

**WSR 24-23-075**  
**PERMANENT RULES**  
**BOARD OF REGISTRATION**  
**FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS**  
**AND LAND SURVEYORS**

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Effective Date of Rule: January 1, 2025.

Purpose: RCW 18.43.150 and 18.210.200 requires the board of registration for professional engineers and land surveyors to "set fees at a level adequate to pay the costs of administering this chapter." Fee increases are needed to mitigate the risk of fund balance depletion due to expenses exceeding revenues and to offset the rising costs associated with inflation and to cover the expanding expenses of our programs. By implementing this fee increase, we can maintain our commitment to delivering high-quality services and support, while also investing in future initiatives that will benefit our licensees.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Repealing WAC 196-26A-035, 196-26A-100, and 196-30-020; and amending WAC 196-26A-025, 196-26A-045, and 196-26A-060.

Statutory Authority for Adoption: RCW 18.43.035, 18.210.050, and 18.210.060.

Other Authority: RCW 18.43.150, 18.210.200.

Adopted under notice filed as WSR 24-20-127 on October 1, 2024.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted at the Request of a Nongovernmental Entity: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted on the Agency's own Initiative: New 0, Amended 3, Repealed 3.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Clarify, Streamline, or Reform Agency Procedures: New 0, Amended 1, Repealed 3.

Number of Sections Adopted using Negotiated Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Pilot Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Other Alternative Rule Making: New 0, Amended 3, Repealed 3.

Date Adopted: November 18, 2024.

Ken Fuller  
Director

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**Chapter 196-26A WAC**  
**((REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYOR)) FEES**

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 14-03-029, filed 1/8/14, effective 2/8/14)

**WAC 196-26A-025 State application fees ((for examinations)).**

((FUNDAMENTAL EXAMINATIONS:

**Fundamentals of Engineering (FE):**

Application fee (incl. wall certificate): \$30

Processing fee to retake the FE examination: \$20

**Fundamentals of Land Surveying (FLS):**

Application fee (incl. wall certificate): \$30

Processing fee to retake the FLS examination: \$20

**Note:** Additional charges to cover costs of NCEES fundamentals examinations, exam administration and grading will be charged by NCEES to approved applicants.

PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING EXAMINATIONS:

**NCEES Examinations: (All branches other than board prepared examinations)**

Application fee (incl. wall certificate and initial license): \$65

Processing fee to retake the NCEES PE exam: \$30

**Note:** Additional charges to cover costs of NCEES PE examinations, exam administration and grading will be charged by NCEES to approved applicants.

**Structural Engineering:**

**Note:** To become licensed in structural engineering an applicant is required to pass sixteen hours of structural examinations when determined eligible under Washington law. The examinations for structural licensing consist of the NCEES 16-hour structural examination.

Application fee (incl. wall certificate and initial license): \$65

Processing fee to retake the NCEES 16-hour structural exam: \$30

**Note:** Additional charges to cover costs of NCEES 16-hour structural examination, exam administration and grading will be charged by NCEES to approved applicants.

PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYING:

**Note:** The examinations for licensure in professional land surveying include an NCEES PPLS examination, and a Washington specific examination. One application is required and when determined eligible a candidate will sit for the NCEES PPLS examination and the Washington specific examination on the same day.

Application fee (incl. wall certificate, state exams, and initial license): \$140

Processing and examination fee to retake the state PLS exam: \$100

**Note:** Additional charges to cover costs of NCEES LS examination, exam administration and grading will be charged by NCEES to approved applicants.

Processing fee to retake the NCEES PPLS examination: \$30))

FUNDAMENTALS CERTIFICATIONS:

**Fundamentals of Engineering (FE):**

Application fee (including wall certificate): \$30

**Fundamentals of Land Surveying (FLS):**

Application fee (including wall certificate): \$30

**PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING APPLICATIONS:**

Exam and initial license application fee (including wall certificate and initial license): \$65

Comity licensure application fee (including wall certificate and initial license): \$110

**Structural Engineering:**

Exam application fee (including wall certificate and initial license): \$65

Comity application fee (including wall certificate): \$110

**Temporary Permits:**

Temporary permit application \$110

**PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYING:**

Additional charges to cover costs of NCEES PLS examination will be charged by NCEES to approved applicants.

Application fee for exam and comity (including wall certificate, initial state exam, and initial license): \$140

Processing and examination fee to retake the state PLS exam: \$100

**ON-SITE WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEM DESIGNERS:**

Application fee (including wall certificate, initial state exam, and initial license): \$200

Processing and examination fee to retake the on-site designer exam: \$140

**CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY (INSPECTOR):**

Application fee (including wall certificate, initial state exam, and initial license): \$175

Processing and examination fee to retake the on-site designer exam: \$140

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 02-13-080, filed 6/17/02, effective 9/1/02)

**WAC 196-26A-045 ((Professional engineer, professional land surveyor)) Renewal fees and penalties.**

Professional engineer (((two years))): ((\$116))  
\$128

Professional land surveyor ( <del>((two years))</del> ):	<del>(\$116)</del> \$128
<u>On-site wastewater system designer:</u>	\$128
<u>Certificate of competency:</u>	\$128
Late renewal penalty ( <del>((PE and LS only))</del> ):	<del>(\$58)</del> \$64

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 02-13-080, filed 6/17/02, effective 9/1/02)

**WAC 196-26A-060 Certificate of authorization application and renewal fees.**

Application fee (incl. wall certificate and initial license):	\$150
Renewal fee (one-year):	<del>(\$110)</del> \$121

REPEALER

The following sections of the Washington Administrative Code are repealed:

- WAC 196-26A-035 State fees for comity licensure and temporary permit applications.
- WAC 196-26A-100 Suspended fees.

**OTS-5775.2**

REPEALER

The following section of the Washington Administrative Code is repealed:

- WAC 196-30-020 On-site wastewater treatment designer and inspector fees.