

NCLCLB Enewsletter

Your source for North Carolina Landscape Contractor information.



Focus On: Reporting requirements

With license renewal edging ever closer, now is a good time to access your licensee portal to **verify your contact information**. Not only is it a requirement in the Board's Administrative Code (NCAC 28B .0204) that you keep your contact information current, but it also just makes good sense allowing you to keep up-to-date on Board related items that are important to you as a licensed landscape contractor.

21 NCAC 28B .0204 MAINTAIN CURRENT INFORMATION

(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 30 days.

(b) Upon the dissolution of a professional relationship, the member or members thereof shall notify the Board in writing within 30 days concerning such dissolution and of the succeeding business status and addresses of the individuals or firm.

(c) A licensee shall maintain a continuous surety bond coverage or an irrevocable letter of credit while the license is active. Within 5 days after the lapse of a surety bond or revocation of a letter of credit prescribed in G.S. 89D-16(a)(4), a licensee shall notify the Board in writing. If a licensee fails to renew the surety bond or obtain a new letter of credit within 30 days after the lapse or revocation, the license shall be revoked.

(d) Failure to notify the Board of the changes described in this Rule shall constitute a violation of G.S. 89D-22(a)(6)

So, please take a moment and verify your contact information on the Board licensee portal. And while you are confirming your contact information, review your continuing education (CE) hours listed in your licensee portal to verify you have received the credits for the courses you have taken since August 2, 2022. For any hours not reported to the Board office, contact the CE provider. If the Board office has not listed them in the portal, the Board office did not receive them.

If you do not have all your CE credit hours... now is the time to get them to avoid scheduling issues in July. Many courses fill up, so don't wait. **REMINDER: 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.

Did You Know... the case for unlicensed cases

The Board received 27 complaints for unlicensed practice in 2022. Over one half of the unlicensed cases in 2022 were not within the Boards' jurisdiction (under \$30,000) and were dismissed, while the other half were determined to have issues relating to probable cause for the Board to seek disciplinary action.

Unlicensed practice cases are a special consideration for the Board to investigate. For example, did you know the United States Supreme Court limited what all occupational licensing boards could enforce in cases of unlicensed practice. What the ruling means is that an occupational licensing board cannot regulate an unlicensed individual or company the Board does not license... only a court can.

The Board can and does investigate all unlicensed practice cases. If there is evidence of a violation of the law, the Board will issue a Consent Agreement for signature by the unlicensed individual agreeing to be permanently enjoined from the practice of landscape construction or contracting in North Carolina until such time as they are properly licensed by the Board. If the unlicensed individual does not sign the Consent Agreement, or later violates the requirements within the Consent Agreement, then the Board is compelled to take the case to court and will.

The process can be lengthy, but the Board is determined to do all it can to stand up and support the license for all licensed landscape contractors and the public from unlicensed individuals and companies.

Maintaining Your License



Continuing Education Available for 2022-2023 Licensing Year

Landscape Contractor Licensees must complete seven (7) continuing education (CE) hours from August 1, 2022 - July 31, 2023.:

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



Reinstatement

If you, or someone you know, were a Licensed Landscape Contractor in 2021-2022, but missed the August 1 renewal deadline, you can still be reinstated.

By law, failure to reinstate your license by August 1, 2023 shall result in the forfeiture of your license. Upon forfeiture, you shall be required to submit a new application and retake the examination...

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

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



NCLCLB Portal

Our portal allows NC Licensed Landscape Contractors to easily keep track of their continuing education credits, renewal status, license history, and personal information 24/7/365.

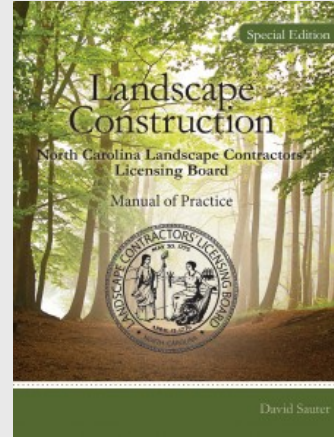
Contact the NCLCLB office at info@nclclb.com or 919-266-8090 if you need assistance with your login ID and password.

[LOG IN to the NCLCLB Portal](#)

which will cost considerably more in time and money than to reinstate now.

Licenses may be reinstated by logging in to the Licensee Web Portal. If you do not have your login ID and password or for more information, contact the Board office at 919-266-8070 or email landscape.licensing@nclclb.com.

[CLICK HERE for Reinstatement](#)



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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