

**WSR 24-17-056  
PROPOSED RULES  
BOARD OF REGISTRATION  
FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS  
AND LAND SURVEYORS**

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Original Notice.

Preproposal statement of inquiry was filed as WSR 24-12-055.

Title of Rule and Other Identifying Information: WAC 196-16-120 Units, describes the qualifying activities and accrual of professional development hours that professional land surveyors use towards the 15 hours/year needed at the time of renewal.

Hearing Location(s): On September 25, 2024, at 11:00 a.m., Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors (board) Office, 605 11th Avenue S.E., Suite 201, Olympia, WA 98501; or the public may virtually participate in the WebEx hearing by accessing the hearing link on the board's rule-making page <https://brpels.wa.gov/about-us/laws-and-rules/rulemaking-activity>.

Date of Intended Adoption: October 17, 2024.

Submit Written Comments to: Shanan Gillespie, P.O. Box 9025, Olympia, WA 98507-9025, email [shanan.gillespie@brpels.wa.gov](mailto:shanan.gillespie@brpels.wa.gov), beginning August 21, 2024, 7:00 a.m., by September 25, 2024, 5:00 p.m.

Assistance for Persons with Disabilities: Contact Mackenzie Wherrett, phone 360-664-1568, TTY 711, email [Mackenzie.wherrett@brpels.wa.gov](mailto:Mackenzie.wherrett@brpels.wa.gov), by September 16, 2024.

Purpose of the Proposal and Its Anticipated Effects, Including Any Changes in Existing Rules: To amend the types and credit amount of some professional development hours (PDH) that professional land surveyors use when reporting their PDH during renewal periods.

Reasons Supporting Proposal: As a result of auditing the types of activities being reported as professional development hours, the board has adjusted the maximum hours for some activities and made changes to some language to move activities towards professionalism as related to the practice of land surveying.

Statutory Authority for Adoption: RCW 18.43.035.

Statute Being Implemented: RCW 18.43.080.

Rule is not necessitated by federal law, federal or state court decision.

Name of Proponent: Board of registration for professional engineers and land surveyors, governmental.

Name of Agency Personnel Responsible for Drafting: Shanan Gillespie, 605 11th Avenue S.E., #201, Olympia, WA 98507, 360-664-1570; Implementation and Enforcement: Ken Fuller, 605 11th Avenue S.E., #201, Olympia, WA 98507, 360-968-4805.

A school district fiscal impact statement is not required under RCW 28A.305.135.

A cost-benefit analysis is not required under RCW 34.05.328. The board is not one of the agencies to which RCW 34.05.328 applies pursuant to RCW 34.05.328 (5) (a).

This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt from requirements of the Regulatory Fairness Act because the proposal:

Is exempt under RCW 19.85.025(3) as the rules adopt, amend, or repeal a procedure, practice, or requirement relating to agency hearings; or a filing or related process requirement for applying to an agency for a license or permit.

Explanation of exemptions: RCW 34.05.310 (4)(g) applies because amendments are regarding process requirements for applying to an agency for a license or permit.

Scope of exemption for rule proposal:  
Is fully exempt.

August 15, 2024  
Ken Fuller  
Director

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AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 18-22-075, filed 11/2/18, effective 12/3/18)

**WAC 196-16-120 Units.** Qualifying activities will accrue PDH as follows:

- 1. College hours:
  - a. Completion of 1 college semester hour 45 PDH
  - b. Completion of 1 college quarter hour 30 PDH
- 2. 1 Continuing education unit 10 PDH
- 3. For publication or presentation of each:
  - a. Authored technical paper or article 10 PDH
  - b. Authored book 30 PDH
- 4. Membership in professional/technical societies or government committees or boards. (Not to exceed 5 PDH/year) 2 1/2 PDH
- 5. For each hour of attendance at professional or technical society meetings with an informational program. (Not to exceed ((~~5~~) 10 PDH/year) 1 PDH
- 6. For each hour of attendance at board meetings or committee meetings (~~or hearings~~) of the board. (Not to exceed ((~~7 1/2~~) 10 PDH/year) 1 PDH
- 7. For each hour of preparation and subsequent presentation (\*) of a professional development program at seminars, professional/technical meetings, conventions or conferences. (Not to exceed 10 PDH/year) (\*) *This credit does not apply to full-time faculty* 1 PDH
- 8. For each hour of participation in committees of organizations whose purpose is to develop codes, standards, examinations and regulations. 1 PDH
- 9. For each hour of participation in an activity involving substantial and organized peer interaction, excluding time spent during regular employment. (Not to exceed 5 PDH/year) 1 PDH

- 10. For each hour of participation in organized courses, including employer provided courses, on ~~((first aid/safety,))~~ technical or management skills. (Not to exceed 5 PDH/year) 1 PDH
- 11. For each hour of participation in sessions, or courses sponsored by technical or professional societies, organizations or the board. 1 PDH
- 12. Each hour of self-study. (Not to exceed 5 PDH/year) 1 PDH
- 13. For reading chapters 58.09 RCW and 332-130 WAC. 2 PDH
- 14. Completion of CFedS program. 30 PDH
- 15. For each hour of participation in organized first aid, safety, and security training. (Not to exceed 5 PDH/year) 1 PDH