

WSR 24-06-020
PERMANENT RULES
BOARD OF REGISTRATION
FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS
AND LAND SURVEYORS

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Effective Date of Rule: Thirty-one days after filing.

Purpose: Minor housekeeping changes were made to the existing language to help clarify requirements to take the fundamentals of land surveying examination. Existing language was amended to allow individuals to get certified as a land surveyor-in-training in Washington regardless of where they took the NCEES FLS examination, as long as requirements are met.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Repealing WAC 196-21-030; and amending WAC 196-21-005, 196-21-010, 196-21-025, and 196-21-040.

Statutory Authority for Adoption: RCW 18.43.035.

Adopted under notice filed as WSR 24-01-093 on December 18, 2023.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted at the Request of a Nongovernmental Entity: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted on the Agency's own Initiative: New 0, Amended 4, Repealed 1.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Clarify, Streamline, or Reform Agency Procedures: New 0, Amended 2, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted using Negotiated Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Pilot Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Other Alternative Rule Making: New 0, Amended 4, Repealed 1.

Date Adopted: February 22, 2024.

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AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 04-04-001, filed 1/21/04, effective 2/21/04)

WAC 196-21-005 Declaration and purpose. This chapter contains rules and procedures for applications, eligibility ~~((and))~~ to take the fundamentals of land surveying examination~~((s))~~, and to ~~((be enrolled as))~~ apply for a land surveyor~~((s))~~-in-training certificate.

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 14-07-106, filed 3/19/14, effective 4/19/14)

WAC 196-21-010 Eligibility and applications. Eligibility for taking the fundamentals of land surveying exam requires completion and

verification of four years of experience. These four years can be achieved through board approved education; board approved practical experience or a combination of both. All applications must be completed in accordance with instructions provided by the board. Once an applicant is notified of board approval to sit for the fundamentals of surveying examination (~~(he or she)~~) they will be instructed to (~~register directly~~) schedule their examination with the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES) (~~(for admittance to the examination)~~).

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 14-07-106, filed 3/19/14, effective 4/19/14)

WAC 196-21-025 Educational experience. All applicants are required to have (~~(original)~~) official transcripts submitted to the board (~~(by the school registrar in order)~~) to obtain maximum educational experience credit. Applicants enrolled in a school or college that have achieved senior standing in a baccalaureate curriculum in land surveying approved by the board are eligible to take the fundamentals-of-land surveying examination (~~(without having college transcripts submitted)~~).

Qualifying educational experience may be:

(1) A baccalaureate degree in land surveying from a board approved curriculum for up to four years; or

(2) An associate degree in land surveying from a board approved curriculum for up to two years; or

(3) Each year of qualifying board approved coursework in land surveying, without a degree, that will be evaluated for relevancy and equivalency to a structured curriculum for up to one year;

(4) A postgraduate degree approved by the board for up to one year.

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 14-07-106, filed 3/19/14, effective 4/19/14)

WAC 196-21-040 (~~(How do I obtain)~~) Obtaining certification as a land surveyor-in-training in Washington(?). To obtain certification as a land surveyor-in-training in Washington (~~(is only available to those applicants who designate Washington as their practice state when registering to take)~~) you must pass the fundamentals of surveying exam and (~~(who also pass the fundamentals of surveying exam. Those that meet the above conditions must)~~) submit an application (~~(for certification as a land surveyor-in-training)~~) to the board showing you meet the requirements listed in WAC 196-21-020 and 196-21-025.

REPEALER

The following section of the Washington Administrative Code is repealed:

WAC 196-21-030

Fundamentals-of-land surveying
examination.