



Landscape Horticulturist License

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Certifying Organization	LA Department of Agriculture & Forestry (LDAF) http://www.ldaf.state.la.us/					
Description of Credential	<p>This credential authorizes the holder to recommend and carry out interior and exterior plant beautification. A person cannot draw a landscape design for a fee, but may prepare drawings to indicate the placement of nursery stock. Horticulturist must have licensee's name, the words "Landscape Horticulturist", and the license number on all drawings.</p> <p>The LDAF Horticulture and Nursery Licenses and Permits document provides information on the various licenses and permits.</p> <p>Note: LDAF does not regulate yard work (cutting lawns, edging and hand-weeding beds).</p>					
Part of which Graduation Pathways ¹	<u>Integrated:</u> Agriculture Tech <u>ACT 833-Eligible Students:</u> Agriculture Tech					
Associated with Which Careers?	<p><u>2 Star:</u> Construction Laborer; Farmworker; AgriScience Teacher; Farmworker; Crop, Nursery, and Greenhouse Laborer</p> <p><u>Also:</u> Interior and exterior plant/landscape planting, sales of nursery plants and supplies, lawn and bed preparation, plant and sod installation.</p>					
Entry-Level Annual Salaries	\$16,350 - \$26,460					
Industry-Based Certification Requirements: Students						
Standard / Curriculum	Information is available when reference materials are purchased. For the LDAF exam reference materials order form, click here .					
Testing Methodology	Paper?	Yes	Online?	No	Performance Exams / Tests?	Yes
Re-Testing (if available)	Re-Testing Procedures	There is a 14 day waiting period to retake the test; the \$50 \$114 fee is required each time.			Max Attempts	No limit
Testing Details (including any age requirements / accommodations)	<p>Students must be 17 years or older to take the exam.</p> <p>An application for the exam must be completed with the fee (see cost below). The written exam is by appointment only. Click here for the exam application.</p> <p>The test consists of true/false, multiple-choice and fill-in-the-blank items. The passing score for the exam is 70%. Plant identification is also a part of the test.</p>					
Industry-Based Certification Requirements: Teachers						
<i>Bulletin 746, Chapter 5: All Louisiana teachers providing instruction in a course that leads to an IBC must hold the certification that they're teaching students to attain.</i>						
Instructor Certification Requirements (by certifying agency)	There is no instructor training program. This program is self-study.					
Proctoring / Test Security (if any)	None					



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Certification Tracking					
Credentialing Documentation	After taking the test, a letter with the grade earned on the exam is mailed with an application to purchase a license (see cost details below). Student must be 18 to be issued a license and thus, operate a business.				
Certification Tracking System	Online Tracking System?	Yes	Details	For the current list of licensed horticulturists see: http://www.ldaf.state.la.us/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/Landscape-Horticulturist.pdf	
Other Details	Expiration Timeframe?	Certification renews every February 1 st . In December, a renewal application is mailed out for applicant to complete and pay \$75 \$100 annual fee.			
Certification Costs / Funding Sources					
Cost Details	The exam fee is \$50.00 \$114.00; the license fee is \$75 \$100. The reference materials for the landscape horticulturist exam costs \$60.00 plus \$7.00 postage and handling for each manual ordered.				
Re-test / Refund Policies	There is no refund policy.				
Funding Sources ²	CDF?	No	Perkins?	Yes	Alternative Source (other than General Funds)
For More Information					
Certifying Agency Contact Info	Louisiana Department of Agriculture & Forestry http://www.ldaf.state.la.us/ 5825 Florida Blvd. Suite 3002 Baton Rouge, LA 70806 (225) 952-8100				
LDE Contact	JumpStart@La.Gov				
Jump Start Regional Team Experts	TBD				

1 – This table may not include all the graduation pathways this credential appears in. Please check the [graduation pathway](#) you are working with if you have a question as to whether or not this credential is part of that pathway²

2 – CDF = [Career Development Fund](#)