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**By** Representatives Zahn, Waters, Leavitt, Parshley, Lekanoff, Reed, and Thai; by request of Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors

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1 AN ACT Relating to the professional engineers' registration act;  
2 amending RCW 18.43.030, 18.43.033, 18.43.035, 18.43.040, 18.43.050,  
3 18.43.060, 18.43.070, 18.43.080, 18.43.100, 18.43.130, 18.43.150,  
4 18.43.170, and 18.43.200; and reenacting and amending RCW 18.43.020.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

6 **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.43.020 and 2019 c 442 s 8 are each reenacted and  
7 amended to read as follows:

8 The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter  
9 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

10 (1) "Board" means the state board of registration for  
11 professional engineers and professional land surveyors, provided for  
12 by this chapter.

13 (2) "Director" means the ((executive)) director of the Washington  
14 state board of registration for professional engineers and  
15 professional land surveyors.

16 (3) (~~"Engineer" means a professional engineer as defined in this~~  
17 ~~section.~~

18 (4)) "Engineer-in-training" means a candidate who: (a) Has  
19 satisfied the experience requirements in RCW 18.43.040 for  
20 registration; (b) has successfully passed the examination in the

1 fundamental engineering subjects; and (c) is enrolled by the board as  
2 an engineer-in-training.

3 ~~((+5))~~ (4) "Engineering" means the "practice of engineering" as  
4 defined in this section.

5 ~~((+6) "Land surveyor" means a professional land surveyor.~~

6 ~~+7))~~ (5) "Land-surveyor-in-training" means a candidate who: (a)  
7 Has satisfied the experience requirements in RCW 18.43.040 for  
8 registration; (b) successfully passes the examination in the  
9 fundamental land surveying subjects; and (c) is enrolled by the board  
10 as a land-surveyor-in-training.

11 ~~((+8))~~ (6)(a) "Practice of engineering" means any professional  
12 service or creative work requiring engineering education, training,  
13 and experience and the application of special knowledge of the  
14 mathematical, physical, and engineering sciences to such professional  
15 services or creative work as consultation, investigation, evaluation,  
16 planning, design, and supervision of construction for the purpose of  
17 assuring compliance with specifications and design, in connection  
18 with any public or private utilities, structures, buildings,  
19 machines, equipment, processes, works, or projects.

20 (b) A person shall be construed to practice or offer to practice  
21 engineering, within the meaning and intent of this chapter, who  
22 practices any branch of the profession of engineering; or who, by  
23 verbal claim, sign, advertisement, letterhead, card, or in any other  
24 way represents ~~((himself or herself))~~ themselves to be a professional  
25 engineer, or through the use of some other title implies that ~~((he or~~  
26 ~~she is))~~ they are a professional engineer; or who holds ~~((himself or~~  
27 ~~herself))~~ themselves out as able to perform, or who does perform, any  
28 engineering service or work or any other professional service  
29 designated by the practitioner or recognized by educational  
30 authorities as engineering.

31 (c) The practice of engineering does not include the work  
32 ordinarily performed by persons who operate or maintain machinery or  
33 equipment.

34 ~~((+9))~~ (7) "Practice of land surveying" means assuming  
35 responsible charge of the surveying of land for the establishment of  
36 corners, lines, boundaries, and monuments, the laying out and  
37 subdivision of land, the defining and locating of corners, lines,  
38 boundaries, and monuments of land after they have been established,  
39 the survey of land areas for the purpose of determining the  
40 topography thereof, the making of topographical delineations and the

1 preparing of maps and accurate records thereof, when the proper  
2 performance of such services requires technical knowledge and skill.

3 ~~((10))~~ (8) "Professional engineer" means a person who, by  
4 reason of ~~((his or her))~~ the person's special knowledge of the  
5 mathematical and physical sciences and the principles and methods of  
6 engineering analysis and design, acquired by professional education  
7 and practical experience, is qualified to practice engineering as  
8 defined in this section, as attested by ~~((his or her))~~ the person's  
9 legal registration as a professional engineer.

10 ~~((11))~~ (9) "Professional land surveyor" means a person who, by  
11 reason of ~~((his or her))~~ the person's special knowledge of the  
12 mathematical and physical sciences and principles and practices of  
13 land surveying, which is acquired by professional education and  
14 practical experience, is qualified to practice land surveying and as  
15 attested to by ~~((his or her))~~ the person's legal registration as a  
16 professional land surveyor.

17 ~~((12))~~ (10) "Significant structures" include:

18 (a) Hazardous facilities, defined as: Structures housing,  
19 supporting, or containing sufficient quantities of explosive  
20 substances to be of danger to the safety of the public if released;

21 (b) Essential facilities that have a ground area of more than  
22 five thousand square feet and are more than twenty feet in mean roof  
23 height above average ground level. Essential facilities are defined  
24 as:

25 (i) Hospitals and other medical facilities having surgery and  
26 emergency treatment areas;

27 (ii) Fire and police stations;

28 (iii) Tanks or other structures containing, housing, or  
29 supporting water or fire suppression material or equipment required  
30 for the protection of essential or hazardous facilities or special  
31 occupancy structures;

32 (iv) Emergency vehicle shelters and garages;

33 (v) Structures and equipment in emergency preparedness centers;

34 (vi) Standby power-generating equipment for essential facilities;

35 (vii) Structures and equipment in government communication  
36 centers and other facilities requiring emergency response;

37 (viii) Aviation control towers, air traffic control centers, and  
38 emergency aircraft hangars; and

39 (ix) Buildings and other structures having critical national  
40 defense functions;

1 (c) Structures exceeding one hundred feet in height above average  
2 ground level;

3 (d) Buildings that are customarily occupied by human beings and  
4 are five stories or more above average ground level;

5 (e) Bridges having a total span of more than two hundred feet and  
6 piers having a surface area greater than ten thousand square feet;  
7 and

8 (f) Buildings and other structures where more than three hundred  
9 people congregate in one area.

10 **Sec. 2.** RCW 18.43.030 and 2011 c 336 s 481 are each amended to  
11 read as follows:

12 A state board of registration for professional engineers and  
13 professional land surveyors is hereby created which shall exercise  
14 all of the powers and perform all of the duties conferred upon it by  
15 this chapter. (~~After July 9, 1986, the~~) The board shall consist of  
16 seven members, who shall be appointed by the governor and shall have  
17 the qualifications as hereinafter required. (~~The terms of board  
18 members in office on June 11, 1986, shall not be affected. The first  
19 additional member shall be appointed for a four-year term and the  
20 second additional member shall be appointed for a three-year term.~~)  
21 On the expiration of the term of any member, the governor shall  
22 appoint a successor for a term of five years to take the place of the  
23 member whose term on said board is about to expire. However, no  
24 member shall serve more than two consecutive terms on the board. Each  
25 member shall hold office until the expiration of the term for which  
26 such member is appointed or until a successor qualified as described  
27 in this chapter shall have been duly appointed (~~and shall have  
28 qualified~~).

29 Five members of the board shall be registered professional  
30 engineers licensed under the provisions of this chapter. Two members  
31 shall be registered professional land surveyors licensed under this  
32 chapter. Each of the members of the board shall have been actively  
33 engaged in the practice of engineering or land surveying for at least  
34 (~~ten~~) 10 years subsequent to registration, five of which shall have  
35 been immediately prior to their appointment to the board.

36 Each member of the board shall (~~be a citizen of the United  
37 States and shall~~) have been a resident of this state for at least  
38 five years immediately preceding (~~his or her~~) the member's  
39 appointment.

1 Each member of the board shall be compensated in accordance with  
2 RCW 43.03.240 and, in addition thereto, shall be reimbursed for  
3 travel expenses incurred in carrying out the provisions of this  
4 chapter in accordance with RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

5 The governor may remove any member of the board for misconduct,  
6 incompetency, or neglect of duty. Vacancies in the membership of the  
7 board shall be filled for the unexpired term by appointment by the  
8 governor as hereinabove provided.

9 **Sec. 3.** RCW 18.43.033 and 1997 c 247 s 1 are each amended to  
10 read as follows:

11 Upon request of the board, (~~and with approval of the director,~~  
12 ~~the board chair shall appoint up to two individuals to serve as pro~~  
13 ~~tem members of the board. The appointments are limited, as defined by~~  
14 ~~the board chair, for the purpose of participating as a temporary~~  
15 ~~member of the board on any combination of one or more committees or~~  
16 ~~formal disciplinary hearing panels. An appointed individual must meet~~  
17 ~~the same qualifications as a regular member of the board)) the  
18 director shall select a candidate for a pro tem board member position  
19 and upon approval of the board, the board chair shall make the  
20 appointment. Up to three individuals may serve as pro tem board  
21 members. A pro tem board member will be participating as a temporary  
22 member of the board and perform services as needed and determined by  
23 the director, including ensuring sufficient case reviewers, forming a  
24 quorum at a board meeting, serving on any combination of one or more  
25 committees, or participating as needed at formal disciplinary  
26 hearings. An appointed individual must be registered under this  
27 chapter or licensed under chapter 18.210 RCW for a minimum of five  
28 years immediately prior to the appointment. While serving as a board  
29 member pro tem, an appointed person has all the powers, duties, and  
30 immunities of a regular member of the board and is entitled to the  
31 same compensation, including travel expenses, in accordance with RCW  
32 18.43.030. A pro tem appointment may not last for more than (~~one~~  
33 ~~hundred eighty~~) 180 days unless approved by the director.~~

34 **Sec. 4.** RCW 18.43.035 and 2020 c 47 s 1 are each amended to read  
35 as follows:

36 (1) The board may adopt and amend bylaws establishing its  
37 organization and method of operation, including but not limited to

1 meetings, maintenance of books and records, publication of reports,  
2 code of ethics, and rosters, and adoption and use of a seal.

3 (2) Four members of the board shall constitute a quorum for the  
4 conduct of any business of the board.

5 (3) The board shall appoint its director, who must hold a valid  
6 Washington license as a professional engineer or professional land  
7 surveyor.

8 (4) The board may employ such persons as are necessary to carry  
9 out its duties under this chapter.

10 (5) It may adopt rules reasonably necessary to administer the  
11 provisions of this chapter. The board shall submit to the governor  
12 periodic reports as may be required. A roster, showing the names and  
13 (~~places of business~~) mailing addresses of all registered  
14 professional engineers and professional land surveyors may be  
15 published for distribution, upon request, to professional engineers  
16 and professional land surveyors registered under this chapter and to  
17 the public.

18 **Sec. 5.** RCW 18.43.040 and 2007 c 193 s 1 are each amended to  
19 read as follows:

20 (~~(1)~~) The following requirements will be considered as minimum  
21 evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant is qualified  
22 for registration as a professional engineer, (~~engineer-in-training~~)  
23 structural engineer, professional land surveyor, engineer-in-  
24 training, or land-surveyor-in-training (~~, respectively:~~

25 ~~(a)(i) As a professional engineer:~~).

26 (1) PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER. To be licensed as a professional  
27 engineer, an applicant must meet the examination and experience  
28 requirements delineated in this subsection (1).

29 (a) Examination requirements. An applicant must have received  
30 passing scores on examinations required by the board in rule.

31 (b) Experience requirements. A specific record of eight years or  
32 more of experience in engineering work of a character satisfactory to  
33 the board and (~~indicating~~) showing that the applicant is competent  
34 to practice engineering (~~; and successfully passing a written or oral~~  
35 ~~examination, or both, in engineering as prescribed by the board.~~

36 ~~(ii) Graduation in an approved engineering curriculum of four~~  
37 ~~years or more from a school or college approved by the board as of~~  
38 ~~satisfactory standing shall be considered equivalent to four years of~~  
39 ~~such required experience. The satisfactory completion of each year of~~

1 ~~such an approved engineering course without graduation shall be~~  
2 ~~considered as equivalent to a year of such required experience.~~  
3 ~~Graduation in a curriculum other than engineering from a school or~~  
4 ~~college approved by the board shall be considered as equivalent to~~  
5 ~~two years of such required experience. However, no applicant shall~~  
6 ~~receive credit for more than four years of experience because of~~  
7 ~~undergraduate educational qualifications. The board may, at its~~  
8 ~~discretion, give credit as experience not in excess of one year, for~~  
9 ~~satisfactory postgraduate study in engineering.~~

10 ~~(iii) Structural engineering is recognized as a specialized~~  
11 ~~branch of professional engineering. To receive a certificate of~~  
12 ~~registration in structural engineering, an applicant must hold a~~  
13 ~~current registration in this state in engineering and have).~~

14 (i) The experience must be broad based and progressive to include  
15 gaining knowledge and comprehension of engineering subjects and  
16 applying engineering principles.

17 (ii) Education or teaching at a college or university may  
18 constitute a portion of the required experience as follows:

19 (A) An undergraduate degree, or its equivalent, in an engineering  
20 program approved by the board will be considered the equivalent of  
21 four years of experience;

22 (B) Satisfactory completion of each year of an engineering  
23 program may be considered the equivalent of one year of experience at  
24 the discretion of the board;

25 (C) An undergraduate degree in a nonengineering program may be  
26 considered the equivalent of engineering experience at the discretion  
27 of the board;

28 (D) No more than four years of experience may be granted for  
29 undergraduate education; and

30 (E) Experience may be granted for teaching and postgraduate  
31 education as further defined by, and at the discretion of, the board.

32 (iii) The mere execution, as a contractor, of work designed by a  
33 professional engineer, or the supervision of the construction of such  
34 work as a foreman or superintendent may not be deemed to be the  
35 practice of engineering.

36 (2) STRUCTURAL ENGINEER. Structural engineering is recognized as  
37 a specialized branch of professional engineering. A professional  
38 engineer must be registered as a structural engineer to provide  
39 structural engineering services for significant structures. To become

1 licensed as a structural engineer, an applicant must meet the  
2 following requirements:

3 (a) Hold a current registration as a professional engineer in  
4 this state;

5 (b) Have at least two years of structural engineering experience,  
6 of a character satisfactory to the board, in addition to the eight  
7 years' experience required for registration as a professional  
8 engineer (. ~~An applicant for registration as a structural engineer~~  
9 ~~must also pass an additional examination as prescribed by the board.~~

10 ~~(iv) An engineer must be registered as a structural engineer in~~  
11 ~~order to provide structural engineering services for significant~~  
12 ~~structures. The board may waive the requirements of this subsection~~  
13 ~~(1)(a)(iv) until December 31, 2010, if:~~

14 ~~(A) On January 1, 2007, the engineer is registered with the board~~  
15 ~~as a professional engineer; and~~

16 ~~(B) Within two years of January 1, 2007, the engineer~~  
17 ~~demonstrates to the satisfaction of the board that the engineer has~~  
18 ~~sufficient experience in the duties typically provided by a~~  
19 ~~professional structural engineer regarding significant structures.~~

20 ~~(b)(i) As an engineer-in-training: An applicant for registration~~  
21 ~~as a professional engineer shall take the prescribed examination in~~  
22 ~~two stages. The first stage of the examination may be taken upon~~  
23 ~~submission of his or her application for registration as an engineer-~~  
24 ~~in-training and payment of the application fee prescribed in RCW~~  
25 ~~18.43.050 at any time after the applicant has completed four years of~~  
26 ~~the required engineering experience, as defined in this section, or~~  
27 ~~has achieved senior standing in a school or college approved by the~~  
28 ~~board. The first stage of the examination shall test the applicant's~~  
29 ~~knowledge of appropriate fundamentals of engineering subjects,~~  
30 ~~including mathematics and the basic sciences.~~

31 ~~(ii) At any time after the completion of the required eight years~~  
32 ~~of engineering experience, as defined in this section, the applicant~~  
33 ~~may take the second stage of the examination upon submission of an~~  
34 ~~application for registration and payment of the application fee~~  
35 ~~prescribed in RCW 18.43.050. This stage of the examination shall test~~  
36 ~~the applicant's ability, upon the basis of his or her greater~~  
37 ~~experience, to apply his or her knowledge and experience in the field~~  
38 ~~of his or her specific training and qualifications.~~

39 ~~(c)(i) As a professional land surveyor: A specific record of~~  
40 ~~eight years or more of experience in land surveying work of a~~

1 character satisfactory to the board and indicating that the applicant  
2 is competent to practice land surveying, and successfully passing a  
3 written or oral examination, or both, in surveying as prescribed by  
4 the board.

5 (ii) Graduation from a school or college approved by the board as  
6 of satisfactory standing, including the completion of an approved  
7 course in surveying, shall be considered equivalent to four years of  
8 the required experience. Postgraduate college courses approved by the  
9 board shall be considered for up to one additional year of the  
10 required experience.

11 (d) (i) ~~As a land-surveyor-in-training:~~ An applicant for  
12 registration as a professional land surveyor shall take the  
13 prescribed examination in two stages. The first stage of the  
14 examination may be taken upon submission of his or her application  
15 for registration as a ~~land-surveyor-in-training~~ and payment of the  
16 application fee prescribed in RCW 18.43.050 at any time after the  
17 applicant has completed four years of the required land surveying  
18 experience, as defined in this section, or has achieved senior  
19 standing in a school or college approved by the board. The first  
20 stage of the examination shall test the applicant's knowledge of  
21 appropriate fundamentals of land surveying subjects, including  
22 mathematics and the basic sciences.

23 (ii) At any time after the completion of the required eight years  
24 of land surveying experience, as defined in this section, the  
25 applicant may take the second stage of the examination upon  
26 submission of an application for registration and payment of the  
27 application fee prescribed in RCW 18.43.050. This stage of the  
28 examination shall test the applicant's ability, upon the basis of  
29 greater experience, to apply knowledge and experience in the field of  
30 land surveying.

31 (iii) The first stage shall be successfully completed before the  
32 second stage may be attempted. Applicants who have been approved by  
33 the board to take the examination based on the requirement for six  
34 years of experience under this section before July 1, 1996, are  
35 eligible to sit for the examination.

36 (2) No person shall be eligible for registration as a  
37 professional engineer, ~~engineer-in-training,~~ professional land  
38 surveyor, or ~~land-surveyor-in-training,~~ who is not of good character  
39 and reputation.

1       ~~(3) Teaching, of a character satisfactory to the board shall be~~  
2 ~~considered as experience not in excess of two years for the~~  
3 ~~appropriate profession.~~

4       ~~(4) The mere execution, as a contractor, of work designed by a~~  
5 ~~professional engineer, or the supervision of the construction of such~~  
6 ~~work as a foreman or superintendent shall not be deemed to be~~  
7 ~~practice of engineering.~~

8       ~~(5) Any person having the necessary qualifications prescribed in~~  
9 ~~this chapter to entitle him or her to registration shall be eligible~~  
10 ~~for such registration although the person may not be practicing his~~  
11 ~~or her profession at the time of making his or her application)); and~~

12       (c) Pass additional examinations as prescribed by the board.

13       (3) PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR. To be licensed as a professional  
14 land surveyor, an applicant must meet the examination and experience  
15 requirements delineated in this subsection (3).

16       (a) Examination requirements. An applicant must have received  
17 passing scores on examinations required by the board in rule.

18       (b) Experience requirements. A specific record of eight years or  
19 more of experience in land surveying work of a character satisfactory  
20 to the board and showing that the applicant is competent to practice  
21 land surveying.

22       (i) The experience must be broad based and progressive to include  
23 gaining knowledge and comprehension of land surveying subjects and  
24 applying land surveying principles.

25       (ii) Education or teaching at a college or university may  
26 constitute a portion of the required experience as follows:

27       (A) An undergraduate degree, or its equivalent, in a land  
28 surveying program approved by the board is considered the equivalent  
29 of four years of experience;

30       (B) Satisfactory completion of each year of a land surveying  
31 program may be considered the equivalent of one year of experience at  
32 the discretion of the board;

33       (C) An undergraduate degree in a nonland surveying program may be  
34 considered the equivalent of land surveying experience at the  
35 discretion of the board;

36       (D) No more than four years of experience will be granted for  
37 undergraduate education; and

38       (E) Experience may also be granted for teaching and postgraduate  
39 education as further defined by, and at the discretion of, the board.

1       (4) ENGINEER-IN-TRAINING. An applicant who has completed four  
2 years of experience of the type outlined in subsection (1)(b) of this  
3 section and has received a passing score on a board-approved  
4 examination on the fundamentals of engineering may apply for an  
5 engineer-in-training certificate from the board.

6       (5) LAND-SURVEYOR-IN-TRAINING. An applicant who has completed  
7 four years of experience of the type outlined in subsection (3)(b) of  
8 this section and has received a passing score on a board approved  
9 examination on the fundamentals of land surveying may apply for a  
10 land-surveyor-in-training certificate from the board.

11       **Sec. 6.** RCW 18.43.050 and 2019 c 442 s 5 are each amended to  
12 read as follows:

13       Application for registration shall be on forms prescribed by the  
14 board and furnished by the director(~~(, shall contain statements made~~  
15 ~~under oath, showing the applicant's education and detail summary of~~  
16 ~~his or her technical work and shall contain verification of the~~  
17 ~~technical work from professional engineers that supervised the~~  
18 ~~applicant's technical work and have personal knowledge of the~~  
19 ~~applicant's engineering experience)).~~

20       The registration fee for professional engineers shall be  
21 determined by the board, which shall accompany the application and  
22 shall include the cost of (~~examination~~) application processing and  
23 issuance of certificate. The fee for engineer-in-training shall be  
24 determined by the board, which shall accompany the application and  
25 shall include the cost of (~~examination~~) application processing and  
26 issuance of certificate.

27       The registration fee for professional land surveyors shall be  
28 determined by the board, which shall accompany the application and  
29 shall include the cost of (~~examination~~) application processing and  
30 issuance of certificate. The fee for land-surveyor-in-training shall  
31 be determined by the board, which shall accompany the application and  
32 shall include the cost of (~~examination~~) application processing and  
33 issuance of certificate.

34       All registration fees are nonrefundable. Should the board find an  
35 applicant ineligible for registration, the registration fee shall be  
36 retained as an application fee.

37       **Sec. 7.** RCW 18.43.060 and 2019 c 442 s 9 are each amended to  
38 read as follows:

1       When oral or written examinations are required, they shall be  
2 held at such time and place as the board shall determine. If  
3 examinations are required on fundamental engineering subjects (such  
4 as ordinarily given in college curricula) the applicant shall be  
5 permitted to take this part of the professional examination prior to  
6 his or her completion of the requisite years of experience in  
7 engineering work. The board shall issue to each applicant upon  
8 successfully passing the examination in fundamental engineering or  
9 land surveying subjects a certificate stating that the applicant has  
10 passed the examination in fundamental ~~((engineering))~~ subjects and  
11 that ~~((his or her))~~ the applicant's name has been recorded as an  
12 engineer-in-training or land-surveyor-in-training.

13       The scope of the examination and the methods of procedure shall  
14 be prescribed by the board with special reference to the applicant's  
15 ability to design and supervise engineering works ~~((so as to insure))~~  
16 to ensure the safety of life, health, and property. Examinations  
17 shall be given for the purpose of determining the qualifications of  
18 applicants for registration separately in engineering and in land  
19 surveying. ~~((A candidate failing an examination may apply for~~  
20 ~~reexamination. Subsequent examinations will be granted upon payment~~  
21 ~~of a fee to be determined by the board.))~~

22       **Sec. 8.** RCW 18.43.070 and 2019 c 442 s 10 are each amended to  
23 read as follows:

24       The board shall issue a certificate of registration upon payment  
25 of a registration fee as provided for in this chapter, to any  
26 applicant who, in the opinion of the board, has satisfactorily met  
27 all the requirements of this chapter. In case of a registered  
28 professional engineer, the certificate shall authorize the practice  
29 of "professional engineering" and specify the branch or branches in  
30 which specialized, and in case of a registered professional land  
31 surveyor, the certificate shall authorize the practice of "land  
32 surveying."

33       In case of engineer-in-training, the certificate shall state that  
34 the applicant has successfully passed the examination in fundamental  
35 engineering subjects required by the board and has been enrolled as  
36 an "engineer-in-training." In case of land-surveyor-in-training, the  
37 certificate shall state that the applicant has successfully passed  
38 the examination in fundamental surveying subjects required by the  
39 board and has been enrolled as a "land-surveyor-in-training." All

1 certificates of registration shall show the full name of the  
2 registrant, shall have a serial number, and shall be signed by the  
3 chair and the (~~secretary of the board and by the~~) director.

4 The issuance of a certificate of registration by the board shall  
5 be prima facie evidence that the person named therein is entitled to  
6 all the rights and privileges of a registered professional engineer  
7 or a registered professional land surveyor, while the said  
8 certificate remains unrevoked and unexpired.

9 Each registrant hereunder shall upon registration obtain a seal  
10 of the design authorized by the board, bearing the registrant's name  
11 and the legend "registered professional engineer" or "registered  
12 professional land surveyor." Plans, specifications, plats, and  
13 reports prepared by the registrant shall be signed, dated, and  
14 stamped with said seal or facsimile thereof. Such signature and  
15 stamping shall constitute a certification by the registrant that the  
16 same was prepared by or under (~~his or her~~) the registrant's direct  
17 supervision and that to (~~his or her~~) the registrant's knowledge and  
18 belief the same was prepared in accordance with the requirements of  
19 the statute. It shall be unlawful for anyone to stamp or seal any  
20 document with said seal or facsimile thereof after the certificate of  
21 registrant named thereon has expired or been revoked, unless said  
22 certificate shall have been renewed or reissued.

23 **Sec. 9.** RCW 18.43.080 and 2019 c 442 s 11 are each amended to  
24 read as follows:

25 (1) Certificates of registration(~~(r)~~) and certificates of  
26 authorization (~~and renewals thereof, shall expire on the last day of~~  
27 ~~the month of December following their issuance or renewal and shall~~  
28 ~~become invalid on that date unless renewed~~) issued under this  
29 chapter are valid for a period of time as determined by the board. It  
30 shall be the duty of the board to notify every person, firm, or  
31 corporation registered under this chapter of the date of the  
32 expiration of (~~his or her~~) the certificate and the amount of the  
33 renewal fee (~~that shall be required for its renewal for one year.~~  
34 ~~Such notice shall be mailed at least thirty days before the end of~~  
35 ~~December of each year. Renewal may be effected during the month of~~  
36 ~~December by the payment of a fee determined by the board. In case any~~  
37 ~~professional engineer and/or land surveyor registered under this~~  
38 ~~chapter shall fail to pay the renewal fee hereinabove provided for,~~  
39 ~~within ninety days from the date when the same shall become due, the~~

1 ~~renewal fee shall be the current fee plus an amount equal to one~~  
2 ~~year's fee.~~

3 ~~(2) Beginning July 1, 2007, the)). If a completed application for~~  
4 ~~renewal has not been received by the board by the date of expiration,~~  
5 ~~postmarked before the date of expiration if mailed or transacted~~  
6 ~~online before the date of expiration, the license is invalid.~~

7 ~~(2) The board may not renew a certificate of registration for a~~  
8 ~~professional land surveyor unless the registrant verifies to the~~  
9 ~~board that ((he or she has completed at least fifteen)) the~~  
10 ~~registrant has completed the required hours of continuing~~  
11 ~~professional development ((per year of the registration period. By~~  
12 ~~July 1, 2006, the board shall adopt rules governing continuing~~  
13 ~~professional development for land surveyors that are generally~~  
14 ~~patterned after the model rules of the national council of examiners~~  
15 ~~for engineering and surveying)).~~

16 **Sec. 10.** RCW 18.43.100 and 2023 c 274 s 1 are each amended to  
17 read as follows:

18 (1) The board may, upon application and the payment of a fee  
19 determined by the board, issue a certificate as a professional  
20 engineer or professional land surveyor to any person who holds a  
21 certificate of qualification of registration issued to the applicant  
22 following examination by proper authority, of any state or territory  
23 or possession of the United States, the District of Columbia, or of  
24 any foreign country, if: (a) The applicant meets all requirements of  
25 this chapter and the rules established by the board (~~to qualify for~~  
26 ~~such waiver~~), and (b) the applicant is in good standing with the  
27 licensing agency in said state, territory, possession, district, or  
28 foreign country.

29 (2) The board shall waive the fundamentals examination for  
30 applicants who (~~have passed the national council for examiners for~~  
31 ~~engineering and surveying principles and practice examination, have~~  
32 ~~met the experience and education requirements established by the~~  
33 ~~board, and are in good standing with the licensing agency in a state,~~  
34 ~~territory, possession, district, or foreign country)) meet the  
35 requirements as defined by the board in rule.~~

36 **Sec. 11.** RCW 18.43.130 and 2019 c 442 s 3 are each amended to  
37 read as follows:

38 This chapter shall not be construed to prevent or affect:

1 (1) The practice of any other legally recognized profession or  
2 trade; ((or))

3 (2) ~~((The practice of a person not a resident and having no  
4 established place of business in this state, practicing or offering  
5 to practice herein the profession of engineering or land surveying,  
6 when such practice does not exceed in the aggregate more than thirty  
7 days in any calendar year: PROVIDED, Such person has been determined  
8 by the board to be legally qualified by registration to practice the  
9 said profession in his or her own state or country in which the  
10 requirements and qualifications for obtaining a certificate of  
11 registration are not lower than those specified in this chapter. The  
12 person shall request such a determination by completing an  
13 application prescribed by the board and accompanied by a fee  
14 determined by the board. Upon approval of the application, the board  
15 shall issue a permit authorizing temporary practice; or~~

16 ~~(3) The practice of a person not a resident and having no  
17 established place of business in this state, or who has recently  
18 become a resident thereof, practicing or offering to practice herein  
19 for more than thirty days in any calendar year the profession of  
20 engineering or land surveying, if he or she shall have filed with the  
21 board an application for a certificate of registration and shall have  
22 paid the fee required by this chapter: PROVIDED, That such person is  
23 legally qualified by registration to practice engineering or land  
24 surveying in his or her own state or country in which the  
25 requirements and qualifications of obtaining a certificate of  
26 registration are not lower than those specified in this chapter. Such  
27 practice shall continue only for such time as the board requires for  
28 the consideration of the application for registration; or~~

29 ~~(4))~~ The work of an employee or a subordinate of a person  
30 holding a certificate of registration under this chapter, or an  
31 employee of a person practicing lawfully under provisions of this  
32 section: PROVIDED, That such work does not include final design or  
33 decisions and is done under the direct responsibility, checking, and  
34 supervision of a person holding a certificate of registration under  
35 this chapter or a person practicing lawfully under the provisions of  
36 this section; ((or

37 ~~(5))~~ (3) The work of a person rendering engineering or land  
38 surveying services to a corporation, as an employee of such  
39 corporation, when such services are rendered in carrying on the  
40 general business of the corporation and such general business does

1 not consist, either wholly or in part, of the rendering of  
2 engineering services to the general public: PROVIDED, That such  
3 corporation employs at least one person holding a certificate of  
4 registration under this chapter or practicing lawfully under the  
5 provisions of this chapter; (~~or~~

6 ~~(6))~~ (4) The practice of officers or employees of the government  
7 of the United States while engaged within the state in the practice  
8 of the profession of engineering or land surveying for the government  
9 of the United States; (~~or~~

10 ~~(7))~~ (5) Nonresident engineers employed for the purpose of  
11 making engineering examinations; (~~or~~

12 ~~(8))~~ (6)(a) The practice of engineering or land surveying, or  
13 both, in this state by a corporation (~~or joint stock association~~):  
14 PROVIDED, That

15 ~~((a))~~ (i) The corporation has filed with the board an  
16 application for certificate of authorization upon a form to be  
17 prescribed by the board and containing information required to enable  
18 the board to determine whether such corporation is qualified in  
19 accordance with this chapter to practice engineering or land  
20 surveying, or both, in this state;

21 ~~((b))~~ (ii) For engineering, the corporation has filed with the  
22 board a certified copy of a resolution of the board of directors of  
23 the corporation that shall designate a person holding a certificate  
24 of registration under this chapter as responsible for the practice of  
25 engineering by the corporation in this state and shall provide that  
26 full authority to make all final engineering decisions on behalf of  
27 the corporation with respect to work performed by the corporation in  
28 this state shall be granted and delegated by the board of directors  
29 to the person so designated in the resolution. For land surveying,  
30 the corporation has filed with the board a certified copy of a  
31 resolution of the board of directors of the corporation which shall  
32 designate a person holding a certificate of registration under this  
33 chapter as responsible for the practice of land surveying by the  
34 corporation in this state and shall provide full authority to make  
35 all final land surveying decisions on behalf of the corporation with  
36 respect to work performed by the corporation in this state be granted  
37 and delegated by the board of directors to the person so designated  
38 in the resolution. If a corporation offers both engineering and land  
39 surveying services, the board of directors shall designate both a  
40 licensed professional engineer and a licensed professional land

1 surveyor. If a person is licensed in both engineering and land  
2 surveying, the person may be designated for both professions. The  
3 resolution shall further state that the bylaws of the corporation  
4 shall be amended to include the following provision: "The designated  
5 professional engineer or professional land surveyor, respectively,  
6 named in the resolution as being in responsible charge, or ~~((a))~~ a  
7 professional engineer or professional land surveyor under the  
8 designated professional engineer or professional land surveyor's  
9 direct supervision, shall make all engineering or land surveying  
10 decisions pertaining to engineering or land surveying activities in  
11 the state of Washington." However, the filing of the resolution shall  
12 not relieve the corporation of any responsibility or liability  
13 imposed upon it by law or by contract;

14 ~~((e))~~ (iii) If there is a change in the designated professional  
15 engineer or professional designated land surveyor, the corporation  
16 shall notify the board in writing within ~~((thirty))~~ 30 days after the  
17 effective date of the change. If the corporation changes its name,  
18 the corporation shall submit a copy of its amended certificate of  
19 authority or amended certificate of incorporation as filed with the  
20 secretary of state within ~~((thirty))~~ 30 days of the filing;

21 ~~((d))~~ (iv) Upon the filing with the board the application for  
22 certificate for authorization, certified copy of resolution and an  
23 affidavit, and the designation of a designated professional engineer  
24 or designated professional land surveyor, or both, specified in  
25 ~~((b))~~ (a)(ii) of this subsection, the board shall issue to the  
26 corporation a certificate of authorization to practice engineering or  
27 land surveying, or both, in this state upon a determination by the  
28 board that:

29 ~~((i))~~ (A) The designated professional engineer or designated  
30 professional land surveyor, or both, hold a certificate of  
31 registration in this state in accordance with this chapter and the  
32 certificate is in force;

33 ~~((ii))~~ (B) The designated professional engineer or designated  
34 professional land surveyor, or both, are not designated in  
35 responsible charge for another corporation or a limited liability  
36 company;

37 ~~((iii))~~ (C) The corporation is licensed with the secretary of  
38 state and holds a current unified business identification number and  
39 the board determines, based on evaluating the findings and  
40 information in this section, that the applicant corporation possesses

1 the ability and competence to furnish engineering or land surveying  
2 services, or both, in the public interest; and

3 ~~((iv))~~ (D) The corporation is registered with the department of  
4 revenue pursuant to RCW 82.32.030.

5 (b) The board may exercise its discretion to take any of the  
6 actions under RCW 18.235.110 or this chapter with respect to a  
7 certificate of authorization issued to a corporation if the board  
8 finds that any of the officers, directors, incorporators, or the  
9 stockholders holding a majority of stock of such corporation has  
10 engaged in unprofessional conduct as defined in RCW 18.43.105 or  
11 18.235.130 or has been found personally responsible for  
12 unprofessional conduct under ~~((f) and (g))~~ (d) and (e) of this  
13 subsection.

14 ~~((e) Engineers or)~~ (c) Professional engineers or professional  
15 land surveyors organized as a professional service corporation under  
16 chapter 18.100 RCW are exempt from applying for a certificate of  
17 authorization under this chapter.

18 ~~((f))~~ (d) Any corporation authorized to practice engineering or  
19 land surveying under this chapter, together with its directors and  
20 officers for their own individual acts, are responsible to the same  
21 degree as an individual registered professional engineer or  
22 individual registered professional land surveyor, and must conduct  
23 its business without unprofessional conduct in the practice of  
24 engineering or the practice of land surveying as defined in this  
25 chapter and RCW 18.235.130.

26 ~~((g))~~ (e) Any corporation that is certified under this chapter  
27 is subject to the authority of the board as provided in RCW  
28 18.43.035, 18.43.105, 18.43.110, 18.43.120, and chapter 18.235 RCW.

29 ~~((h))~~ (f) All plans, specifications, designs, and reports when  
30 issued in connection with work performed by a corporation under its  
31 certificate of authorization shall be prepared by or under the direct  
32 supervision of and shall be signed by and shall be stamped with the  
33 official seal of a person holding a certificate of registration under  
34 this chapter.

35 ~~((i))~~ (g) For each certificate of authorization issued under  
36 this subsection ~~((8))~~ (6) there shall be paid an initial fee  
37 determined by the board and an annual renewal fee determined by the  
38 board ~~((-  
39 +9));~~

1       (7) The practice of engineering and/or land surveying in this  
2 state by a partnership if the partnership employs at least one person  
3 holding a valid certificate of registration under this chapter to  
4 practice engineering or land surveying, or both(~~(. The board shall~~  
5 ~~not issue certificates of authorization to partnerships after July 1,~~  
6 ~~1998. Partnerships currently registered with the board are not~~  
7 ~~required to pay an annual renewal fee after July 1, 1998.~~

8       ~~(10))~~; or

9       (8) (a) The practice of engineering or land surveying, or both, in  
10 this state by limited liability companies: Provided, That

11       ~~((a))~~ (i) The limited liability company has filed with the  
12 board an application for certificate of authorization upon a form to  
13 be prescribed by the board and containing information required to  
14 enable the board to determine whether the limited liability company  
15 is qualified under this chapter to practice either or both  
16 engineering or land surveying in this state.

17       ~~((b))~~ (ii) The limited liability company has filed with the  
18 board a certified copy of a resolution by the company manager or  
19 managers that shall designate a person holding a certificate of  
20 registration under this chapter as being responsible for the practice  
21 of engineering or land surveying, or both, by the limited liability  
22 company in this state and that the designated person has full  
23 authority to make all final engineering or land surveying decisions  
24 on behalf of the limited liability company with respect to work  
25 performed by the limited liability company in this state. The  
26 resolution shall further state that the limited liability company  
27 agreement shall be amended to include the following provision: "The  
28 designated professional engineer or professional land surveyor,  
29 respectively, named in the resolution as being in responsible charge,  
30 or ~~((a))~~ a professional engineer or professional land surveyor under  
31 the designated professional engineer or professional land surveyor's  
32 direct supervision, shall make all engineering or land surveying  
33 decisions pertaining to engineering or land surveying activities in  
34 the state of Washington." However, the filing of the resolution shall  
35 not relieve the limited liability company of responsibility or  
36 liability imposed upon it by law or by contract.

37       ~~((c))~~ (iii) (A) The designated professional engineer for the  
38 limited liability company must hold a current professional engineer  
39 license issued by this state.

1       (B) The designated professional land surveyor for the limited  
2 liability company must hold a current professional land surveyor  
3 license issued by this state.

4       (C) If a person is licensed as both a professional engineer and  
5 as a professional land surveyor in this state, then the limited  
6 liability company may designate the person as being in responsible  
7 charge for both professions.

8       (D) If there is a change in the designated professional engineer  
9 or designated professional land surveyor, the limited liability  
10 company shall notify the board in writing within (~~(thirty)~~) 30 days  
11 after the effective date of the change. If the limited liability  
12 company changes its name, the company shall submit to the board a  
13 copy of the certificate of amendment filed with the secretary of  
14 state's office.

15       (~~(d)~~) (iv) Upon the filing with the board the application for  
16 certificate of authorization, a certified copy of the resolution, and  
17 an affidavit from the designated professional engineer or the  
18 designated professional land surveyor, or both, specified in (~~(b)~~  
19 ~~and (c)~~) (a)(ii) and (iii)(A) of this subsection, the board shall  
20 issue to the limited liability company a certificate of authorization  
21 to practice engineering or land surveying, or both, in this state  
22 upon determination by the board that:

23       (~~(i)~~) (A) The designated professional engineer or designated  
24 professional land surveyor, or both, hold a certificate of  
25 registration in this state under this chapter and the certificate is  
26 in force;

27       (~~(ii)~~) (B) The designated professional engineer or designated  
28 professional land surveyor, or both, are not designated in  
29 responsible charge for another limited liability company or a  
30 corporation;

31       (~~(iii)~~) (C) The limited liability company is licensed with the  
32 secretary of state and has a current unified business identification  
33 number and that the board determines, based on evaluating the  
34 findings and information under this subsection, that the applicant  
35 limited liability company possesses the ability and competence to  
36 furnish either or both engineering or land surveying services in the  
37 public interest; and

38       (~~(iv)~~) (D) The limited liability company is registered with the  
39 department of revenue pursuant to RCW 82.32.030.

1       **(b)** The board may exercise its discretion to take any of the  
2 actions under RCW 18.235.110 and 18.43.105 with respect to a  
3 certificate of authorization issued to a limited liability company if  
4 the board finds that any of the managers or members holding a  
5 majority interest in the limited liability company has engaged in  
6 unprofessional conduct as defined in RCW 18.43.105 or 18.235.130 or  
7 has been found personally responsible for unprofessional conduct  
8 under the provisions of ~~((f) and (g))~~ (d) and (e) of this  
9 subsection.

10       ~~((e) Engineers or)~~ (c) Professional engineers or professional  
11 land surveyors organized as a professional limited liability company  
12 are exempt from applying for a certificate of authorization under  
13 this chapter.

14       ~~((f))~~ (d) Any limited liability company authorized to practice  
15 engineering or land surveying, or both, under this chapter, together  
16 with its manager or managers and members for their own individual  
17 acts, are responsible to the same degree as an individual registered  
18 professional engineer or registered professional land surveyor, and  
19 must conduct their business without unprofessional conduct in the  
20 practice of engineering or land surveying, or both.

21       ~~((g))~~ (e) A limited liability company that is certified under  
22 this chapter is subject to the authority of the board as provided in  
23 RCW 18.43.035, 18.43.105, 18.43.110, 18.43.120, and chapter 18.235  
24 RCW.

25       ~~((h))~~ (f) All plans, specifications, designs, and reports when  
26 issued in connection with work performed by a limited liability  
27 company under its certificate of authorization shall be prepared by  
28 or under the direct supervision of and shall be signed by and shall  
29 be stamped with the official seal of a person holding a certificate  
30 of registration under this chapter.

31       ~~((i))~~ (g) For each certificate of authorization issued under  
32 this subsection ~~((10))~~ (8) there shall be paid an initial fee  
33 determined by the board and an annual renewal fee determined by the  
34 board.

35       **Sec. 12.** RCW 18.43.150 and 2025 c 424 s 922 are each amended to  
36 read as follows:

37       The board shall set fees at a level adequate to pay the costs of  
38 administering this chapter. All fees collected under the provisions  
39 of RCW 18.43.050, 18.43.060, 18.43.080, 18.43.100, and 18.43.130 and

1 fines collected under RCW 18.43.110 shall be paid into the  
2 (~~professional engineers'~~) board of registration for professional  
3 engineers and professional land surveyors' account, which account is  
4 hereby established in the state treasury to be used to carry out the  
5 purposes and provisions of RCW 18.43.050, 18.43.060, 18.43.080,  
6 18.43.100, 18.43.110, 18.43.120, 18.43.130, and all other duties  
7 required for operation and enforcement of this chapter. During the  
8 2013-2015, 2015-2017, and 2025-2027 fiscal biennia, the legislature  
9 may transfer moneys from the (~~professional engineers'~~) board of  
10 registration for professional engineers and professional land  
11 surveyors' account to the state general fund such amounts as reflect  
12 the excess fund balance of the fund.

13 **Sec. 13.** RCW 18.43.170 and 1997 c 58 s 821 are each amended to  
14 read as follows:

15 The board shall immediately suspend the registration of a person  
16 who has been certified pursuant to RCW 74.20A.320 by the department  
17 of social and health services as a person who is not in compliance  
18 with a support order (~~or a residential or visitation order~~). If the  
19 person has continued to meet all other requirements for  
20 (~~membership~~) registration during the suspension, reissuance of the  
21 certificate of registration shall be automatic upon the board's  
22 receipt of a release issued by the department of social and health  
23 services stating that the person is in compliance with the order.

24 **Sec. 14.** RCW 18.43.200 and 2020 c 47 s 2 are each amended to  
25 read as follows:

26 The department of licensing, through an interagency agreement  
27 with the board, (~~must~~) shall provide specified technical services  
28 to the board(~~. The initial interagency agreement must be for a term~~  
29 ~~of three years and may be renewed by mutual agreement between the~~  
30 ~~department of licensing and the board~~) as mutually agreed upon by  
31 both parties.

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