

NCBLA Licensing Requirements for Professional Corporations and Professional Limited Liability Companies:

- All firms must designate a North Carolina licensed landscape architect in charge
- **For firms offering only landscape architecture services:** NC licensed landscape architect must be an Officer & Director if professional corporation, or Member & Manager if PLLC.
- **For firms offering multiple professional services:** Each professional service offered must be represented by an officer *and* director (member *and* manager for PLLC). NC licensed landscape architect must hold both positions.
- 2/3 of shares/interest must be held by licensed professionals (professional landscape architect, geologist, engineer, land surveyor, architect or soil scientist in any state with comparable requirements)
 - Domestic Corporations (In-State) – NC LA must be a shareholder
 - Foreign Corporations (Out-of-State) – NC LA is not required to be a shareholder
- All firms should include with their Corporate Application a *copy* of the form that they *plan to file* with the Secretary of State. Examples include Articles of Incorporation and Articles of Amendment. The firm will file the NC SOS documents with the Secretary of State's Office, along with the Certification issued by NCBLA, after the Corporate Application has been approved.

Grandfathered Corporations/PLLCs:

- Pre-6/5/1969 Corporations/PLLCs
Corporations and limited liability companies formed before June 5, 1969 are grandfathered by the Professional Corporations Act, NCGS 55B. Must have NC landscape architect in charge and provide documentation of incorporation date.
- Pre-7/1/1979 Corporations/PLLCs
Corporations and limited liability companies formed before July 1, 1979 are grandfathered by the rules of the Board. Must have NC licensed landscape architect. Must show proof of offering landscape architecture services prior to July 1, 1979.

See Also:

[NCGS Chapter 55B: Professional Corporations Act](#)

[NCGS Chapter 57D: North Carolina Limited Liability Company Act](#)

[NC Department of the Secretary of State – Business Registration Division](#)