

The Manitoba Association of Landscape Architects
a component organization of the Canadian Society of Landscape Architects

MALA POLICY
ACTIVE OUT-OF-COUNTRY MEMBERS

In order to promote and accommodate reciprocity among member organizations of IFLA (International Federation of Landscape Architects) the Manitoba Association of Landscape Architects has developed a special category for *Active Out-of-Country Members*.

An *Active Out-of-Country Member* is an individual who has his/her place of residence and office outside of Canada, is an accredited Member of an organization or institute, similarly constituted to MALA and remits dues through that organization, but also intends to carry out landscape architectural work in Manitoba.

A *Similarly Constituted Organization* is a component organization within the CSLA, ASLA or from abroad, whether governmentally regulated or non-regulated, in which the education, examination and experience requirements are considered equivalent or exceed those that are currently applied in MALA and in accordance with Article 6 of the MALA By-Laws.

The *Examination Requirements* Encompass the currently adopted exams required to become a member of MALA. As of the time of this Policy update, this includes the LARE, sections 1 through 4 and in accordance with Article 6 of the MALA By-Laws.

An *Experienced Practitioner* refers to an individual who has been a Full Member in good standing in an IFLA organization or another Component Association of the CSLA, for a period of not less than eight successive (8) years, and who has maintained full employment in the profession of landscape architecture for a period of not less than 10 years. (This includes a pre-membership professional work requirement of not less than two years, and a full membership work requirement of not less than eight years.)

Evaluation of equivalency of professional degree in Landscape Architecture will proceed as outlined in the ***MALA Policy – Academic Credential Evaluation Requirements*** [Academic Credential Evaluation](#).

Evaluation of English language abilities will proceed as outlined in the ***MALA Policy – English Language Evaluation Requirements*** [English Language Evaluation](#).

Evaluation of qualifications and competency will proceed as outlined in the ***MALA Policy – General Qualifications Interview for Out-of-Province or Out-of-Country Applicants*** [General Qualifications Interview](#). In-person interviews are conducted at the discretion of the MALA Examining Board.

To meet MALA's requirement for Active Out-Of-Country Membership, applicants must first meet at least one of the following categories.

1. Be considered an Experienced Professional as defined in this policy.
2. Have obtained Full* Membership in a Similarly Constituted Organization.
3. Have exceeded or attained the equivalent experience within another component organization under the categories of education, examination and experience that are currently required for MALA Membership.

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In addition, it is the authority of MALA Council to impose a requirement for an interview for any applicant if in their sole discretion, they feel it necessary to help with assessment.

It is also to the authority of MALA Council to compose or implement any such test that in their sole discretion will help assess the specific local knowledge that is required to effectively practice landscape Architecture in Manitoba.

Under the above Category 1, satisfactory proof of experience and confirmation of Membership over that period is required. When experience length is combined among multiple components, the years must be calculated consecutively and not concurrently. *MALA recognizes that various components have unique membership categories. For the purpose of this policy, Full Membership will be considered with seal.

Under the above Category 2, applicants for this form of membership will arrange for the local organization to submit an official letter confirming full membership in good standing in lieu of obtaining signatures of endorsement on the application. Thereafter, the MALA office will contact the component association on an annual basis to confirm that the *Active Out-of-Country Member's* full membership status remains current.

Under the above Category 3, satisfactory proof of education, examination, and experience will be required as part of the application process. If this applicant does not reside in Manitoba and holds no previous Membership in their home component or other component, then the CSLA portion of their dues must be remitted to MALA.

Active Out-of-Country Members are assessed full membership dues. A CSLA portion will be paid through whichever association is considered their home Canadian component.

Active Out-of-Country Members have the same privileges of a Member, as described in the By-laws.

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