

# NCLCLB News

Your source for NC Licensed Landscape Contractor information.



## Did You Know?...

The NC Landscape Contractors' Licencing Board established an Emergency/Temporary Rule on April 7, 2020 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Emergency/Temporary Rule allows a one year extension of continuing education requirements for the license year ending July 31, 2020.

You may view the Emergency/Temporary Rule by clicking [HERE](#).

Here are four Frequently Asked Questions to help clarify the rule:

1. Do I have to renew my license by August 1, 2020?

**Yes. You will still be required to renew your license by August 1, 2020 to maintain your landscape contractor license.** To renew your license for

2020-2021, you will still submit a renewal application with the \$60.00 renewal fee; maintain a valid Surety Bond as required for licensure, and submit a corporate renewal with \$60 fee if required. Renewal instructions will be emailed and posted on the website by the middle of May 2020.

## **2. What if I have already completed all or some of my CE for this year?**

Any Board-approved CE that you have completed from August 1, 2019 to July 31, 2020 for the 2019-2020 license renewal year will be applied to next year's license period August 1, 2020 to July 31, 2021.

## **3 What if I have not completed any CE yet for this year?**

You will have until July 31, 2021 to complete 7 hours of CE.

## **4. Do I need to keep track of the CE credits I've taken?**

Yes. You need to keep your proof of attendance forms. You will need them to renew for 2021-2022.

# **FOCUS ON: Lighting & Garden Pools**

Summer temperatures drive many to enjoy their yards at night. Please remember the **NC Landscape Licensing Law's [Minimum Standards](#)** on low voltage lighting and garden pool projects. Remember, your license and the law help protect consumers against sub-standard work.

## **21 NCAC 28B .0507            LOW-VOLTAGE LIGHTING; POOLS**

**(a) When installing low-voltage landscape lighting systems, the licensed contractor shall:**

1. Insure that all wire connections are waterproof;
2. Only use weather-proof fixtures;
3. Supply lamps per the manufacturer's specifications with all fixtures;
4. Ensure that the total lamp wattage of each circuit does not exceed the National Electrical Code (NEC) standard for the size of wire being used;
5. Not load a wire to more than 80 percent of the wire's capacity;
6. Connect all exterior low-voltage wiring to a ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI) circuit;
7. Mount transformers a minimum of 18 inches above grade.
8. Perform a post-installation inspection to verify that the lighting system is fully operational as intended per the manufacturer's recommendations; and
9. Provide literature to the client about the lighting components that lists lamps per the manufacturer's specifications for fixtures.

**(b) All garden pools shall be installed in accordance with state and local codes.**

Your Landscape Contractors' License does NOT cover the construction of swimming pools, which usually requires a General Contractors' license.

# Maintaining Your License



## Education Is Available!

Landscape Contractor Licensees must complete seven (7) continuing education hours from August 1, 2019 - July 31, 2021:

- (3) CEs must be technical (landscape)
- (2) CEs must be business
- The (2) remaining credits can be technical or business.

Visit <https://nclclb.com/continuing-education/approved-courses-2019-2020/> for landscape contractor education.

Use the easy-to-use list of approved courses by course#, provider, date, hours of credit, or location.

**You must personally attend** the approved continuing education webinar/course/activity to obtain credit.

**Filing false information is a violation of North Carolina law N.C.G.S.89D and can jeopardize your license.**

## Contact Information

According to State Statute 21 NCAC 28B .0204:

(a) Every licensee shall keep the Board advised of the licensee's current mailing address, phone number, email address, and the name or names under which the licensee is practicing. If any change occurs, the licensee shall notify the Board in writing of the change within 60 days.



## License Renewals Due

NCLCLB will be sending renewal forms and reminders by mail and email.

2019-2020 license renewal applications and payments must be postmarked, or submitted online, **on or before August 1, 2019** to avoid reinstatement and late fees.

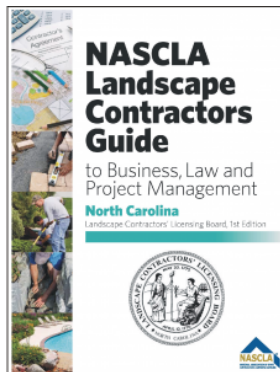
**If you have not renewed yet, please renew now** to avoid any delay in getting your renewed license and to avoid late and reinstatement fees.

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information and to renew your INDIVIDUAL LICENSE.

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information and to renew your CORPORATE LICENSE.

## Testing and Reference Manuals Available

Please contact NCLCLB if your contact information has changed.



<https://nclclb.com/licensing-2/manuals/>  
for full details and online ordering.

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