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CHAPTER ADVOCACY UPDATE 12.30.19

Fellow Members and Advocates,

Pertaining to the deregulation of the Title Act on January 1st, 2020, we have received numerous questions regarding reciprocity and obtaining licensure in other states. We conferred with CLARB staff to help clarify available options to current license holders. Please note that with the timing of the holidays and January 1st quickly approaching, it is extremely unlikely that any applications for reciprocal licensure can be granted prior to January 1st. Requests for reciprocity are typically reviewed and approved by state administrative staff and/or, in most cases, an appointed Registration Board. Because no Boards are scheduled to meet before the Title Act expires on January 1st, immediate reciprocity is not a likely option. However, current license holders may still apply for licensure in other states, whether with a CLARB Council Record or without. The process is outlined below.

If you have an active CLARB Council Record:

- CLARB has your credentials on file and can help streamline verification of your education, experience, examination and licensure history in the licensure application process.
- Depending on when you last updated your profile information, a little updating may be required.
- Besides this, you will only need to request the transmittal of their record to the licensure board.
- Please contact the CLARB office and let them know the state in which you are seeking application - they have kindly offered to waive the transmittal fee as a courtesy.

If you would like to attain or reestablish a CLARB Council Record in order to apply for licensure in another state:

- If you are purchasing a Council Record and CLARB Certification for the first time as a licensee – there is an upfront application fee of \$380. This fee covers compiling and verifying your application information and evaluating your record for CLARB Certification.
 - For new record holders, you can start the record on our website and complete the online application. This will start the compilation process and CLARB will work with the Illinois board staff to obtain the information needed to complete your record. Once the record is complete, you can then order a transmittal to another state of your choosing. Please contact the CLARB office to order the transmittal and they will waive this fee as a courtesy.

- If you are reestablishing a CLARB Council Record that has expired – there is a rejoin fee of \$125 plus \$160 for the annual renewal fee. This fee includes updating verifications and documentation of your professional development since your Council Record lapsed.
 - For record holders who need to reestablish your record, CLARB will pull your old files and update any out of date information. Most likely in this case, most of your information such as scores will have already been documented.
 - To rejoin, you will need to contact CLARB as this feature is currently not available online.
- Other info regarding purchasing and maintaining a Council Record can be found here: <https://www.clarb.org/manage-your-career/manage-your-career-with-the-help-of-a-council-record#undefined3>
- For all existing or newly CLARB Certified individuals, CLARB has kindly offered to waive the \$245 fee for Reciprocal Licensure Transmittal and the \$150 Expedited Transmittal Fee if applying for licensure in another state (for one other state only). Please note, however, that each state will have a separate application-processing fee.
- Please note that:
 - If you passed the LARE after 2000 – then CLARB will have your test records on file.
 - If you passed the LARE before 2000 – then CLARB will need to receive your test records from the Department. This adds another step and more time to the licensure application process.
 - If you were grandfathered into licensure without passing the LARE – you will be unable to obtain licensure in another state as passage of the LARE is a requirement in all fifty states.

If you would like to apply for licensure in another state without a CLARB Council Record:

- We recommend finding the state's licensure requirements and the licensure board's contact information via the Licensure Board Information & Requirements Map on the CLARB website: <https://www.clarb.org/apply-for-licensure/view-licensure-requirements>.
- We recommend contacting the respective professional licensing agency or board to verify the application process requirements and steps.
- You will need to compile and submit your education, experience, examination, and licensure history as required by the state.
- Again, if you passed the LARE after 2000 – then CLARB can help provide your examination records.
- If you passed the LARE before 2000 – then you may need to receive your test records from the Department. This adds another step and more time to the licensure application process.

Whether you are CLARB Certified or not, CLARB has also kindly offered to help current Illinois license holders navigate the application process in other states. If you have any questions or

would like assistance – please contact Rebecca Moden at rmoden@Clarb.org or dial 703-949-9465.

FYI - if you are looking to apply to Colorado, Ohio, Indiana, or Minnesota, being CLARB Certified will help expedite the licensure application process.

To reiterate a couple of points from the 12/19 update to membership –

Please note that the expiration of the Title Act will not prohibit licensed landscape architects from continuing to practice landscape architecture. What will, however, expire with the Title Act is the aspect of title protection as well as use of your license number (at least temporarily until the reinstatement of an Illinois Title Act). If you desire and/or need to maintain a license and/or license number for any reason, then you may want to consider application for licensure in another state.

Otherwise we will continue to keep you updated on this effort to reinstate a Title Act in the spring legislative session and informed of our ongoing coordination with IDFPR. The reinstatement of a Title Act is our first and foremost priority. As this process unfolds, we ask that you continue to remain alert and attentive. Watch for additional Advocacy updates and take action as soon it is requested. Participation in the advocate network takes less than 2 minutes and will be critical in ensuring our profession is kept in front of our State Legislators. Once the bill is drafted and assigned a number, we will send a notice requesting you contact your legislators and urge their support of the bill and the reinstatement of a Landscape Architecture Title Act.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns – please contact Advocacy Chair Mark Jirik at mark.jirik@site.design.com.

Thanks again for your continued assistance and support.

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