

Requirements for Landscape Architect Contracts

New Requirements for Landscape Architect Contracts and New Penalties for Unlicensed Practice

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Business and Professions Code §5616 now identifies the requirements for a landscape architecture services agreement. The contract must be:

- 1) written;
- 2) be executed before work starts;
- 3) include a description of services to be provided and method of payment;
- 4) a statement regarding licensure in California; and
- 5) statements regarding the scope of services and termination rights.

Business and Professions Code §5640 now identifies the penalties imposed on persons who

- 1) practice landscape architecture without a license;
- 2) use the terms “landscape architect,” “landscape architecture,” “landscape architectural” or any other term that implies the possession of a landscape architect license;
- 3) use a stamp of a landscape architect; or
- 4) advertise as a licensed landscape architect.

AB 937, amending and adding Business and Profession Code §§5616 and 5640

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