

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

**MALA INFORMATION**  
**THE L.A.R.E. EXAMINATION REQUIREMENT**

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

Effective June 1, 2015, MALA instituted the passing of all four (4) sections of the Landscape Architect Registration Examination (L.A.R.E.) as a condition for full membership.

The L.A.R.E. is a four-part full computerized examination designed to determine whether applicants for landscape architectural licensure possess sufficient knowledge, skills and abilities to provide services without endangering the health, safety and welfare of the public. It is prepared and scored by the Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards (CLARB) in accordance with all current standards for fairness and quality of licensure exams.

The L.A.R.E. is made up of the following sections:

Inventory, Analysis, and Project Management  
Planning & Design  
Construction Documentation and Administration  
Grading, Drainage, and Stormwater Management

This document is designed to clarify the procedures for MALA candidates to register for any of the four test sections of the L.A.R.E.

As of October 1, 2021, MALA has officially become a member board of CLARB. All candidates who wish to register with CLARB to write their L.A.R.E. registration exams may sign up with CLARB and select Manitoba as their licensure board during the registration process.

CLARB partners with PSI to administer the L.A.R.E. After registering for the L.A.R.E., CLARB sends an email with instructions about how to select a test centre and schedule the exam appointment. The entire L.A.R.E. is available both in test centres and through online proctoring during the administration periods. At this point in time, PSI has one location in Winnipeg to write the exams, located at:

- Manitoba Institute of Trades and Technology, 130 Henlow Bay, Winnipeg, MB

If you intend to write the L.A.R.E., please contact CLARB by calling 571.432.0332 or by visiting [www.clarb.org](http://www.clarb.org).

**Candidates must register with CLARB directly and all fees associated with exam registration and maintenance of the CLARB Council Record Book are the responsibility of the candidate.**

To keep completely up to date with the most current information, please visit the CLARB website on an ongoing basis.

Reference: L.A.R.E. Orientation Understanding the Landscape Architect Registration Examination 2023

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Information that has recently been updated on the CLARB website:

- [Take the Exam](#) - provides details about eligibility, dates/deadlines/fees, registration, the Exam Orientation Guide, preparing for the exam, and viewing exam results and pass rates.
- [Apply for Licensure](#) - provides details about licensure requirements, applying for licensure by means of the Council Record, contacting your Licensure Board, and checking the status of your Council Record.
- [Manage Your Career](#) - provides details about advancing your career with CLARB certification, accessing your Council Record, managing your career with the help of a Council Record, tracking continuing education, finding landscape architecture CES-approved continuing education, and connecting with allied organizations.
- [Learn About Licensure](#) - provides details about why licensure is important, how to become licensed, connecting with CLARB, and learning about landscape architecture.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Various resources and study guides have been donated to the University of Manitoba *Architecture/Fine Arts Library* as well as the Millennium Library located in Downtown Winnipeg. 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 Interns who are not currently entitled to a complimentary University of Manitoba Library Membership Card may be reimbursed for the cost of acquiring one by submitting a receipt to the MALA office.
- Those interested in participating in a study group to assist candidates in preparing to write sections of the L.A.R.E. may contact the MALA office at 204.663.4863 or email [mala@mala.net](mailto:mala@mala.net).

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