NASCLA HISTORY

Founded in 1962, the National Association of State Contractors Licensing Agencies (NASCLA) is a nonprofit organization whose purpose is to promote best practices and license uniformity for agencies that regulate the construction industry. By upholding dedication to the assistance of contractor licensing and enforcement agencies, trade associations and members of the construction industry, NASCLA serves as a vital resource for its members and the contracting community.

NASCLA MISSION

NASCLA promotes best practices and license uniformity for agencies that regulate the construction industry.

“Why reinvent the wheel if you can get guidance from NASCLA member states that saves you time and money. It is amazing that so many states are facing or have had similar situations or problems and how they were resolved. Working together brings great results!”

— George Whalen, Rhode Island Contractors’ Registration and Licensing Board

NASCLA GOALS

GOAL 1
Support best practices in the construction industry that promote quality standards and public safety, mutual interests and regulation of business practices. Pertinent information to be made available to NASCLA members via educational seminars and informative publications.

GOAL 2
Streamline the contractor licensing process by (i) acquiring more states that accept the NASCLA Accredited Examination Program and (ii) reducing licensing barriers.
**NASCLA MEMBER RESOURCES**

**NASCLA CONTRACTOR’S STATE LICENSING INFORMATION DIRECTORY**
Updated annually, this publication identifies more than 170 state agencies involved in the regulation of construction work and summarizes the qualifications, licensing, examinations and financial responsibility policies of each state.

**NASCLA CONSUMER GUIDE TO HOME IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS**
Established to help in the journey of hiring a contractor and engaging in construction projects; whether it’s for new construction or a remodeling job.

**NASCLA RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS**
Created to provide state and local regulatory authorities with acceptable workmanship standards for residential construction.

**TRACK BILLS AND STATE LEGISLATION**
NASCLA has partnered with a nationwide legislative tracking platform that tracks legislation across all 50 states and congress. The service updates every 5 minutes with the latest information on bills and the search navigation feature allows you to search bills independently.

**TOP REGULATORY CASES**
NASCLA provides current regulatory cases affecting the construction industry and regulatory agencies.

**COMMUNITY FORUMS**
Communicate and engage with your counterparts nationally. Community Forums are available for Attorneys and Contractors. Exclusive Forums for Executive Directors, Public Information Officers, Enforcement/Investigators and IT Personnel are reserved for NASCLA State Members only.

**NASCLA STATE LICENSING RESEARCH**
The NASCLA State Contractor and State Trade Licensing Research spreadsheets and maps contain the states that require a license or registration for the Commercial Contractor, Residential Contractor, Electrical, HVAC/R and Plumbing Licensees.
NASCLA MEMBER RESOURCES

NASCLA MODEL LEGISLATION DOCUMENTS
The NASCLA Model Legislation Committee has developed and published model legislation, accessible whole or in part, to assist state agencies in drafting legislation specific to fit their needs covering the following areas: Residential Construction Licensing, Commercial Construction Licensing, Residential Prelicensure Education Requirements, Specialty Contractors Licensure Model, Elder Justice Module, Investigator Training Program and Attorney Training Program.

NASCLA CONSUMER INFORMATION BROCHURES
NASCLA has created consumer awareness brochures that are available to our trade associations and state agencies as resources for local tradeshows, showcase at your office, etc. These brochures can be customized with your logo and contact information.

A Consumer’s Guide to Home Improvement Contracts
A Consumer’s Guide to Protecting Yourself After a Disaster
A Consumer’s Guide to Hiring a Licensed Contractor

NASCLA TOOLKIT FOR CONTRACTOR REGULATORS
The NASCLA Toolkit was developed to provide a variety of best practices, outreach and engagement strategies and sample templates from other states, which you can use to customize your very own programs, policies and engagement strategies.
This is reserved for NASCLA State Members only.

“The Colorado flood adversely impacted a huge portion of the state with the 100-year flooding. With the help from NASCLA staff and the Disaster Response Resources provided in the NASCLA Toolkit for Contractor Regulators, the Colorado State Electrical and Plumbing Boards were able to utilize numerous materials for statewide outreach to inform consumers of unlicensed practice, lessons learned and videos of how to rebuild after damage. NASCLA was a tremendous help for ensuring the safe rebuilding of Colorado affected areas.”

— Mark Browne, Program Director, Colorado State Electrical Board and State Plumbing Board
NASCLA Programs

NASCLA is committed to providing the best resources, tools and information through professional development opportunities with the NASCLA Annual Conference and Educational Events throughout the year.

Annual Conference
The NASCLA Annual Conference is our premier event. This conference draws regulators, construction industry representatives and decision-makers from more than 40 state licensing agencies, testing companies and associations across the United States. This conference is an excellent opportunity to network with others in your profession along with providing a forum for participants to interact, exchange ideas and information on licensing and construction issues.

Educational Events
NASCLA offers additional training programs that are tailored to specific state staff members. These programs are a great opportunity for state agency key personnel to receive valuable information from top experts on construction regulatory matters.

Webinars
NASCLA hosts a minimum of two webinars each year with topics that are relevant to the regulation of contractors. NASCLA Webinars are complimentary to NASCLA Members as an association benefit.

For a complete listing of our educational opportunities, please visit the NASCLA Programs & Events page at www.nascla.org

NASCLA Programs

NASCLA Accredited Examination Program
NASCLA’s Accredited Examinations are used by state contractor licensing agencies to test candidates who are applying for general building contractor or various construction trade licenses. These examinations are designed to improve the overall quality and validity of trade licensing examinations in general for contractors in the construction trades, to reduce redundant licensing examination requirements and to provide mobility while assisting contractors who need to be licensed in multiple jurisdictions.

Once a candidate has taken and passed a NASCLA Accredited Examination, their exam information is stored in the NASCLA National Examination Database (NED). Candidates can electronically send a regulatory agency their transcript through the database to alert the agency that they have passed one or more of the examinations. Regulatory agencies can then pair the transcript with the candidate’s license application. One of NASCLA’s primary goals is to assist contractor licensing agencies with standardization of licensing examinations.

For more detailed information on NASCLA’s Accredited Examinations, including the NASCLA Accredited Examination for Commercial General Building Contractors and the NASCLA Accredited Electrical Examination Program, please visit www.nascla.org.

“The NASCLA Accredited Examination Program provides the means to allow a contractor to receive credit in other states for examinations they have taken in their home state. This in turn helps the contractor avoid the extra expense of travel, meals, hotels, etc., the time away from their work and families, and the stress of having to take another examination every time they cross a state line.”

— Doug Traylor, Director of Examinations and Assessment, Louisiana State Licensing Board for Contractors
TYPES OF MEMBERSHIP

NASCLA membership provides networking opportunities with industry experts and representatives as well as exposure to breaking news and trends within the industry. If you are interested in joining our association, please visit the NASCLA Membership page at www.nascla.org to sign up to become a member today!

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS • $125 Annually
Associate members are the existing foundation of the construction industry and is NASCLA’s most popular membership. This membership is limited to individual contractors, trade associations, non-profits and regional contractor licensing agencies, construction/contractor companies and construction material suppliers.

AFFILIATE MEMBERS • $50 Annually
This membership is for former employees of state licensing agencies and board members of similar agencies who are not actively engaged in the construction business.

BUSINESS MEMBERS • $750 Annually
If you provide products or services to the construction industry, this membership is for you. Business membership is limited to firms whose business is related to the construction industry and can provide you direct access to potential new customers.

INTERNATIONAL MEMBERS • $475 Annually
This membership is limited to regulatory agencies from other nations, countries or states other than the 50 United States of America and its territories.

STATE MEMBERS • $475 Annually
State membership offers executive directors and staff from state and local regulatory agencies the ability to exchange information and ideas with other industry regulators. This membership is limited to states that have enacted laws to regulate the business of construction licensing.

NASCLA MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

• Networking opportunities with industry experts and representatives.

• Complimentary copies of the NASCLA Contractor’s State Licensing Information Directory.

• Reduced registration fees for the NASCLA Annual Conference & Educational Events.

• Opportunity for Committee Service.

• Opportunity for Board of Director Service (restricted to NASCLA State Members only).