

# NCLCLB Enewsletter

Your source for North Carolina Landscape Contractor information.



## Focus On: Renovations, Pruning, and Planting

Fall is here and fall is for renovations, pruning, and planting. Are you violating the Board's minimum standards?

Make sure you are following the law and planting grasses, plants, shrubs, and trees according to the licensing law's **Minimum Standards** (listed below). **As a licensed landscape contractor, you are bound by all the Board's minimum standards, the law, and other requirements pertaining to your license regardless of the cost of the work being performed.**

Minimum Standards is defined as a "level of quality or achievement, that is thought to be acceptable as a minimum, and below which is unacceptable." As a NC Licensed Landscape Contractor, we encourage you to go above and beyond the Minimum Standards to fulfill customer expectations and set the best example for the industry.

§ 21 NCAC 28B .0505 DESIGN AND CONSULTATION

§ 21 NCAC 28B .0504 FINISH GRADE

§ 21 NCAC 28B .0503 TURF

§ 21 NCAC 28B .0510 PRUNING

§ 21 NCAC 28B .0502 PLANTING

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

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## Reinstatement

If you missed the license renewal deadline, **please reinstate your license as soon as possible** because the law prohibits you from engaging in landscape construction or contracting if you are not licensed. License Reinstatement is available and much easier than re-testing.

You can check your NC Landscape Contractor license status and reinstate your license online at [nclclb.com](http://nclclb.com). You will need your unique login id and password to reinstate your license on the web portal. Your login id and password may be found in your renewal reminder email notifications. If you do not have your login id and password, contact the Board office for help: [landscape.licensing@nclclb.com](mailto:landscape.licensing@nclclb.com) or (919) 266-8070.

**Be aware that if you do not reinstate your license by the deadline as stipulated in N.C.G.S. § 89D-20\*, you will be required to submit a new application, pay all applicable fees and take the 3-part exam to become licensed again.**

Reinstate today!

[CLICK HERE TO REINSTATE](#)

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**Congratulations to the 32 new professionals who have become licensed landscape contractors.**

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## Did You Know...

**...being a nice guy could get you in trouble.** While most of us want to help friends, relatives and just good people, allowing a landscaper to use your license “to get started” or to “do this one job” is in fact lending your license, which is a direct violation of the law. Not only would the landscaper be guilty of unlicensed practice but you as the licensee would be guilty of lending your license and both of you would be subject to disciplinary action by the Board. Help the landscaper to get licensed instead.

**...that an unlicensed landscaper doing landscape work for a building contractor, a residential contractor, or a public utilities contractor under his or her exemption from the landscape contractors’ law could be in violation for unlicensed practice?** Unless the landscaper is an employee of the exempt contractor, and that means a W-2 employee, not a 1099 sub-contractor; or the project is under \$30,000, materials, labor and all other items included for the site, the landscaper would not be exempt from the NC Landscape Contractors’ License law. In this example, the building contractor, residential contractor, or public utilities contractor has no liability, but the landscaper does!

**... about this IMPORTANT CE Clarification.** The CE requirements for license renewal have not changed.

All licensees shall complete in-person seven continuing education units (CEUs) during the year preceding renewal. At least three of the seven CEUs must be technical credits and at least two of the seven CEUs must be business credit. Please see the Board’s Administrative Rule (NCAC 28B .0402 Continuing Education Units) found on the Board’s website under

“Laws/Enforcement” for reference.

The specific groups defined in 21 NCAC 28B .0402 should help CE providers to focus on needed topics and taking CE courses in these different group subjects will broaden your knowledge and enhance your value to your clients.

## 21 NCAC 28B .0402 Continuing Education Units

[(b) For the purposes of this Rule:

(1) “technical credits” are defined as credits relating to the subject matter of landscape contracting as described in G.S. 89D-11(3) and Rules .0502 through .0511 in this Subchapter. The rules shall be grouped as follows:

Group A: topics covered in Rules .0502, .0503, .0510, & .0511 in this Subchapter;  
Group B: topics covered in Rules .0504 and .0506 in this Subchapter;  
Group C: topics covered in Rules .0507 through .0509 in this Subchapter;  
Group D: topics covered in Rule .0505; and...]

**Again, the CE requirements for license renewal have not changed.**

As always, if you have any questions, please contact the Board office. We are here to help.

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## Maintaining Your License



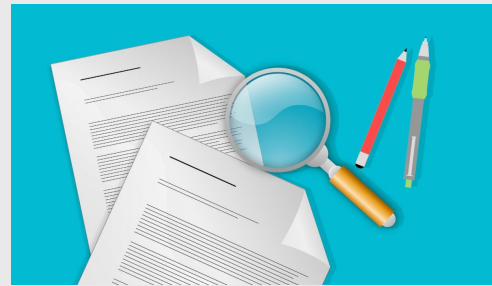
### Continuing Education Available for 2023-2024 Licensing Year

Landscape Contractor Licensees must complete seven (7) continuing education (CE) hours from August 1, 2023 - July 31, 2024.:

- 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



### 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.

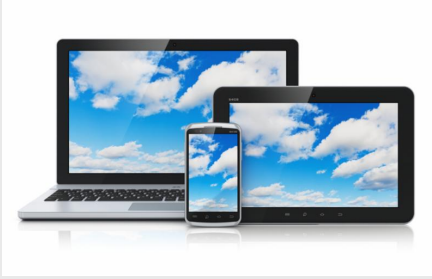
Licensees selected for an audit shall submit all requested information to the Board within 21 calendar days after the date the licensee is notified.

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.

location.

**CLICK HERE to Search  
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Classes**

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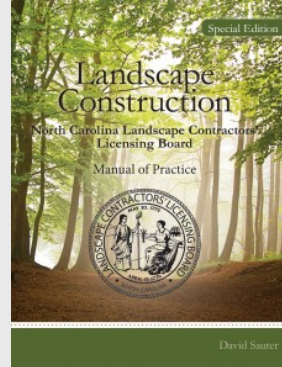


### **NCLCLB Portal**

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](mailto:info@nclclb.com) or (919) 266-8090 if you need assistance with your login ID and password.

**LOG IN to the NCLCLB  
Portal**



### **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

**CLICK HERE for  
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Manuals**



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