

L.A.R.E. Updates – Overview

Beginning with the April 2017 L.A.R.E. administration, [the exam blueprint](#) will be updated to provide greater detail within each section of the exam and will introduce new content focusing on maintenance, historical preservation, performance metrics and specialty plans. These updates will provide increased clarity to candidates on the content tested in each section and will align the exam with current practice.

L.A.R.E. Updates - Frequently Asked Questions

When are the L.A.R.E. updates going into effect?

All updates to the L.A.R.E. will take effect beginning with the April 2017 administration. Any candidate registered for the December 2016 administration will not see these updates within the exam.

Why are updates to the L.A.R.E. being made?

In early 2016, CLARB conducted a Task Analysis survey, a scientific study of the profession that ensures the content of L.A.R.E remains legally defensible and relevant, and the results are used to defend the legal scope of landscape architectural practice. The results of the survey, which will be distributed later this month, determine the tasks that are performed most often, are most important and are required at the initial point of licensure; thus, form the basis of the L.A.R.E.

What exactly is changing on the L.A.R.E.?

- Content within the L.A.R.E. is being reorganized to provide candidates with greater clarity on the subject matter tested in each section. On the updated blueprint, candidates will find additional subsections within each category.
- Aligning with the reorganization, new content areas will appear in maintenance, historical preservation, performance metrics and specialty plans.

How will exam sections already passed equate to the updated L.A.R.E. sections?

All exam sections, through the December 2016 administration, will remain equivalent to the exam sections that will be administered in April 2017.

The updates to the L.A.R.E. that will go into effect in April 2017 will have no impact on candidates who have already successfully completed sections of the exam.

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Exam Section Equivalent	
Prior to 2017	Effective 2017
Section 1	= Section 1
Section 2	= Section 2
Section 3	= Section 3
Section 4	= Section 4

Will there be any change to the way a candidate registers for the L.A.R.E.?

No, candidates will continue to register for the L.A.R.E. through the CLARB website and seek pre-approval in the jurisdictions where it is required.

If a candidate wishes to complete the L.A.R.E. prior to the updates going into effect, can they?

Yes, any candidate wishing to complete the L.A.R.E. prior to the April 2017 administration, may register for the December 2016 administration until November 28.

When will candidates be notified of these updates?

Candidates will be notified on Thursday, November 3 via email.

If a candidate contacts our Board for information, what should we share?

Please feel free to share any information contained in these FAQ documents, as candidates have already been notified of the L.A.R.E. updates. If candidates have additional questions, please have them contact CLARB at (571) 432-0332 or info@clarb.org.