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RULE ADOPTIONS

LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF ARCHITECTS

Adopted Amendments: N.J.A.C. 13:27-4.1, 4.2, 8.5, and 9.4

Adopted New Rules: N.J.A.C. 13:27-4.4, 8.5A, and 9.4A

Credit Towards Licensure or Certification for Education, Training, or Experience Received While Serving as a Member of the Armed Forces

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Adopted: February 12, 2015, by the New Jersey State Board of Architects, Nicholas J. Netta, President.

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Authority: N.J.S.A. 45:1-15, 45:3-3, and 45:3-5; and P.L. 2013, c. 49.

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Summary of Public Comment and Agency Response:

The official comment period ended December 19, 2014. In order to ensure compliance with P.L. 2013, c. 259, the comment period was extended through January 4, 2015. **The Board received no comments.**

Federal Standards Statement

A Federal standards analysis is not required because the adopted amendments and new rules are governed by P.L. 2013, c. 49 and N.J.S.A. 45:3-5, and are not subject to any Federal standards or requirements.

Full text of the adopted new rules and amendments follows:

SUBCHAPTER 4. LICENSING REQUIREMENTS; BIENNIAL RENEWAL; CERTIFICATES OF AUTHORIZATION

13:27-4.1 Requirements for admission to examination; applicants seeking credit for military education, training, or experience

(a)-(b) (No change.)

(c) If the applicant is seeking credit for military education, training, or experience, the applicant shall follow the procedures set forth at N.J.A.C. 13:27-4.4.

13:27-4.2 Applicant with a degree from a college, university, or military education or training course not accredited by NAAB

(a) (No change.)

(b) If the applicant is seeking credit for education obtained in the military that is not accredited by NAAB, the applicant shall follow the procedures set forth at N.J.A.C. 13:27-4.4.

13:27-4.4 Credit towards licensure for education, training, and experience received while serving as a member of the Armed Forces

(a) An applicant who has served in the Armed Forces of the United States (Armed Forces) may apply to the Board for recognition of the applicant's training, education, or experience received while serving as a member of the Armed Forces, which the Board shall consider, together with any training, education, and experience obtained outside of the Armed Forces, for determining substantial equivalence to the training, education, and experience required for licensure.

(b) The Board shall issue a license to the applicant, if the applicant presents evidence to the Board that:

1. The applicant has been honorably discharged from active military service;

2. The relevant training, experience, and education the applicant received in the military, together with any training, education, and experience obtained outside of the Armed Forces is substantially equivalent in scope and character to the training, experience, and education required for licensure under this subchapter.

i. An applicant seeking credit for military training and experience shall submit to the Board and to the National Council of Architect Registration Boards (NCARB) the applicant's Verification of Military Experience and Training (VMET) Document, DD Form 2586 or a successor form, as amended and supplemented.

ii. An applicant seeking credit for education courses and/or training completed while in the military, who does not hold a degree from an NAAB-accredited architecture program shall submit to Education Credential Evaluators, Inc., or other evaluation services recognized and approved by the Board, a Joint Services Transcript of his or her education/training for certification that the education courses and/or training completed is substantially equivalent in level, scope, and intent to an NAAB-accredited program. For the purpose of determining substantial equivalence of the applicant's military education and/or training, the Board shall consider only those education courses and/or training relevant to the practice of architecture that have been evaluated by the American Council on Education for substantial equivalence to civilian postsecondary curricula; and

3. The applicant complies with all other requirements for licensure under this subchapter, including, but not limited to, successful completion of all divisions of the Architect Registration Examination as set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:27-4.3.

(c) It is the applicant's responsibility to provide complete evidence of the education, training, and experience gained in the military for review and consideration in accordance with the requirements of this subchapter.

(d) If the applicant's military training, education, or experience, or a portion thereof, is deemed not to be substantially equivalent to that required for licensure, the Board shall credit whatever portion of the military training, education, or experience that is substantially equivalent towards meeting the requirements under this subchapter for the issuance of the license.

(e) Satisfactory evidence of such education, training, or experience shall be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

SUBCHAPTER 8. LICENSED LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

13:27-8.5 Application for initial licensure; applicants seeking credit for military education, training, or experience

(a) (No change.)

(b) If the applicant is seeking credit for military education, training, or experience, the applicant shall follow the procedure set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:27-8.5A.

13:27-8.5A Credit towards licensure for education, training, and experience received while serving as a member of the Armed Forces

(a) An applicant who has served in the Armed Forces of the United States (Armed Forces) may apply to the Board for recognition of the applicant's training, education, or experience received while serving as a member of the Armed Forces, which the Board shall consider, together with any training, education, and experience obtained outside of the Armed Forces, for determining substantial equivalence to the training, education, and experience required for licensure.

(b) The Board shall issue a license to the applicant if the applicant presents evidence to the Board that:

1. The applicant has been honorably discharged from active military service;

2. The relevant training, experience, and education the applicant received in the military, together with any training, education, and experience obtained outside of the Armed Forces is substantially equivalent in scope and character to the training, experience, and education required for licensure under this subchapter.

i. An applicant seeking credit for military training and experience shall submit to the Board the applicant's Verification of Military Experience and Training (VMET) Document, DD Form

2586 or a successor form, as amended and supplemented. If the applicant has opened a Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards (CLARB) record, the applicant may submit his or her DD Form 2586 or a successor form, as [page=799] amended and supplemented, to CLARB instead of the Board for an evaluation of his or her military experience and training.

ii. An applicant seeking credit for education or training courses completed while in the military shall submit to Education Credential Evaluators, Inc., or other evaluation services recognized by the Board, a Joint Military Transcript of the education and training completed by the applicant while in the military, for certification that this education or training is substantially equivalent in level, scope, and intent to courses that are part of a Landscape Architectural Accreditation Board accredited program. For the purpose of determining substantial equivalence of the applicant's military education or training, the Board shall consider only those education or training courses relevant to the practice of landscape architecture that have been evaluated by the American Council on Education for substantial equivalence to civilian postsecondary curricula; and

3. The applicant complies with all other requirements for licensure under this subchapter, including but not limited to, successful completion of the Landscape Architect Registration Examination as set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:27-8.5.

(c) It is the applicant's responsibility to provide complete evidence of the education, training, and experience gained in the military for review and consideration in accordance with the requirements of this subchapter.

(d) If the applicant's military training, education, or experience, or a portion thereof, is deemed not to be substantially equivalent to that required for licensure, the Board shall credit whatever portion of the military training, education, or experience that is substantially equivalent towards meeting the requirements under this subchapter for the issuance of the license.

(e) Satisfactory evidence of such education, training, or experience shall be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

SUBCHAPTER 9. INTERIOR DESIGN EXAMINATION AND EVALUATION COMMITTEE; CERTIFICATION OF INTERIOR DESIGNERS; CERTIFIED INTERIOR DESIGNER STANDARDS OF PRACTICE

13:27-9.4 Application for initial certification by examination; applicants seeking credit for military education, training, or experience

(a)-(e) (No change.)

(f) If the applicant is seeking credit for military education, training, or experience, the applicant shall follow the procedures set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:27-9.4A.

Recodify existing (f)-(h) as (g)-(i) (No change in text.)

13:27-9.4A Credit towards certification for education, training, and experience received

while serving as a member of the Armed Forces

(a) An applicant who has served in the Armed Forces of the United States (Armed Forces) may apply to the Committee for recognition of the applicant's training, education, or experience received while serving as a member of the Armed Forces, which the Committee and the Board shall consider, together with any training, education, and experience obtained outside of the Armed Forces, for determining substantial equivalence to the training, education, and experience required for certification.

(b) The Board shall issue a certificate to the applicant, if the applicant presents evidence to the Committee that:

1. The applicant has been honorably discharged from active military service;

2. The relevant training, experience, and education the applicant received in the military, together with any training, education, and experience obtained outside of the Armed Forces is substantially equivalent in scope and character to the training, experience, and education required for certification under this subchapter.

i. An applicant seeking credit for military training and experience shall submit to the Committee the applicant's Verification of Military Experience and Training (VMET) Document, DD Form 2586 or a successor form, as amended and supplemented.

ii. An applicant seeking credit for education or training courses completed while in the military that are not part of a design program accredited by the Council for Interior Design (CIDA) accreditation shall submit to the Committee, a Joint Services Transcript of his or her education or training for a determination that the education or training program completed is substantially equivalent in level, scope, and intent to a CIDA-accredited program as required for certification under N.J.A.C. 13:27-9.4(a)5. For the purpose of determining substantial equivalence of the applicant's military education or training, the Committee shall consider only those courses relevant to the practice of interior design that have been evaluated by the American Council on Education for substantial equivalence to civilian postsecondary curricula; and

3. The applicant complies with all other requirements for certification under this subchapter, including, but not limited to, successful completion of the National Council on Interior Design Qualification examination as set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:27-9.4.

(c) It is the applicant's responsibility to provide complete evidence of the education, training, and experience gained in the military for review and consideration in accordance with the requirements of this subchapter.

(d) If the applicant's military training, education, or experience, or a portion thereof, is deemed not to be substantially equivalent to that required for certification, the Board shall credit whatever portion of the military training, education, or experience that is substantially equivalent towards meeting the requirements under this subchapter for the issuance of the certification.

(e) Satisfactory evidence of such education, training, or experience shall be assessed on a case-by-case basis.