

Department of Human Resources & Examinations

Louisiana State Licensing Board for Contractors

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L.2 Landscaping, Grading, and Beautification

Requires Louisiana Department of Agriculture licensure and refers to landscaping, irrigation, and finish grading, both installation and maintenance, and the removal of tree and plant materials from curbside for all types of properties including highways, buildings, and industrial facilities. Does not include hardscaping. Landscaping, grading, and beautification is a subclassification of Building Construction; Highway, Street, and Bridge Construction; Heavy Construction; and Municipal and Public Works Construction.

Visit the Louisiana Department of Agriculture at <https://www.ldaf.state.la.us/> to check for any additional requirements that may be related to this classification.

Introduction



Qualifying Party candidates applying for the classification of *Landscaping, Grading, and Beautification* will be required, in lieu of a Board trade exam, to submit one of the following from the Louisiana Horticulture Commission, Department of Agriculture and Forestry:

- A copy of both a current *[Landscape Horticulturist License](#)* and a copy of a *[Landscape Irrigation Contractor License](#)*
or
 - A copy of a current *[Arborist License](#)*.

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For Landscape Contracting Jobs, Who Needs a License, and for What?

For all of the types of work listed below, a license from the Horticulture Commission of Louisiana, Department of Agriculture and Forestry is required as follows, regardless of the size of the job:

1. Landscaping:

Landscape Horticulturist License

Examples: Plant installation, grass sodding, bush pruning, mulching, fertilizing

2. Lawn Irrigation:

Landscape Irrigation Contractor License

3. Tree Surgery, Trimming, Pruning, Cutting Down, Removal:

Arborist License

4. Grass Seeding, Hydro-Seeding

Seed Dealers License

In addition, for the types of work above, a license from the Louisiana State Licensing Board for Contractors is required as follows:

For Homes: None

Any project of \$50,000 or more requires the following classification of licensure:

For Buildings, Apartment Complexes, Houses used primarily for Commercial Purposes, Parks, Campuses – any one or more of the below:

- Building Construction
- Landscaping, Grading, and Beautification
- Recreation & Sporting Facilities & Golf Courses (can only do landscaping, irrigation, arborist work for these types of facilities).
- Seeding, Sodding, Load & Soil Stabilization, Erosion Control, Sheet Piling (for grass seeding and sodding work)

For Highway, Street, and Bridge Construction- any one or more of the below:

- Highway, Street, and Bridge Construction
- Landscaping, Grading, and Beautification

- Seeding, Sodding, Load & Soil Stabilization, Erosion Control, Sheet Piling (for grass seeding and sodding work)

For Heavy Construction (i.e., Industrial Plants, Oilfields, Railroads, Waterways) – any one or more of the below:

- Heavy Construction
- Landscaping, Grading, and Beautification
- Industrial Plants (for landscaping, irrigation, arborist work inside an industrial plant)
- Oil Refineries (for landscaping, irrigation, arborist work inside an oil refinery)
- Coastal Restoration and Habitat Enhancement (for landscaping, irrigation, arborist work related to such projects)
- Seeding, Sodding, Load & Soil Stabilization, Erosion Control, Sheet Piling (for grass seeding and sodding work)

For Municipal and Public Works Construction (Water, Gas, Sewer, Stormwater Distribution Pipelines and Treatment Plants) – any one or more of the below:

- Municipal and Public Works Construction
- Landscaping, Grading, and Beautification
Electrical Transmission Lines (for landscaping, irrigation, arborist work related to such projects)

Please note: *Contractors holding Earthwork, Drainage, and Levees, or Clearing, Grubbing, and Snagging may clear trees and brush on properties without further licensure.*

*A license is **not** required by the State Licensing Board for Contractors or by the State Horticultural Commission for mowing, weed-eating, grass trimming, grass edging, or weeding.*

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