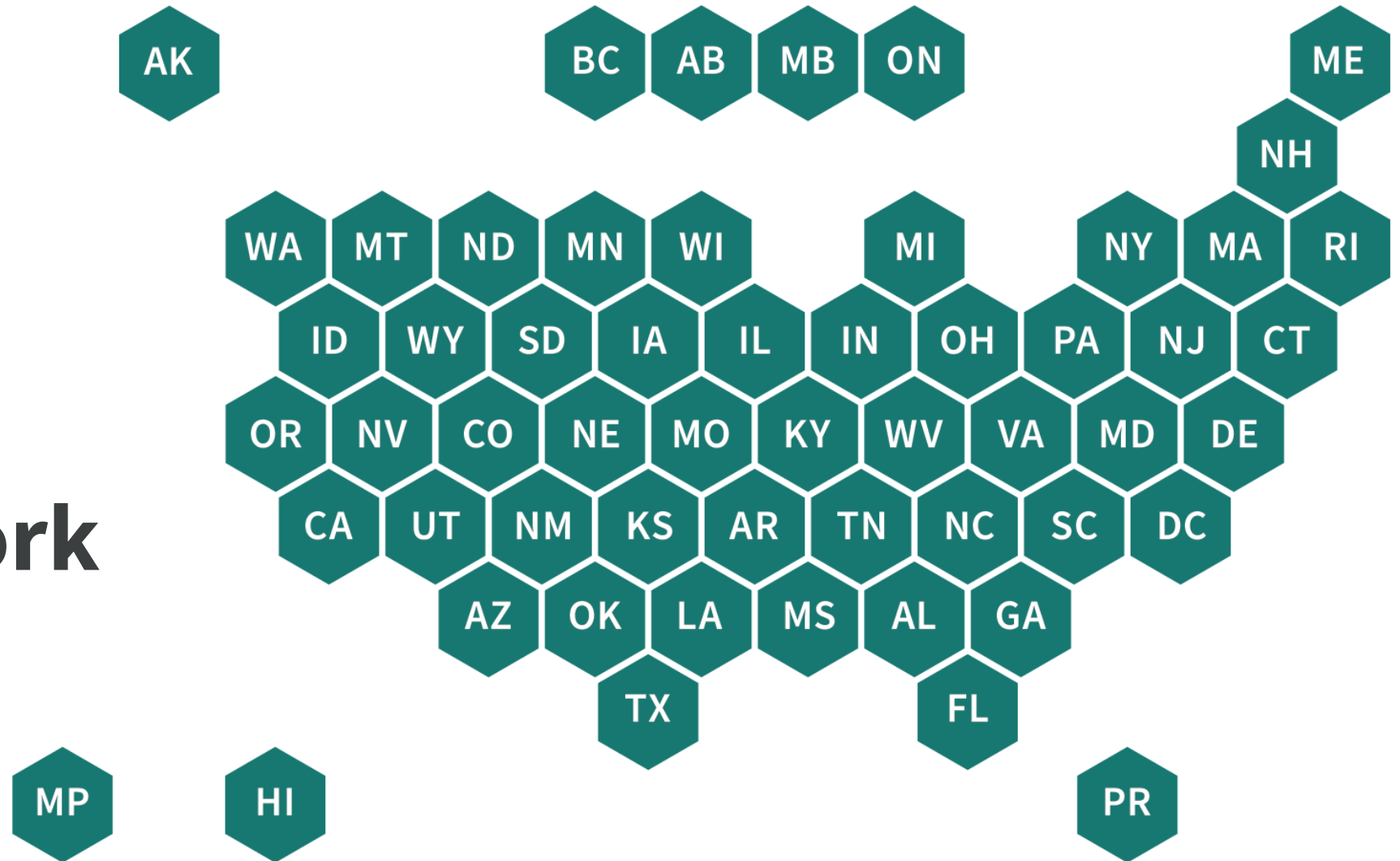
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“The Three E’s”**

**Apply for  
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# Start with CLARB

1. Visit **clarb.org** to create your free account.
2. Gain access to exclusive resources.
3. Get reminders and updates by email.
4. Start building out your profile.

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# Complete “The Three E’s”

**Education**

**Examination**

**Experience**

# Education

Accredited degree in landscape architecture\*



**CSLA | AAPC**

Canadian Society of Landscape Architects  
Association des architectes paysagistes du Canada

*\*Most common, but not the only option*

# Examination

Landscape Architect Registration Exam (L.A.R.E.)

**Inventory, Analysis,  
and Project  
Management**



**Planning  
and Design**



**Construction  
Documentation and  
Administration**

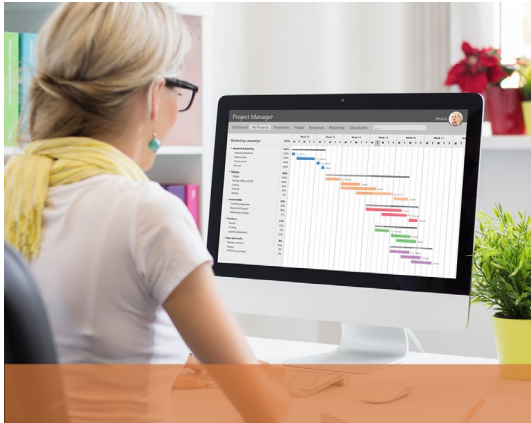


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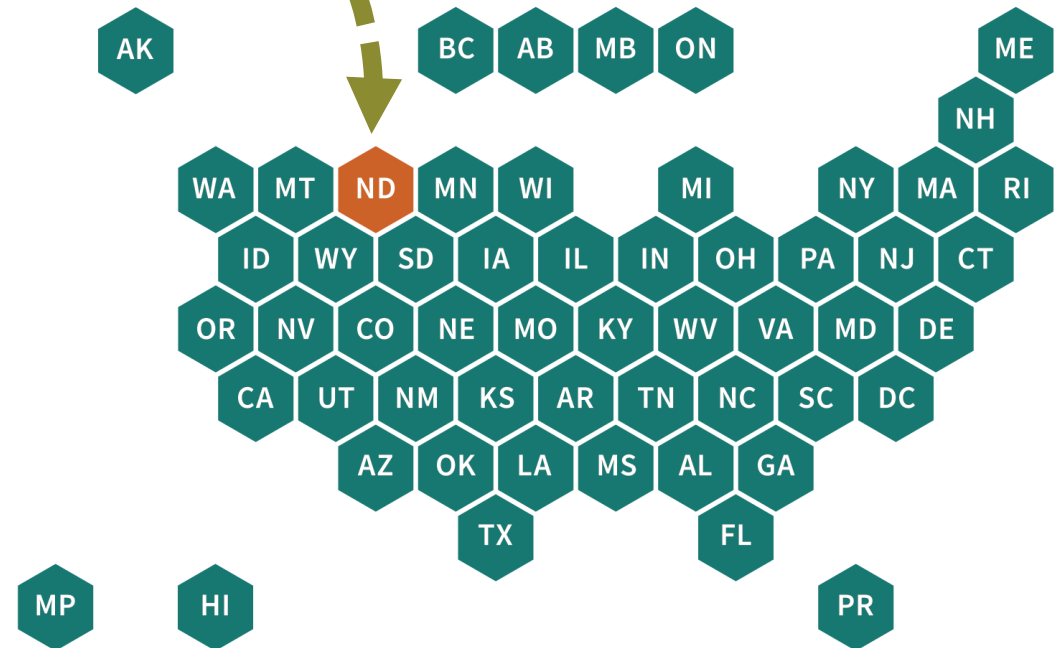
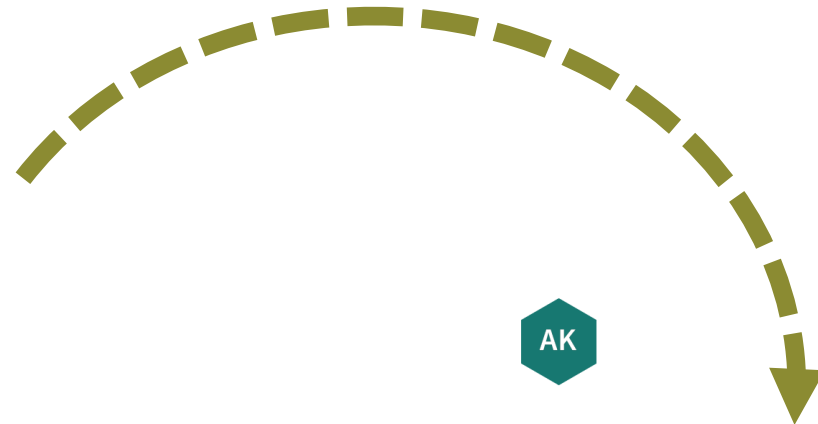
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# Landscape Architect Registration Examination

1. Measure of competency
2. Reflective of current practice
3. Defensible

# Exam blueprint



*100 items*

- Project Management
- Inventory and Data Collection
- Stakeholder Engagement Process
- Physical Analysis
- Contextual Analysis



*95 items*

- Stewardship and Design Principles
- Master Planning
- Schematic Design
- Design Development



*100 items*

- Construction Plans and Details
- Construction Specifications and Bidding
- Construction Administration



*80 items*

- Stormwater Management
- Grading and Earthwork
- Drainage Systems

3 hours per section

# Administration periods

**Spring**

March/April

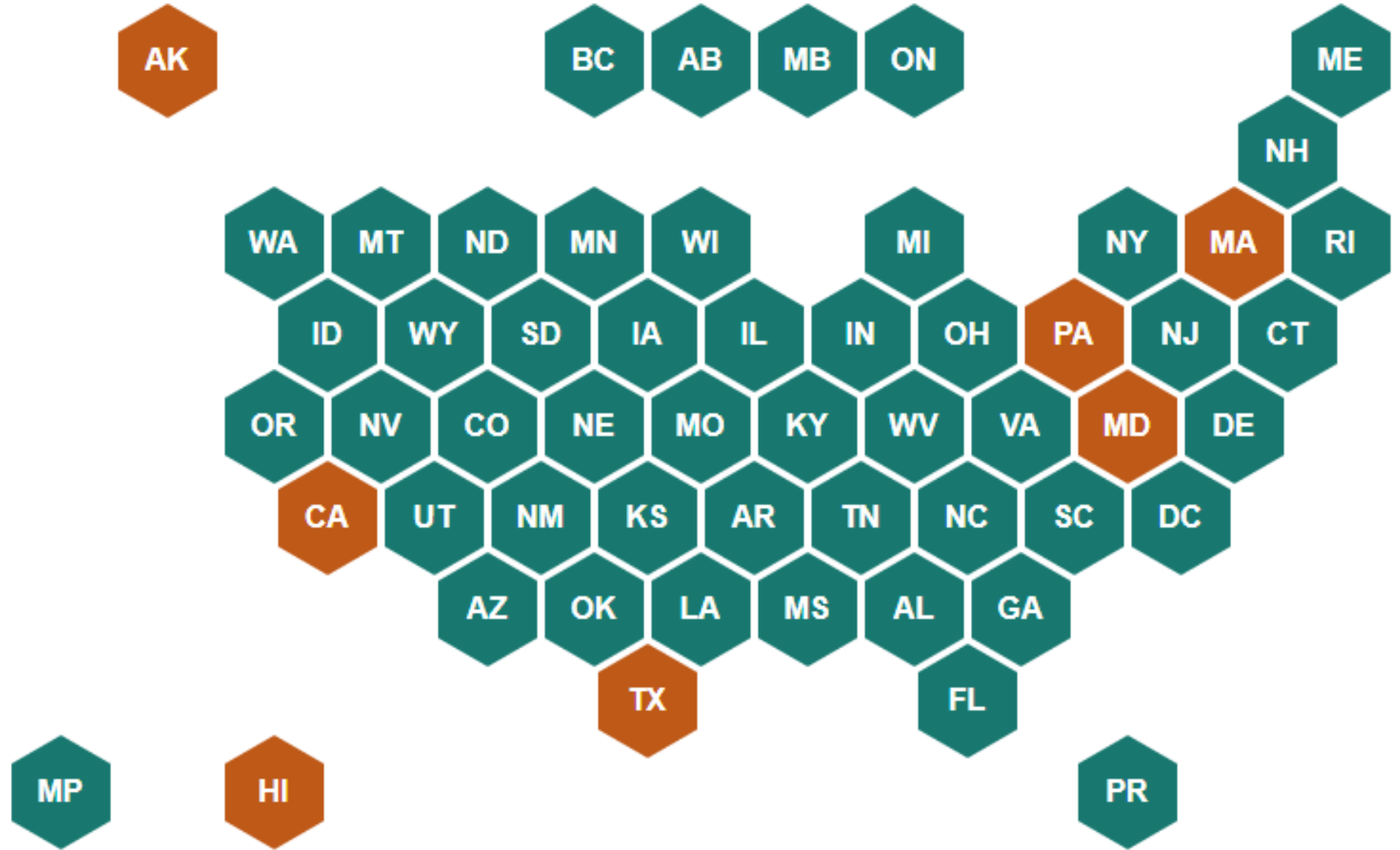
**Summer**

July/August

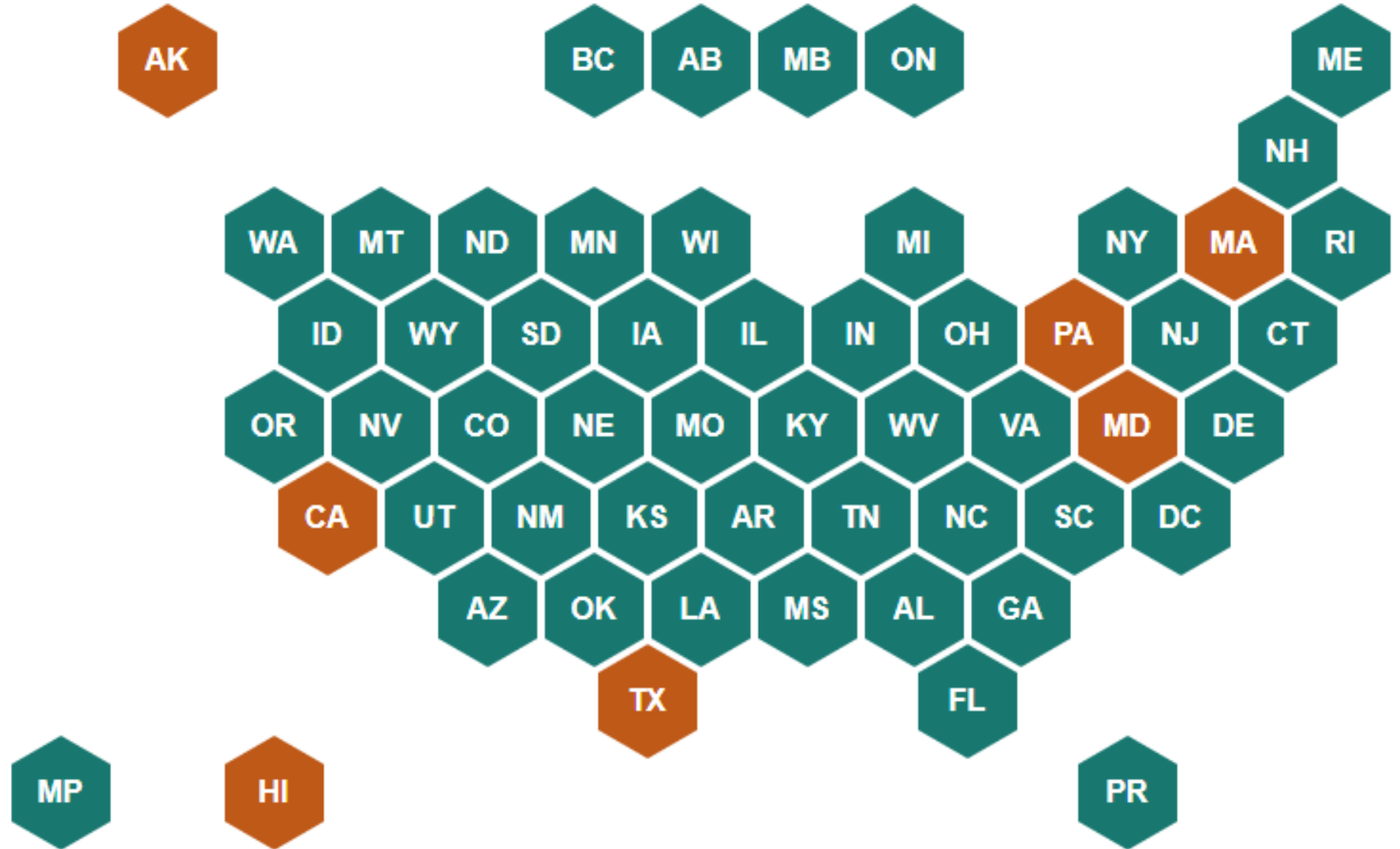
**Winter**

December

# Exam approval



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# Taking the exam



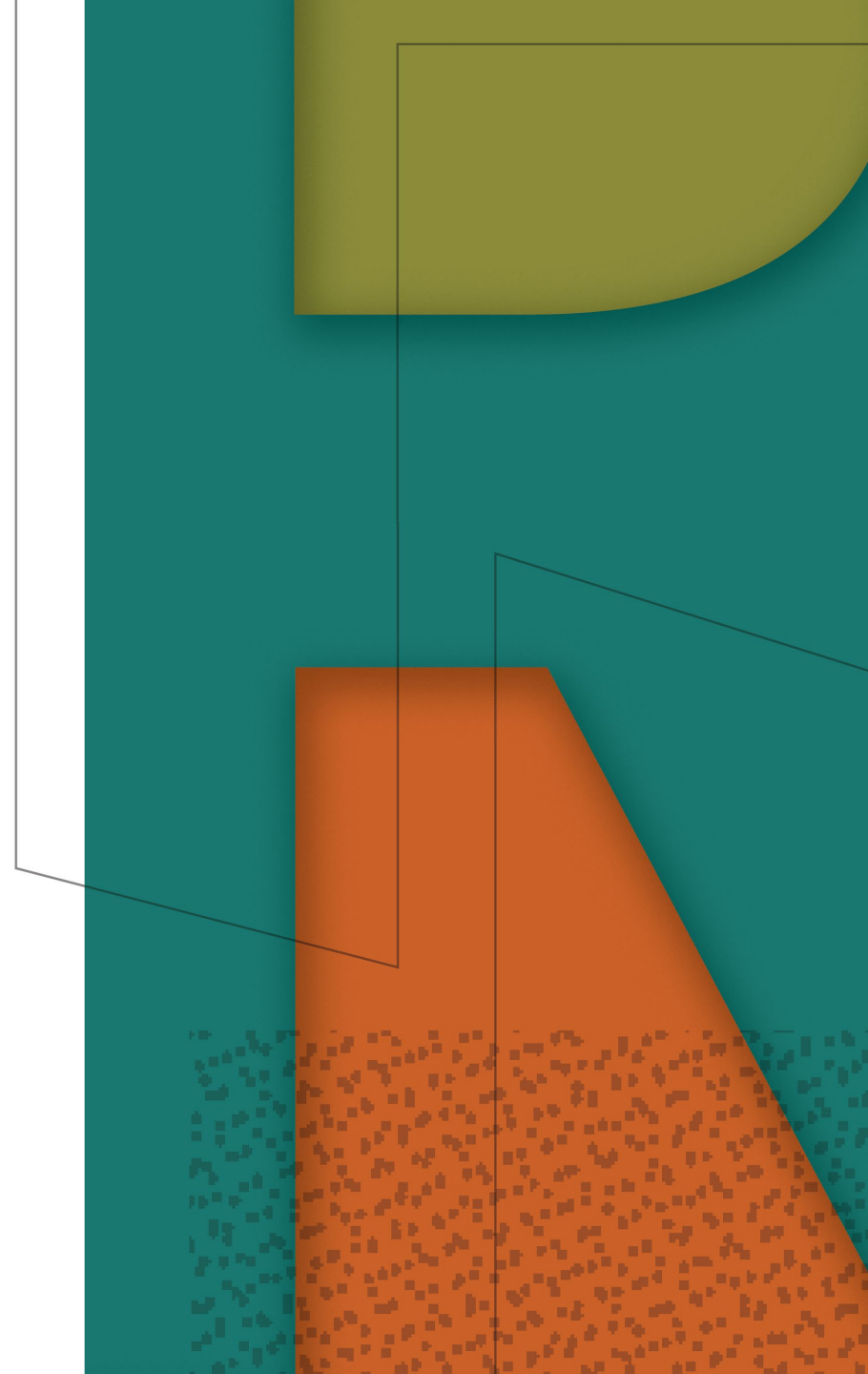
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**I'm licensed.  
Now what?**



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# Your next steps

- Start your CLARB profile
- Sign up for emails, follow us on social
- Explore our exam resources

# Registration opens soon

**Summer**

Take the exam  
July 27 – August  
12th

Register by  
Wednesday, July 22

**[clarb.org/register](https://clarb.org/register)**



## In closing

- Health, safety and well-being
- Professional benefits
- CLARB Record
- We're here to help!

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**Monday – Friday**  
**9 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET**



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