

**TITLE 55. BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE ARCHITECTS, LANDSCAPE
ARCHITECTS AND LICENSED INTERIOR DESIGNERS OF OKLAHOMA
CHAPTER 10. LICENSURE AND PRACTICE OF ARCHITECTS, LANDSCAPE
ARCHITECTS AND LICENSED INTERIOR DESIGNERS**

RULEMAKING ACTION:

Notice of proposed PERMANENT rulemaking.

PROPOSED RULES:

Subchapter 1. General Provisions

55:10-1-1. Purpose [AMENDED]

55:10-1-3. Definitions [AMENDED]

55:10-1-4. Statutory charges of the Board [AMENDED]

Subchapter 3. Administrative Operations

55:10-3-2. Duties of Board Officers [AMENDED]

55:10-3-4. Reimbursement for travel [REVOKED]

55:10-3-6. Official records [AMENDED]

55:10-3-9. Confidential records [AMENDED]

55:10-3-13. Fees and penalties [AMENDED]

Subchapter 5. Application and Eligibility for Licensing [AMENDED]

55:10-5-1. Availability of forms [AMENDED]

55:10-5-2. Documents required for a License [AMENDED]

55:10-5-3. Board action required [AMENDED]

55:10-5-4. Evaluation criteria [AMENDED]

55:10-5-7. Qualifications for an Architect License [AMENDED]

55:10-5-7.1. Equivalent standards for architects [AMENDED]

55:10-5-8. Qualifications for a Landscape Architect License [AMENDED]

55:10-5-8.1. Equivalent standards for landscape architects [AMENDED]

55:10-5-10. Qualifications for a Licensed Interior Design license [AMENDED]

55:10-5-11. Qualifications for a Reciprocal License or Registration [REVOKED]

Subchapter 7. Examination

55:10-7-1. Examination required for Candidates [AMENDED]

55:10-7-4. Examination applications and fees for equivalent candidates [AMENDED]

55:10-7-6. Grading [AMENDED]

55:10-7-7. Reexamination for equivalent candidates [REVOKED]

55:10-7-8. Examination grades [AMENDED]

55:10-7-9. Transfers of examination grades prior to licensing for equivalent candidates [REVOKED]

Subchapter 9. Licensing [AMENDED]

55:10-9-1. The License [AMENDED]

55:10-9-4. Duplicate License [AMENDED]

55:10-9-5. Suspension, revocation, or refused renewal of a License [AMENDED]

55:10-9-6. Biennial License required [AMENDED]

55:10-9-7. Emeritus status requirements [AMENDED]

55:10-9-8. Failure to biennially renew [AMENDED]

55:10-9-9. Reinstating License from emeritus status to active practice [AMENDED]

55:10-9-10. Reinstatement of canceled License [AMENDED]

55:10-9-11. Reinstatement of a License based on cause [AMENDED]

Subchapter 11. Rules of Professional Conduct

55:10-11-1. General requirements [AMENDED]

55:10-11-3. Competence [AMENDED]

55:10-11-4. Conflict of interest [AMENDED]

- 55:10-11-5. Full disclosure [AMENDED]
- 55:10-11-6. Compliance with laws [AMENDED]
- 55:10-11-7. Professional conduct [AMENDED]
- 55:10-11-8. Architect, landscape architect, and licensed interior designer seal [AMENDED]
- 55:10-11-13. Registered commercial interior designer's seal [REVOKED]

Subchapter 13. Organizational Practice

- 55:10-13-5. Certificate of Authority required [AMENDED]
- 55:10-13-6. Biennial renewals required for Certificate of Authority [AMENDED]
- 55:10-13-7. Failure to biennially renew a Certificate of Authority [AMENDED]
- 55:10-13-8. Reinstatement of canceled Certificate of Authority [AMENDED]
- 55:10-13-9. Compliance with laws, Rules, regulations and orders [AMENDED]
- 55:10-13-10. Investigations, hearings and penalties [AMENDED]
- 55:10-13-12. Notification of changes in firm practice required [AMENDED]
- 55:10-13-13. Authority to use professional titles and offer services [AMENDED]
- 55:10-13-15. Limited partnerships and corporations required to file with Secretary of State [AMENDED]
- 55:10-13-16. Firm Names [AMENDED]

Subchapter 15. Violations

- 55:10-15-1. Prima facie evidence [AMENDED]
- 55:10-15-2. Grounds for violations and penalties [AMENDED]
- 55:10-15-4. Fraud or misrepresentation [AMENDED]
- 55:10-15-5. Gross incompetence [AMENDED]
- 55:10-15-6. Recklessness [AMENDED]
- 55:10-15-7. Dishonest practice [AMENDED]
- 55:10-15-8. Duty to refer alleged violations to the investigations committee [AMENDED]
- 55:10-15-9. Filing a complaint; forms and evidence [AMENDED]
- 55:10-15-10. Informal disposition [AMENDED]
- 55:10-15-11. Investigation committee [AMENDED]
- 55:10-15-12. Investigation report and recommendations [REVOKED]
- 55:10-15-13. Investigator [AMENDED]
- 55:10-15-14. Civil and formal proceedings [AMENDED]
- 55:10-15-15. Hearings [AMENDED]
- 55:10-15-16. Hearing disqualification procedures [AMENDED]
- 55:10-15-18. Findings of the Board and penalties [AMENDED]
- 55:10-15-23. Rehearing, reopening or reconsideration [AMENDED]
- 55:10-15-24. Effect of illegal activity or violations on licensure or certification [AMENDED]

Subchapter 17. Continuing Education Requirements

- 55:10-17-1. Purpose [AMENDED]
- 55:10-17-2. Continuing education requirements [AMENDED]
- 55:10-17-3. Exemptions [AMENDED]
- 55:10-17-4. Licensee responsibilities [AMENDED]
- 55:10-17-5. Board responsibilities [AMENDED]
- 55:10-17-6. Disallowance [AMENDED]
- 55:10-17-7. Noncompliance and sanctions [AMENDED]
- 55:10-17-9. Computation of credits [AMENDED]
- 55:10-17-10. General course/program requirements [AMENDED]

SUMMARY:

The proposed changes to OAC 55:10 have been made due to the passage of HB1793 in April 2024. The primary changes required by HB1793 are the changing of the title "Registered Commercial Interior Designer" to "Licensed Interior Designer," and the title of "Registered Commercial Interior Design" to "Licensed Interior Design." Further changes were made to clarify the practice and regulation of Licensed Interior Designers.

Additional changes made to OAC 55:10 were done in order to clean up outdated language, to remove outdated rules and practices, and to reorganize and rewrite sections in order that the average citizen can better read and understand the rules.

AUTHORITY:

O.S. 59, Section 46.7 Oklahoma State Architectural and Licensed Interior Designers Act; Board of Governors of the Architects, Landscape Architects and Licensed Interior Designers of Oklahoma.

COMMENT PERIOD:

Persons wishing to present their views orally or in writing may do so before 4:30 p.m. on Monday, December 2, 2024 at the following address: 220 N.E. 28th Street, Suite 150, Oklahoma City, OK 73105, ATTN: Leslie Hanska, Executive Director, Board of Governors of the Architects, Landscape Architects and Licensed Interior Designers of Oklahoma.

PUBLIC HEARING:

A public hearing may be requested before 4:30 p.m. on Monday, December 2, 2024, orally or in writing at the following address: 220 N.E. 28th Street Oklahoma City, Suite 150, Oklahoma City, OK 73105. A formal hearing will then be held on December 4, 2024 to provide an opportunity for qualifying parties to present their views. Each party will be allowed a maximum of 5 minutes to speak.

REQUESTS FOR COMMENTS FROM BUSINESS ENTITIES:

The Board of Governors of the Architects, Landscape Architects and Licensed Interior Designers of Oklahoma requests that business entities affected by these proposed amendments provide the Board, within the comment period, in dollar amounts if possible, any increase in the level of direct costs such as fees, and the indirect costs such as reporting, record keeping, equipment, construction, labor, professional services, revenue loss, or other costs expected to be incurred by the particular business entity due to compliance with the proposed rules. Business entities may submit this information in writing, at the above address, before the close of the comment period before 4:30 p.m. on Monday, December 2, 2024 at the following address: 220 N.E. 28th Street, Suite 150, Oklahoma City, OK 73105, ATTN: Leslie Hanska, Executive Director.

COPIES OF PROPOSED RULES:

Copies of the proposed rules may be obtained from the Board of Governors of the Architects, Landscape Architects and Licensed Interior Designers of Oklahoma, from our website, www.ok.gov/architects, or directly from the office at 220 N.E. 28th Street, Suite 150, Oklahoma City, OK 73105.

RULE IMPACT STATEMENT:

Pursuant to 75 O.S., Section 303 (D), a Rule Impact Statement (RIS) will be prepared and may be obtained from the Board of Governors of the Architects, Landscape Architects and Licensed Interior Designers of Oklahoma at the above address and website beginning on November 15, 2024.

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