

HISTORICAL NOTE. Promulgated by the Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Water Resources, LR 10:745 (October 1984), amended LR 15:738 (September 1989), LR 17:264 (March 1991), LR 17:967 (October 1991), repromulgated LR 17:083, amended LR 20:883 (August 1994), LR 24:688 (April 1998), amended by the Office of Environmental Assessment, Environmental Planning Division, LR 26:2402 (December 1999), LR 26:2547 (November 2000), LR 24:289 (March 2001), LR 30:1474 (July 2004), amended by the Office of the Secretary, Legal Affairs Division, LR 33:457 (March 2007), LR 33:829 (May 2007), LR 35:446 (March 2009), amended by the Office of the Secretary, Legal Division, LR 42:736 (May 2016), amended by the Office of the Secretary, Legal Affairs and Criminal Investigations Division, LR 45:1188 (September 2019), LR 46:1550 (November 2020), LR 48:1498 (June 2022), LR 49:1553 (September 2023), amended by the Office of the Secretary, Legal Affairs Division, LR 52:

Family Impact Statement

This proposed Rule has no known impact on family formation, stability, and autonomy as described in R.S. 49:972.

Poverty Impact Statement

This proposed Rule has no known impact on poverty as described in R.S. 49:973.

Small Business Analysis

This proposed Rule has no known impact on small business as described in R.S. 49:974.1 - 974.8.

Provider Impact Statement

This proposed Rule has no known impact on providers as described in HCR 170 of 2014.

Public Comments

All interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed Rule. Persons commenting should reference this proposed Rule by WQ117. Such comments must be received no later than March 4, 2026, at 4:30 p.m., and should be sent to William Little, Attorney Supervisor, Office of the Secretary, Legal Affairs Division, P.O. Box 4302, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4302, by fax (225) 219-4068, or by E-mail to DEQ.Reg.Dev.Comments@la.gov. Copies of the proposed Rule can be purchased by contacting the LDEQ Public Records Center at (225) 219-3168. Check or money order is required in advance for each copy of WQ117. The proposed Rule is available on the Internet at <https://deq.louisiana.gov/page/rules-regulations>.

Public Hearing

A public hearing will be held on February 25, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. in the Galvez Building, Oliver Pollock Conference Room, 602 N. Fifth Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802. Interested persons are invited to attend in person or online via Zoom at <https://deqlouisiana.zoom.us/j/6836133613?omn=96984013461> or by phone at (309) 740-3221. Meeting ID 683 613 3613. Should individuals with a disability need an accommodation in order to participate, contact Doug Bordelon at the address given below or at (225) 219-1325.

The proposed Rule is available for inspection at the following LDEQ office locations from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.: 602 N. Fifth Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802; 508 Downing Pines Road, West Monroe, LA 71292; State Office Building, 1525 Fairfield Avenue, Shreveport, LA 71101; 1301 Gadwall Street, Lake Charles, LA 70615; 111 New Center Drive, Lafayette, LA 70508; 110 Barataria Street, Lockport, LA 70374; 201 Evans Road, Bldg. 4, Suite 420, New Orleans, LA 70123.

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**FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT
FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES
RULE TITLE: Water Quality Standards Triennial
Revision**

I. ESTIMATED IMPLEMENTATION COSTS (SAVINGS) TO STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

There are no estimated implementation costs or savings to state or local governmental units as a result of the proposed rule changes. The proposed rule change will revise and clarify the intent of Chapter 11 of the Department of Environmental Quality's (DEQ) Water Quality regulations. The 2024 Triennial Review Report of Findings, a federally mandated review of water quality standards conducted by DEQ every three years, identified one citation in Section 1109 with errors; specifically, three uses of "and/or" when "and" is appropriate. This change in verbiage is not anticipated to create more stringent requirements, as it is a technical correction to align the administrative code with the existing Water Quality Management Plan, which is the primary document governing water quality management, pollution control, and planning activities carried out by the state in order to comply with the provisions of the federal Clean Water Act.

II. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

The proposed rule change is not anticipated to impact the revenue collections of state or local governmental units.

III. ESTIMATED COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS OR NONGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)

There are no estimated costs and/or economic benefits to directly affected persons or non-governmental groups as a result of the proposed rule change.

IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

There is no estimated effect on competition and employment as a result of the proposed rule change.

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NOTICE OF INTENT

**Office of the Governor
Board of Architectural Examiners**

Louisiana Architecture Education and Research Fund
(LAC 46:I.Chapter 22)

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Architectural Examiners, in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 49:950 et seq., and through the authority granted in R.S. 37:144(C), proposes to amend many of the Sections in LAC 46:I.Chapter 22 pertaining to the Louisiana Architecture Education and Research Fund. More specifically, the board gives notice that it proposes to amend LAC 46:I.2201 pertaining to proposals, LAC 46:I.2211 pertaining to awards, LAC 46:I.2213 pertaining to use of funds awarded, and LAC 46:I.2115 pertaining to the final report.

Act 192 of 2024 mandated that all state agencies which make rules (i) systematically review in accordance with stated criteria a sufficient number of rules each year so that

all rules have been reviewed within a five-year period and (ii) submit a report of their review to the appropriate legislative oversight committee. Executive Order JML 25-038 issued April 1, 2025, mandated that by December 31, 2025, state agencies review at least 50 percent of the rules listed in the order or a minimum of 100 rules, whichever is greater. Each Rule should be evaluated to determine if it is necessary, consistent with the law, aligned with the agency's mission, and otherwise complies with the legislation described therein.

Applying the criteria required by Act 192 and EO JML 25-035, the board reviewed Chapter 22 of its rules (LAC 46:I.Chapter 22) and determined that several of the rules therein should be modernized and clarified. The amendments proposed herein allow that proposals for awards include digital deliverables (LAC 46:I.2201); clarify that failure to submit the final report will result in forfeiture of a portion of the award and for ineligibility for future awards unless good cause is shown (LAC 46:I.2211.E); provide for exceptions to excuse non-use of funds received during the academic year received (LAC 46:I.2211.F); clarify permissible and non-permissible use of funds awarded (LAC 46:I.2213); clarify when the final report must be submitted (LAC 46:I.2215); and provide for related matters.

Title 46

PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL STANDARDS

Part I. Architects

Chapter 22. Louisiana Architecture Education and Research Fund

§2201. Proposals

A. - D. ...

E. Proposals may include digital deliverables, such as electronic publications, instructional videos, online modules, or open-source resources, provided they advance the purposes of R.S. 37:144(G).

F. Proposals must be offered as part of a NAAB-accredited B. Arch or M. Arch professional degree program or as part of a pre-professional degree program with direct entry into a NAAB-accredited M. Arch degree program.

G. Two or more NAAB-accredited institutions may collaborate on a proposal for activities, programs, or projects that the architecture programs of each institution will work together jointly in fulfillment of the objectives of the award.

H. There are no restrictions on the type of proposal, so long as it meets the requirements presented in these guidelines and is in keeping with R.S. 37:144(G).

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:144.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Office of the Governor, Board of Architectural Examiners, LR 44:268 (February 2018), amended LR 52:

§2211. Awards

A. - E.2. ...

3. Failure to submit the final report will result in forfeiture of the remaining 20 percent of the award. In addition, unless the architecture academic division demonstrates good cause for its failure to submit the final report to the board, the division will be ineligible for future awards until the final report is submitted.

F. - H. ...

I. If funds awarded are not used within the academic year received, the architecture program will be unable to

receive funds in the succeeding academic year. Exceptions may be granted in cases of force majeure, including natural disasters, public health emergencies, or other events beyond the control of the institution.

J. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:144.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Office of the Governor, Board of Architectural Examiners, LR 44:270 (February 2018), amended LR 52:

§2213. Use of Funds Awarded

A. Funds awarded may be used toward costs and expenses such as:

1. ...

2. new equipment and technology, including hardware, software, interconnectivity with non-faculty architect practitioners, and related digital infrastructure or subscriptions, etc.;

3. - 6. ...

B. Funds awarded may not be used toward costs or expenses such as:

1. - 2. ...

3. expenses for existing courses;

4. individual faculty enhancement activities; or

5. food or beverages.

C. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:144.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Office of the Governor, Board of Architectural Examiners, LR 44:270 (February 2018), amended LR 52:

§2215. Final Report

A. The architecture academic division must complete a final report documenting the degree to which the expected outcomes were achieved and the degree to which the project was implemented.

B. The final report should detail how the award was spent, including any portion of the award which was not spent.

C. The final report must be submitted to the board no later than September 1 of the fiscal year immediately following the fiscal year of the award.

D. Any portion of the award not spent should be returned to the board.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:144.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Office of the Governor, Board of Architectural Examiners, LR 44:270 (February 2018), amended LR 52:

Family Impact Statement

In accordance with R.S. 49:961(A)(2)(h)(i) and 972, the following Family Impact Statement is submitted with the Notice of Intent for publication in the *Louisiana Register*: The proposed Rule has no known impact on family formation, stability, or autonomy.

Poverty Impact Statement

In accordance with R.S. 49:961(A)(2)(h)(ii) and 973, the following Poverty Impact Statement is submitted with the Notice of Intent for publication in the *Louisiana Register*: The proposed Rule has no known impact on child, individual, or family poverty in relation to individual or community asset development as described in R.S. 49:973.

Small Business Analysis

The impact of the proposed Rule on small businesses as defined in the Regulatory Flexibility Act has been considered. It is estimated that the proposed action is not expected to have a significant adverse impact on small businesses. The agency, consistent with health, safety, environmental and economic welfare factors, has considered and, where possible, utilized regulatory methods in the drafting of the proposed Rule that will accomplish the objectives of applicable statutes while minimizing the adverse impact of the proposed Rule on small businesses.

Provider Impact Statement

In accordance with HCR 170 of the 2014 Regular Legislative Session, the following Provider Impact Statement is submitted with the Notice of Intent for publication in the *Louisiana Register*: The proposed Rule has no known effect on the staffing level requirements or qualifications required to provide the same level of service, the cost to the provider to provide such services, or the ability of the provider to provide the same level of service.

Public Comments

Interested persons may submit written comments on the proposed Rules to Tyson Ducote, Executive Director, Louisiana State Board of Architectural Examiners, 9625 Fenway Avenue, Suite B, Baton Rouge, LA 70809. All comments must be submitted by 4:30 pm on February 13, 2026.

Tyson Ducote
Executive Director

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

RULE TITLE: Louisiana Architecture Education and Research Fund

I. ESTIMATED IMPLEMENTATION COSTS (SAVINGS) TO STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (Summary)

There are no anticipated costs or savings to state or local governmental units resulting from the proposed rule changes. The proposed rule changes clarify that proposals may include digital deliverables, awards may be used for expenses such as digital infrastructure and subscriptions, but not food or beverages, and force majeure is an acceptable excuse for failing to use an award during the year in which it was received. The proposed changes further provide a deadline for submitting the final report and clarify that failure to submit the final report, unless good cause is demonstrated, will result in forfeiture of the second installment of the award and ineligibility for future awards until the final report is submitted.

II. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

The proposed rule changes have no anticipated effect on the revenue collections of state or local governmental units.

III. ESTIMATED COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS OR NONGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)

The proposed changes clarify that failure to submit the final report, unless good cause is demonstrated, will result in forfeiture of the payment of the second installment of the award and ineligibility for future awards until the final report is submitted. Otherwise, there are no anticipated costs or economic benefits to directly affected persons, small businesses, or non-governmental groups.

IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

The proposed rule changes are not anticipated to affect competition or employment in either the public or private sectors.

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NOTICE OF INTENT

Office of the Governor Board of Architectural Examiners

Titles, Firm Names, and Assumed Names (LAC 46:I.Chapter 15)

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Architectural Examiners, in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 49:950 et seq., and through the authority granted in R.S. 37:144(C), proposes to amend virtually all of the Sections in LAC 46:I.Chapter 15 pertaining to the titles, firm names, and assumed names of architects and architectural firms. More specifically, the board gives notice that it proposes to amend LAC 46:I.1501 pertaining to the prohibition against misleading and confusing names; consolidate LAC 46:I.1503 (Architect's Responsibility) into LAC 46:I.1501; repeal LAC 46:I.1505 (Use of Term "Architect," "Architecture," or "Architectural"); repeal LAC 46:I.1507 (Use of the Plural Term "Architects"); repeal LAC 46:I.1509 (Firm Name Which Includes Names of Licensed Architect or Architects Only); repeal LAC 46:I.1511 (Use of "AIA"); repeal LAC 46:I.1513 (Use of the Term "Associate"); repeal LAC 46:I.1515 (Sole Proprietorship, Partnership, Group, Association, or Limited Liability Company); amend LAC 46:I.1517 (Professional Architectural Corporations); amend LAC 46:I.1519 (Architectural-Engineering Corporations); amend LAC 46:I.1521 (Fictitious Names); amend LAC 46:I.1523 (Practicing in a Firm with Other Professionals); maintain without change LAC 46:I.1525 (Deceased or Retired Member Predecessor Firms); amend LAC 46:I.1527 (Unlicensed Persons); amend LAC 46:I.1529 (Intern Architect); amend LAC 46:I.1531 (Business Cards); amend LAC 46:I.1533 (Limited Liability Company); amend LAC 46:I.1535 (Non-Resident Firms); maintain without change LAC 46:I.1537 (Exemptions); and amend LAC 46:I.1539 (Architect Emeritus).

Act 192 of 2024 mandated that all state agencies which make rules systematically review in accordance with stated criteria a sufficient number of rules each year so that all rules have been reviewed within a five-year period. Executive Order JML 25-038 issued April 1, 2025, mandated that by December 31, 2025, state agencies review at least 50% of the rules listed in the order or a minimum of 100 rules, whichever is greater. Each rule should be evaluated to determine if it is necessary, consistent with the law, aligned with the agency's mission, and otherwise complies with the legislation described therein.

Applying the criteria required by Act 192 and EO JML 25-035, the board reviewed Chapter 15 of its rules (LAC 46:I.Chapter 15). It determined that virtually all of the rules