

The Manitoba Association of Landscape Architects
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MALA INFORMATION
THE LARE EXAMINATION REQUIREMENT

GENERAL INFORMATION

Effective May 1, 2005, MALA instituted the passing of *Section A – Project and Construction Administration* - of the Landscape Architect Registration Examination (LARE) as a condition for full membership. Associate members registered as such prior to May 1, 2005 were eligible for full membership under the former requirements until May 1, 2009.

This document is designed to clarify the procedures for MALA candidates to register for any of the five test sections of the LARE. Sections A, B and D are multiple-choice sections that are administered on computer. Sections C and E consist of 11-17 vignette problems that require a drafted solution.

The LARE is prepared and scored by the Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards (CLARB); however, it is administered by CLARB's member boards. These member boards agree to standards and procedures established by CLARB for administering the exam. As MALA is not a member board of CLARB, The British Columbia Society of Landscape Architects (BCSLA) and the Ontario Association of Landscape Architects (OALA) have agreed to administer the LARE on MALA's behalf. **Only Section A may be written in Winnipeg at:**

Thomson Prometric Test Center
200 Meadowood Drive, Unit 17
Winnipeg, MB R2M 5G3
Tel: 204.988.5056

CLARB

For information about the exam (including requirements to take the test, the application process and the scoring process) please visit the CLARB website at www.CLARB.org. CLARB staff is also available to answer questions via email at exams@clarb.org or by phone at 703.319.8380. Candidates must register with CLARB directly and all fees associated with exam registration are the responsibility of the candidate.

Information regarding exam schedules, deadlines and fees are described at:
http://www.clarb.org/pages/Exams_RegMC.asp.

The registration process for the multiple choice sections of the LARE are described at:
http://www.clarb.org/pages/Exams_RegMC.asp?target=cs.

A study list recommended by CLARB for the various LARE exams may be viewed at:
http://www.clarb.org/Pages/Exams_Prep.asp?target=pcc.

A *Pre-Exam Orientation Information Booklet* may be viewed at:
http://www.clarb.org/Pages/Exams_Prep.asp?target=fo

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BCSLA

Candidates who choose to have their exam(s) administered through the British Columbia Society of Landscape Architects are currently required to join BCSLA as Associate members. In return, BCSLA provides valuable support to prepare candidates for writing sections of the LARE. Please contact BCSLA's Executive Administrator, Tara Culham, at 604.682.5610 or email admin@bcsla.org for further information.

OALA

Candidates who choose to have their exam(s) administered through the Ontario Association of Landscape Architects are not required to join OALA. There is no charge to proctor and administer the multiple-choice sections of the LARE, however, an administration fee of \$100 will be charged to proctor and administer each vignette section of the LARE. OALA's Registrar, Karen Savoie, provides the following information for MALA candidates writing sections of the LARE

For the multiple choice sections (only Section A is required by MALA):

- Candidates should register directly with CLARB via the CLARB website and should register **without a CLARB record.**
- Choose a testing centre from the available list (**only Section A may be written in Winnipeg**)
- Where the candidate is asked for a member board, indicate ONTARIO.
- Candidates need to advise Karen Savoie (karen.savoie@bellnet.ca) when they have registered for examinations with CLARB.
- Candidates will be able to download their scores from CLARB's website.
- OALA will receive the candidates' official scores and will send the results to MALA upon request.

For the vignette sections (not required by MALA):

- Candidates should advise OALA that they want to write the sections (offered in early June and December each year) at least 10 weeks ahead of the exam dates so that appropriate registration information can be mailed out in advance
- OALA proctors the vignette sections in both Toronto and Ottawa
- Candidates will be able to download their scores from CLARB's website.
- OALA will receive the candidates' official scores and will send the results to MALA upon request.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Various resources (including sample exams and study guides) have been donated to the University of Manitoba *Architecture/Fine Arts Library*. Please see the attached appendix for a complete listing of titles available from the U of M Library and other sites.
- On a one-time basis only, MALA Associates may be reimbursed for a U of M Library Membership Card (please submit a receipt to the MALA office).
- Those interested in participating in a study group to assist candidates in preparing to write Section A of the LARE may contact the MALA office at 204.663.4863 or email malaoffice@shaw.ca.