

NCLCLB Enewsletter

Your source for North Carolina Landscape Contractor information.



Focus On: Minimum Standards

It's getting busy, be sure you're upholding the **Minimum Standards** of your license.

As a licensed landscape contractor, you are representing the profession... prove it... by providing a higher level of performance than others.

Not following the Minimum Standards can often result in a complaint filed against a landscape contractor. Don't be one of them!

Here are just a few of the subjects you should know that are covered in the Minimum Standards:

- Contract/Agreement Requirements
- Finish Grading
- Drainage
- Turf
- Planting
- Landscape Lighting

As a professional, know the [Minimum Standards](#), which can also be found on the [Board website](#).

Did You Know?

Doing "Maintenance" Only? You could need an NC Landscape Contractors' License!

There is apparently a widespread misconception that if you "only do maintenance" landscape work, you are exempt from having a NC Landscape Contractors' license. FALSE!

If an individual or company does work that is more than just lawn mowing, turf edging, and debris removal services (“mow and blow”) that costs \$30,000 or more a year at a site, labor, materials, and other items included, and they are not exempt under the law (N.C.G.S. § 89D), they likely need a NC Landscape Contractors' license.

§ 89D-11. Definitions.

The following definitions apply in this Chapter (law):

[(3) Landscape contractor. – Any person who, for compensation or other consideration, does any of the following:

1. Engages in the business requiring the art, experience, ability, knowledge, science, and skill to prepare contracts and bid for the performance of landscape services, including installing, planting, repairing, and managing gardens, lawns, shrubs, vines, trees, or other decorative vegetation, including the finish grading and preparation of plots and areas of land for decorative utilitarian treatment and arrangement....]

§ 89D-13. Exemptions.

[(11) An individual or a business engaged in any of the following activities while performing that activity:

6. Lawn mowing, turf edging, and debris removal services....]

Maintaining Your License



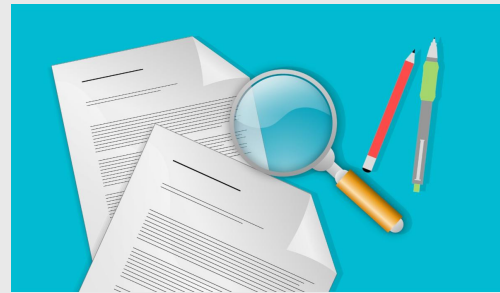
Education

Landscape Contractor Licensees must complete seven (7) continuing education (CE) hours from August 1, 2021 - July 31, 2022.:

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

You must personally attend the approved 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.**

You can search the easy-to-use list of approved courses by course#, sponsor, date, hours of credit, or location.



CE Audits

The Board is auditing licensees for continuing education (CE) compliance. License audits are conducted randomly.

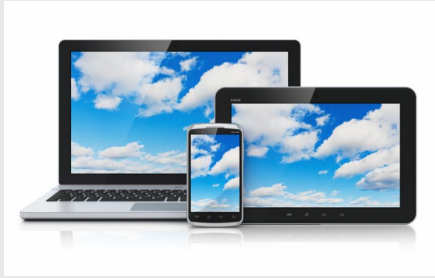
To ensure your license is in compliance, make sure you maintain CE attendance records for two years following the processing date of the renewal application to which the CEs were applied.

Licensees selected for an audit shall submit all requested information to the Board within 21 calendar days after the date the licensee is notified.

Failure to maintain compliance with the Board's CE requirements shall result in the licensee's status being changed to inactive per 21 NCAC 28B .0403.

[CLICK HERE for Audit](#)

[CLICK HERE to Search for Approved Education Classes](#)



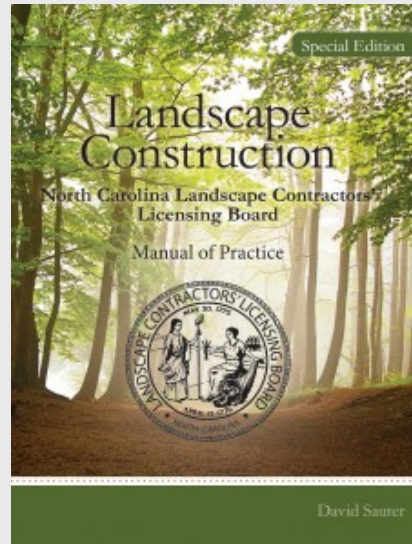
NCLCLB Portal

Our portal allows licensed landscape contractors to easily keep track of their continuing education credits, renewal status, license history, and personal information 24/7/365.

Contact the NCLCLB office if you need assistance with your login ID and password.

[LOG IN to the NCLCLB Portal](#)

[Requirements and Processes](#)



Reference Manual

This is a great reference manual to have on your shelf to refer to on landscape procedures you may need to brush up on. It is used as a study manual for the NC Landscape Contractor Licensing Exam and is a great resource

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