

WSR 25-05-088
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: Amendments to correct and clarify language throughout chapter 196-26A WAC. Also, the repeal of chapter 196-30 WAC because there is a large amount of language in chapter 196-30 WAC that is a duplication of language found in chapter 196-26A WAC. Any specific language regarding on-site wastewater treatment system designers was moved into chapter 196-26A WAC.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Repealing WAC 196-26A-030, 196-26A-050, 196-26A-055, and 196-30-030; and amending WAC 196-26A-010 and 196-26A-040.

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

Adopted under notice filed as WSR 25-01-073 on December 12, 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Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted at the Request of a Nongovernmental Entity: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted on the Agency's own Initiative: New 0, Amended 2, Repealed 4.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Clarify, Streamline, or Reform Agency Procedures: New 0, Amended 2, Repealed 4.

Number of Sections Adopted using Negotiated Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Pilot Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Other Alternative Rule Making: New 0, Amended 2, Repealed 4.

Date Adopted: February 13, 2025.

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

WAC 196-26A-010 State fee authority(~~(, applications)~~) and payment procedures. The board of registration for professional engineers and land surveyors (board) reviews and approves registration applications (~~(for all examinations)~~) under the provisions of chapters 18.43 and 18.210 RCW. The state fees listed in this chapter are adopted by the (~~(director of the department of licensing (department))~~) board in accordance with RCW (~~(43.24.086)~~) 18.43.050, 18.210.050 and 18.210.140.

The required state fees (~~(as listed in WAC 196-26A-025)~~) must accompany all registration applications. If payment is made by check or money order, the payment should be made payable to (~~(the department of~~

licensing. Should an applicant be judged ineligible for examination,)) BRPELS. The fee paid to the ((department of licensing shall be re-
tained to cover the costs of processing. An applicant who fails an ex-
amination may reapply to the board for examination by paying the re-
quired fee and providing any information requested. Applicants who
fail to appear for their scheduled examination will forfeit their
fees. Applicants may withdraw from an examination without forfeiting
their fees by submitting a written notice to the board by the date es-
tablished by the)) board is nonrefundable.

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 23-06-073, filed 3/1/23, effective
4/1/23)

**WAC 196-26A-040 Renewals ((for professional engineer and profes-
sional land surveyor licenses)).**

(1) Licenses for professional engi-
neers ((~~or~~)), professional land surveyors, on-site wastewater treat-
ment system designers, or certificate of competency holders
(inspectors) shall be renewed every two years. The date of expiration
shall be the licensee's birthday. The initial license issued to an in-
dividual shall expire no earlier than one year after the issue date.

(2) To renew your license, complete an application for renewal,
pay the required renewal fee, and provide the information requested in
the renewal notice and application form. This information may include
email address or other contact information ((and information regarding
prior unprofessional conduct)). In addition, you must disclose any
criminal conviction or sanction against you including suspension, rev-
ocation, or restriction of your license by a licensing authority in
any state, federal, or foreign jurisdiction pursuant to RCW 18.235.110
and 18.235.130. ((Information regarding unprofessional conduct will be
evaluated by the board to determine whether it is related to the prac-
tice of the applicant's profession.))

(3) For a professional land surveyor the renewal application re-
quires completion of professional development requirements and an at-
testation by the applicant that they have read chapters 58.09 RCW and
332-130 WAC as part of the renewal process.

(4) For a licensed on-site designer, the renewal application re-
quires completion of professional development requirements as part of
the renewal process.

(5) If a completed application for renewal has not been received
by the board by the date of expiration (postmarked before the date of
expiration if mailed or transacted online before the date of expira-
tion), the license is invalid. ((Renewals)) Licenses that remain ex-
pired over 90 days past the date of expiration require payment of a
late fee equivalent to the fee for a one-year renewal in addition to
the base renewal fee((~~r~~)) and completing ((~~of~~)) a renewal application.

((~~5~~)) (6) If your professional engineer or professional land
surveyor license has been expired for five or more years, you must
submit a renewal application and you will be required to take and re-
ceive a passing score on the board's law review examination. In the
first year of reactivated practice professional land surveyors may be
required by the board to collect an additional 15 professional devel-
opment hours (PDH).

(7) Any on-site designer license that remains expired for more
than two years will be canceled. After cancellation, a new application

must be made in accordance with chapter 18.210 RCW to obtain another license.

The licensee is responsible for timely renewal whether or not they (~~received~~) receive a renewal notice from the department.

REPEALER

The following sections of the Washington Administrative Code are repealed:

- WAC 196-26A-030 Applications for comity licensure and temporary permits.
- WAC 196-26A-050 Application for certificate of authorization.
- WAC 196-26A-055 Renewal of certificate of authorization.

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REPEALER

The following section of the Washington Administrative Code is repealed:

- WAC 196-30-030 License renewals.