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AL P	Yes	16 PDH ¹	16 ² PDH	Yes	1/1		None	No need to complete state form if meeting comparable requirements in another state.	
AK P	Yes	24 PDH/ 2 years	12 PDH	Yes	12/31 (odd years)	5%	Instructions for meeting CE requirements and the reporting form	CE credits obtained for CE requirements in other states will be accepted if they meet state standards	Must have direct relationship to LA & provide for protection of PHSW
AZ P	No ³								
AR P	Yes	12 CEH ⁴	3.5 CEU	Yes	1/31	Reviews each report with power to audit	None	Law/regulations do not address reciprocity	All must have structured educational activity in HSW subjects
CA P	No								
CO P	No								
CT P	Yes	24 CH ⁵ / 2 years	None	Yes	7/31 (even years)		None	CE credits obtained for other states if meet state standards	
DE P	Yes	20/2 years	None		1/31 (odd years)	Random – percentage not specified	Application for pre-approval of self-directed CE	Law/regulations do not address reciprocity	Must have direct relationship to LA & contain elements to provide for protection of PHSW
DC No law									

* All Practice Acts have provisions restricting the use of the title “landscape architect” to licensed individuals.

** ‘Yes’ indicates that there are specific requirements in effect. Those with authority to establish CE requirements are referenced as such.

*** There may be other requirements that must also followed to ensure courses are acceptable, such as specific course subject limitations or requirements.

¹ PDH – Professional Development Hour (50 minutes of instruction)

² Must be earned between 10/15 and 12/31 to carry over

³ AZ Board of Technical Registration statutes empower the board to require evidence it deems necessary to establish the continuing competency of licensees as a condition for renewal. It has not yet established CE requirements.

⁴ CEH – Continuing Education Hour (50 minutes of instruction)

⁵ CH – Contact Hour (50 minutes of instruction)

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FL P	Yes	16/ 2 years	None	No	11/30 (odd years), must report by 9/1	Not specified	Extensive information , including CE Providers List (includes approved courses), CE Course Approval Application, CE Provider Approval Application Summary of core course requirement on FBC	Law/regulations do not address reciprocity	All courses must be pre- approved by the state board. Must include 2 hr course on the Florida Building Code; 2 hr course on FL laws affecting practice
GA P	Yes	12 CH/2 years	Not specified		12/31 (even years)	Not specified	None	Law/regulations do not address reciprocity	No subject matter specified
HI P	No								
ID P	No ⁶								
IL T	Yes ⁷	24 CEH/ 2 years		Yes	8/31 (odd)	Random – percentage not specified	CE Summary	CE hours used to satisfy the CE for another jurisdiction may be applied to fulfil requirements if they meet IL requirements.	Licensees are encouraged to emphasize HSW subjects.
IN P	Yes	24 CH/2 years	None	Yes	12/1 (odd)	1-10%	None	Allows board to accept credit through courses accepted for CE in other states.	At least 16 CH related to PHSW issues
IA P	Yes	24 CH/2 years	None	Yes	6/30 (can be either odd or even years)	Not specified	None	Deems compliance if the licensee resides in another state having CE requirements and meets those requirements	All CH must be in PHSW subjects

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⁷ Effective for renewal period ending 8/31/2015.

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KS P	Yes	30 PDH/ 2 years	30 PDH	Yes	12/31 (last name A-L=even; last name M-Z=odd years)		Substantial information , including FAQ, a computation of credit table, forms , documentation guidelines and the schedule for reporting CE	Deems compliance if the licensee resides and is licensed in another state having CE requirements and meets those requirements	
KY P	Yes	15 CLH ⁸	15 CLH (no tours)	Yes	6/30	5-15%	Reporting forms ; course approval forms; list of approved courses	Deems compliance if the licensee is registered in another state and has met the equal or more stringent standards	No subject matter specified
LA P	Yes	8 CH ⁹	4 CH	Yes	1/31	Random or cross-section No % specified	Certification form	Law/regulations do not address reciprocity	All credits must be related to PHSW
ME T	No								
MD P	Yes ¹⁰	24 PDH/ 2 years	12 PDH	Yes	10/1	Random- percentage not specified		Deems compliance if the licensee resides and is licensed in another state having CE requirements and meets those requirements	16 PDH must be in PHSW subjects. 1 PDH must relate to ethics.
MA T	No								
MI P	No ¹¹								

⁸ CLH – Clock Hour (50 minutes of instruction)

⁹ CH – Credit Hour (50 minutes of instruction)

¹⁰ Effective for 2015-2016 renewals. Requires licensees to complete 12 PDH if renewing between October 1, 2015 and September 30, 2016 and to complete the full 24 PDH if renewing on or after October 1, 2016.

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MN P	Yes	24 PDH/ 2 years	12 PDH		6/30 (even)	Not specified	Substantial summary of provisions, CE Assessment Form to help determine the programs that will satisfy the law, a checklist, and a form to request exemption from CE	Deems compliance if the licensee is licensed in another state and has met requirements found acceptable by the board; licensee is still bound by record keeping requirements.	All PDH must directly benefit the PHSW. 2 PDH must be related to professional ethics.
MS P	Yes	24 CEU/ 2 years	6 CEU	Yes	12/31 (odd years)	Reviews each report with power to audit as necessary	None	Law/regulations do not address reciprocity	All CEU must be in the study of PHSW issues
MO P	Yes	24 CEU/ 2 years	12 CEU	Yes	12/31	Random – percentage not specified	Fact sheet Reporting form	Deems compliance if the licensee has active license in another jurisdiction with substantially equivalent requirements	16 CEU must be in the study of PHSW issues
MT P	No ¹²								
NE P	Yes	15 CH		Yes	12/31		Resource list of CE offerings	Law/regulations do not address reciprocity	No subject matter specified
NV P	No ¹³								
NH P	Yes	30/ 2 years	15	Yes	Birth date	5%	None	Laws/regulations do not address reciprocity	No subject matter specified

¹² General licensing statute authorizes the board to require licensees to participate in flexible, cost-efficient, effective and geographically accessible continuing education. The board has not yet established any requirements.

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NJ P	Yes	24/ 2 years	None		5/30 (even years)		None	Licenses must submit proof that primary practice is in other state with CE, that the other state requires review & approval of CE substantially equal to the requirements imposed by NJ, and demonstrate completion of CE requirements in that state	Indicates that "suitable" programs include only subjects tested by the LARE
NM P	Yes	30 CH/ 2 years	None	Yes	7/1 (odd years)		None	Law/regulations do not address reciprocity	No HSW requirement. Hours must be relevant to the design professions that are recognized as landscape architects, engineers, and architects. Allows for business & self-improvement subjects.
NY P	Yes	36/ 3 years	None	Yes			Substantial details regarding the requirements, including a list of approved providers and subject matter permitted under HSW	Laws/regulations do not address reciprocity	24 hours must be in areas of PHSW as defined
NC P	Yes	10 CH	Not specified	No	6/30	Random	Substantial details , including CE course schedule and CE activity approval form, CE guidelines and definitions	Law/regulations do not address reciprocity	Must have elements that will enhance the PHSW, using the statutory definition of landscape architecture
ND P	No								

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OH P	Yes	24 CH/ 2 years		Yes	10/31 (odd)	Not specified	Substantial information , including Q&A, CE log form; CE provider guidelines; application for exemption	Licenses are exempt if licensed in another jurisdiction with CE and has met those requirements. Only applies if that jurisdiction provides reciprocity for OH licensees. Licensee may submit evidence of completion of CE in another jurisdiction in subject matter required by Ohio. The licensee will receive 1 CH of credit for each hour reported to another jurisdiction.	16 hours must relate to PHSW, as defined.
OK P	Yes	24 CEU ¹⁴ / 2 years	4 CEU	Yes	6/30 (can be either odd or even years)		Licenses can file CEU info online with renewal application.	Licenses by reciprocity are exempt from CE if the licensee's resident state's CE requirements are equal to, or exceed, the OK law. Licensee must certify that the OK standards have been met & provide substantiation when audited.	All CEU must related to PHSW
OR P	Yes	12 PDH	12 PDH	Yes		5%	CE Log form	Law/regulations do not address reciprocity	At least 9 PDH must address PHSW issues (defined as relating to LARE subjects)

¹⁴ CEU – Continuing Education Unit (one contact hour or 50 minutes of instruction)

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PA P	Yes	24 ¹⁵ CLH/ 2 years		Yes	5/31 (odd years)	Random Not specified	Forms are available for provider application for CE course approval, and licensee application for approval of CE course	Law/regulations do not address reciprocity	
RI P	No ¹⁶								
SC P	Yes	20 CE hours/ 2 years	10 CE hours	Yes	1/31 (odd)		None	Law/regulations do not address reciprocity	15 CE hours must directly address PHSW as defined
SD P	Yes	30 PDH/ 2 years	15 PDH		No standard expiration/renewal date for licenses	Random Not Specified	Includes detailed information regarding CE criteria, PDH log	Must be licensed in state of residence that has CE and must have met the requirements of that state w/in 13 months immediately preceding renewal in SD	No subject matter specified
TN P	Yes	24 PDH/ 2 years	12 PDH	Yes	12/31 (can be either odd or even years)	5%	Includes detailed information regarding CE requirements, plus the form for the summary log of PDH earned that is required upon audit; providers that are typically accepted, board policy on CE delineates acceptable subject matter for CE	Deems compliance if the licensee has active license in another jurisdiction that requires CE and the licensee has met those requirements	A majority of PDHs should address PHSW issues and technical competency

¹⁵ The requirement was increased to 24 clock hours/biennium, effective for the period of June 1, 2013-May 31, 2015 period (due upon renewal June 1, 2015).

¹⁶ Licensing statute authorizes the board to promulgate rules for CE requirements, but the board has not yet established any requirements.

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TX P	Yes	12 CEPH ¹⁷	12 CEPH	Yes	CE period is for calendar year preceding annual renewal		Includes detailed information regarding CE, plus a list of potential CE resources (links to ASLA & TXASLA are included), and the form for the CEPH log	Deems compliance if the licensee has active license in another jurisdiction with substantially equivalent requirements	All CEPH must include the study of relevant technical & professional subjects pertinent to PHSW. 1 CEPH must be related to barrier-free design; 1 CEPH must be related to sustainable or energy-efficient design.
UT P	Yes	16 CH/ 2 years	8 CH	Yes	5/31 (even)		FAQs	Law/regulations do not address reciprocity	All CH must be related to topics involving the HSW and the ethical standards of landscape architectural practice
VT P	No								
VA P	Yes	16 CECH ¹⁸ / 2 years	None	Yes	July 1		None	Law/regulations do not address reciprocity	Does not require link to HSW
WA P	Yes	24 PDH/ 2 years	12 PDH	Yes	Birthdate	5-15%	Detailed information , including a worksheet to track activities	Law/regulations do not address reciprocity	18 PDH must address PHSW issues
WV P	Yes	8 PDH	8 PDH	Yes	6/30	10%	None	Law/regulations do not address reciprocity	6 PDHs must directly address PHSW issues
WI P	Yes	24 CEH/ 2 years	None	Yes	8/1 (even)	Random	None	Deems compliance for CE obtained in another jurisdiction if substantially equivalent	16 CEH must relate to PHSW as defined.

¹⁷ CEPH = Continuing Education Program Hours (50 minutes of course time)

¹⁸ CECH = Continuing Education Credit Hour (50 minutes of instruction)

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WY P	Yes	24 PDU/ 2 years		Yes	12/31 (can be odd/ even years)		None	Deems compliance if the licensee has active license in another jurisdiction with substantially equivalent requirements	All PDU must be in PHSW subjects
Total¹⁹	37 states require CE	Average = 11.73 hours/year		30 states plus British Columbia accept LA CES courses				19 states specify reciprocity procedures	25 states tie at least part of CE requirements to PHSW issues. 5 states require courses in special subject matter (e.g., ethics).

¹⁹ Totals do not include states that have not finalized regulations implementing continuing education requirements.