



IDAHO DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSES

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DATE: August 8, 2022
TO: Board Members, Licensees, & Stakeholders
FROM: Russ Barron, Division Administrator
RE: 2022 Legislative Session Senate Bill 1232 – Board of Architects and Landscape Architects

The legislation proposed during the 2022 Legislative Session on Senate Bill 1232 to combine the Board of Architectural Examiners and Board of Landscape Architects passed and became effective July 1, 2022.

The new law creates the new licensing board of Architects and Landscape Architects by combining the two previous boards into a single board within the Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses. The new board “Board of Architects and Landscape Architects” will regulate architects, architect interns, landscape architects, and landscape architects in training.

The new law intends to provide the following benefits to all licensees and stakeholders:

- Creates a new seven-board member approach that is consistent with past board consolidation efforts from the Idaho legislature with other licensing design profession boards
- Aligns Idaho’s approach of licensure for the two professions with 25 other states in an effort to create a consistent pathway for interstate licensure
- Decreases expenses with fewer total board meetings and fewer board members
- Creates more stable funding for the future when working on litigation issues or determining professional licensing fees
- Facilitates more efficient licensing and board oversight

The board merger does not affect the licensing status of current or future licensees, license renewal dates, or license application approval processes. The Division is currently making the necessary changes on all license applications, correspondence, and updating each board’s webpage to reflect the new board’s information.

The new Board of Architects and Landscape Architects will conduct their first board meeting on September 27, 2022 in our new DOPL location at the Idaho Chinden Campus, 11341 W Chinden Blvd Boise ID, 83714, and will be open to the public to attend. For more information on board meetings, please see our DOPL Calendar on our new DOPL website: <https://dopl.idaho.gov/calendar/>

If there are any questions, please feel free to contact the Board’s Executive Officer – Michael Hyde at Michael.hyde@dopl.idaho.gov.

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