## **NCLCLB Enewsletter**

Your source for North Carolina Landscape Contractor Information



# Focus On: Organization & Compliance

A whole new year is ahead of your business. Now is the perfect time to review the status of your license, organize your documentation, ensure you are in compliance with the law, and training for your crews for 2024.

### **Documentation**

For Education/Audits: Make sure you maintain CE attendance records for two years following the processing date of the renewal application to which the CEs were applied.

For License Compliance: Per the law -- § 89D-12. License required; use of seal; posting license, and 21 NCAC 28B .0103 DISPLAY OF LICENSE NUMBER -- you must display your license number on:

- All business cards.
- All contracts, estimates, and proposals.
- All vehicles used by the contractor in the landscape contracting business (lettering must be at least 1 inch tall).

For Communication: Per the law -- 21 NCAC 28B .0204 MAINTAIN CURRENT INFORMATION --

Notify NCLCLB within 30 days if you have any change in your business:

- Owner/partner;
- Licensed employees; and/or
- Contact information.

**CLICK HERE to review the NC Landscape Contractor Statues and Rules** 

### **Crew Training**

Conduct internal training to be sure you and your team understands and follows the law's

<u>Minimum Standards</u>. As a licensed landscape contractor, you are liable for the work your unlicensed crew members perform for you and your company.

- 21 NCAC 28B .0501 GENERAL (includes what is required on a contract or agreement)
- 21 NCAC 28B .0502 PLANTING
- 21 NCAC 28B .0503 TURF
- 21 NCAC 28B .0504 FINISH GRADE
- 21 NCAC 28B .0505 DESIGN AND CONSULTATION
- 21 NCAC 28B .0506 DRAINAGE SYSTEMS AND CISTERNS
- 21 NCAC 28B .0507 LOW-VOLTAGE LIGHTING; POOLS
- 21 NCAC 28B .0508 WALLS
- 21 NCAC 28B .0509 PAVING
- 21 NCAC 28B .0510 PRUNING
- 21 NCAC 28B .0511 WILDFLOWER, NATIVE GRASS, AND NO-MOW SEED ESTABLISHMENT

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.

**CLICK HERE to Download Minimum Standards** 

### Did You Know...?

On average, 35% of licensed landscape contractors do not complete their CE requirements by July 1. They then have to scramble to find any available courses that are not full, before July 31 license renewal date.

**Don't wait! Now is the best time to complete your continuing education (CE).** Several organizations are offering multiple-CE events -- trade shows, workshops, and conferences -- during the winter months.

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.

Sign into your account in the licensee portal and verify your current credits. If you still need credit, improve your knowledge and expertise now so renewal of your license in July is stress free. You can search the easy-to-use list of approved courses by course#, sponsor, date, hours of credit, or location.

Remember... you must personally attend the approved webinar/course/activity to obtain credit. Filing false information is fraud and is a violation of North Carolina law N.C.G.S.89D.

**CLICK HERE to Search for Approved Education Classes** 

# **Maintaining Your License**





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

# CLICK HERE to Reinstate



### 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

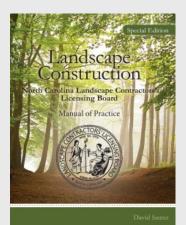
### **CE Audits**

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

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 Requirements and Processes



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

**Reference Manual** 

CLICK HERE for Reference & Study Manuals



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