

# PROFESSIONAL LICENSING KEEPS THE PUBLIC SAFE.

## PROFESSIONAL LICENSING DEPENDS ON STRONG LICENSING BOARDS.

Engineers, architects, landscape architects, surveyors, and CPAs are responsible for the integrity of our public spaces and financial systems. Licensing is crucial for these highly technical professions that protect the public. These fields require rigorous education, examination, and experience to ensure competent practice. Licensing boards ensure these qualifications that keep our society safe are in place and met.

### The public wants professional licensing.



**83%** say it's important that ARPL professionals meet qualifications

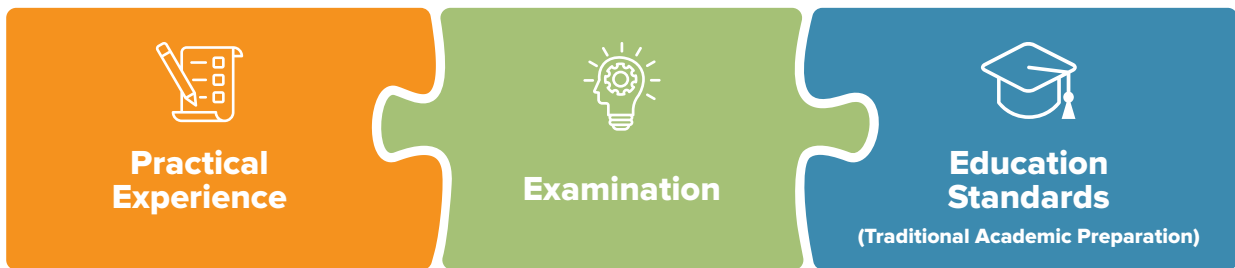


**75%** say that licensing is essential for guaranteeing qualifications

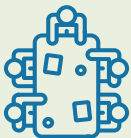


**72%** say that licensing keeps the public safe

More specific than support for licensing generally, **more than 85% of voters** strongly endorse each key element of licensure:



Most Americans fear that weakening or eliminating licensing would put them at risk:



**More than 67%** believe a licensing system overseen by a professional board offers the best protection.



**More than 90%** agree on the importance of key board functions.

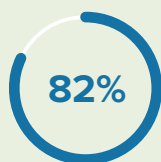
## Key functions of professional licensing boards:



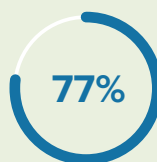
## Responsible licensing that protects the public requires effective, qualified boards.

Effective licensing boards require expertise from professionals in the field. These volunteers bring deep subject matter knowledge and are uniquely qualified for the responsibility.

Voters strongly support expert oversight of high-impact professions:



agree it's highly important for licensing boards to be composed of members with professional expertise.



believe licensed professionals, not public members, are best equipped to make informed decisions.

Voters are concerned about weakening licensing boards:



fear consolidating boards could lead to a loss of profession-specific knowledge, resulting in inadequate decisions.



worry that weakening boards would threaten public safety, especially in high-impact professions requiring deep expertise.

**Bottom line: The public demands rigorous standards to ensure safety, supports licensing boards comprised of experts in the professions, and views attacks on these boards as direct threats to public safety.**