

Registration with LPBM and Transition Arrangements

Dear ILAM Members,

Please be informed of the following important matters regarding registration with Lembaga Perancang Bandar Malaysia (LPBM):

A. Registration Timeline

1. All members are advised to register with LPBM as soon as possible. The grace period remains until end of **31 December 2026**.
2. LPBM approvals are granted in accordance with its board meeting schedule, which is held approximately four times a year. Members should take this timing into account and plan ahead when submitting new applications or renewals.
3. For membership and firm renewals, early submission of applications (preferably before the end of the year) is recommended to avoid any lapse in membership or registration.

B. Application Processing

1. LPBM is processing all applications as quickly as possible. Members are requested to be patient during this period.
2. LPBM is in the process of integrating landscape architects' registration into its application app and website portal.
3. LPBM is in the midst of issuing a statement to all Local Authorities (PBT) and One Stop Centres (OSC) on this merger via Jabatan Landskap Negara (JLN).

C. Outstanding Member Fees with ILAM

1. Members who have outstanding dues with ILAM and intend to register with LPBM **must** clear their outstanding dues with ILAM before proceeding. A due diligence check will be conducted between LPBM and ILAM as part of the registration process. Members are advised to pay their outstanding dues before registering, to avoid lengthening the registration process.

D. Title and Registration Procedure Changes

1. With this merger, **the title "LAr." will be surrendered to the government**. Only Registered Landscape Architects with LPBM are permitted to use the title "LAr." ILAM Corporate Members who did not register as a Registered Landscape Architect with LPBM are **no longer permitted** to use the title "LAr." after the grace period ends, even if they remain as ILAM Corporate Members.
2. After the grace period, direct application for registration as a Registered Landscape Architect will no longer be available. Applicants will need to follow the **full procedure**: first registering as a **Registered Graduate Landscape Architect with LPBM for one year**, before being eligible to convert to Registered Landscape Architect (LAr.) status.
3. This requirement applies to all applicants, including existing ILAM Corporate Members.

E. Transitional Arrangement for Current Landscape Submission to Authority

1. For current submission processes, ILAM registered firms may still proceed with submissions using their current ILAM registered firm certification during the transition period before the grace period ends.
2. Any ILAM Registered Firm (whether yet to register with LPBM or already registered but pending LPBM approval) whose certification validity expires within this year is advised to contact ILAM to **extend its certification validity until 31 December 2026, at no charge**, to facilitate the submission and transition process.
3. Members are urged to take note of the above and to act promptly within the stipulated grace period.

Thank you.

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