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

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

Subchapter 5. Application and Eligibility for Licensing [AMENDED]

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

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

Subchapter 7. Examination

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

SUMMARY:

The proposed changes to OAC 55:10 have been made in order to remove barriers to licensure for Landscape Architects and to better align with national standards. The changes allow for alternative paths to licensure in cases where an individual does not have a traditional higher education degree by reducing the required experience hours to facilitate a faster path to licensure.

CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH CREATE THE NEED FOR THE RULE:

Changes to the universal standards for licensure for Landscape Architects precipitated the need for changes to OAC 55:10.

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.

INTENDED EFFECT OF THE RULE:

The intended effect of the changes made to OAC 55:10 is to remove barriers to licensure and allow individuals without a bachelors' degree to become licensed.

COMMENT PERIOD:

Persons wishing to present their views orally or in writing may do so before 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 17, 2025 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 Wednesday, December 17, 2025, orally or in writing at the following address: 220 N.E. 28th Street Oklahoma City, Suite 150, Oklahoma City, OK 73105.

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 Wednesday, December 17, 2025 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.oklahoma.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 December 1, 2025.

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