

Department of Examinations and Assessment

Louisiana State Licensing Board for Contractors

LSLBC

Landscaping, Grading, and
Beautification

As of August 1, 2012, qualifying parties for any contractor applying for the classification of Landscaping, Grading, and Beautification will be required, in lieu of a Board trade exam, to submit one of the following from the Louisiana Horticulture Commission, Department of Agriculture and Forestry:

Either:

1. A copy of both a current **Landscape Horticulturist License** and a copy of a **Landscape Irrigation Contractor License**.

Or:

2. A copy of a current **Arborist License**.

Information regarding these licenses from the

State Horticulture Commission can be found by clicking [HERE](#):

Note: A Utility Arborist License will not be accepted as a substitute for the Arborist License.

For Landscape Contracting Jobs, Who Needs a License, and for What?

For all of the types of work listed below, a license from the Horticulture Commission of Louisiana, Department of Agriculture and Forestry is required as follows:

1. Landscaping:

Landscape Horticulturist License

Examples: Plant Installation, Grass Sodding, Bush Pruning, Mulching, Fertilizing

2. Lawn Irrigation:

Landscape Irrigation Contractor License

3. Tree Surgery, Trimming, Pruning, Cutting Down, Removal:

Arborist License

4. Grass Seeding, Hydro-Seeding

Seed Dealers Permit

In addition, for the types of work above, a license from the Louisiana State Licensing Board for Contractors is required as follows:

For Homes: None

Any project of \$50,000 or more requires the following classification of licensure:

For Buildings, Apartment Complexes, Houses used primarily for Commercial Purposes, Parks, Campuses – any one or more of the below:

- Building Construction
- Landscaping, Grading, and Beautification
- Recreation & Sporting Facilities & Golf Courses (can only do landscaping, irrigation, arborist work for these types of facilities).
- Seeding, Sodding, Load & Soil Stabilization, Erosion Control, Sheet Piling (for grass seeding and sodding work)

For Highway, Street, and Bridge Construction- any one or more of the below:

- Highway, Street, and Bridge Construction
- Landscaping, Grading, and Beautification
- Seeding, Sodding, Load & Soil Stabilization, Erosion Control, Sheet Piling (for grass seeding and sodding work)

For Heavy Construction (i.e., Industrial Plants, Oilfields, Railroads, Waterways) – any one or more of the below:

- Heavy Construction
- Landscaping, Grading, and Beautification
- Industrial Plants (for landscaping, irrigation, arborist work inside an industrial plant)
- Oil Refineries (for landscaping, irrigation, arborist work inside an oil refinery)
- Coastal Restoration and Habitat Enhancement (for landscaping, irrigation, arborist work related to such projects)
- Seeding, Sodding, Load & Soil Stabilization, Erosion Control, Sheet Piling (for grass seeding and sodding work)

For Municipal and Public Works Construction (Water, Gas, Sewer, Stormwater Distribution Pipelines and Treatment Plants) – any one or more of the below:

- Municipal and Public Works Construction
- Landscaping, Grading, and Beautification
- Electrical Transmission Lines (for landscaping, irrigation, arborist work related to such projects)

Please note: Contractors holding Earthwork, Drainage, and Levees, or Clearing, Grubbing, and Snagging may clear trees and brush on properties without further licensure.

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See Flowchart below for additional information

