home, the contractor must provide the taxpayer with a copy of the signed contract, a final invoice, and a completed Form R-90157-B, LFRTCP Qualifying Expenses.

4. After meeting the requirements of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection, a certified home evaluator will perform all required evaluations to confirm that the LFRTCP-approved contractor completed the fortification work according to the IBHS FORTIFIED roof standard. Thereafter, the IBHS shall review the evaluation and determine whether to issue a FORTIFIED designation.

E. - E.1. ...

a. Repealed.

E.1.b. - G.2.b. …

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§1937. Construction Code Retrofitting Deduction

A. - C.2.a. …

b. Repealed.

c. - e. …

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RULE

Department of Transportation and Development Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board

Engineering and Land Surveying
(LAC 46:LXI.105, 903, 1103, 1301, 1311, 1505, 1701, 2101, 2103, 2301, 2305, 2307, 2309, 2911 and 3115)

Under the authority of the Louisiana professional engineering and land surveying licensure law, R.S. 37:681 et seq., and in accordance with the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., notice is hereby given that the Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board has amended its rules contained in LAC 46:LXI.105, 903, 1103, 1301, 1311, 1505, 1701, 2101, 2103, 2301, 2305, 2307, 2309, 2911 and 3115.

This is a revision of existing rules under which LAPELS operates. The revision (a) adds a definition of subprofessional work, (b) clarifies the personal reference requirements for professional engineer licensure applicants who have obtained requisite engineering work experience outside of the United States, (c) modifies the required content of non-accredited engineering curricula, (d) eliminates an unnecessary provision related to language proficiency for examinations, (e) clarifies the procedure for taking an engineering examination for record purposes, (f) clarifies the supervision requirements for the requisite engineering work experience of professional engineer licensure applicants, (g) moves language regarding biennial licensure renewal forms from one section to another section, (h) clarifies the circumstances in which a license may be placed into expired status, (i) requires licensed firms to keep their certificate from the Louisiana Secretary of State active and in good standing, (j) clarifies the responsibilities of firm supervising professionals and (k) updates references to another state agency which recently changed its name. The anticipated effective date of the proposed amendments is the date of promulgation. This Rule is hereby adopted on the day of promulgation.

Title 46
PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL STANDARDS
Part LXI. Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors
Chapter 1. General Provisions
§105. Definitions

A. The words and phrases defined in R.S. 37:682 shall apply to these rules. In addition, the following words and phrases shall have the following meanings, unless the content of the rules clearly states otherwise.

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Subprofessional Work—as it applies in R.S. 37:701(A) only, shall mean the following:

a. Subprofessional work in engineering includes drafting, plan preparation, surveying, inspection and technical data collection. Subprofessional work in engineering is typically performed by engineering technicians, surveyors, draftspersons, assistant field engineers, interns, junior engineers, inspectors, and clerk of the works. Subprofessional work in engineering is task-oriented, supporting professional staff rather than taking final responsibility for design, safety, or public welfare; and

b. Subprofessional work in land surveying includes field data collection, boundary and site staking, site preparation, office support, surveying calculations, research, and infrastructure location. Subprofessional work in land surveying is typically performed by survey technicians, rodman/chainman, instrument person/operator, field engineering aide, survey assistant, and survey crew chief in support of the professional land surveyor.

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Chapter 9. Requirements for Certification and Licensure of Individuals and Temporary Permit to Practice Engineering or Land Surveying
§903. Professional Engineer Licensure

A. The requirements for licensure as a professional engineer under the alternatives provided in the licensure law are as follows:

1. the applicant for licensure as a professional engineer shall be an engineer intern, or an individual who meets the qualifications to be an engineer intern, who has a verifiable record of four years or more of progressive experience obtained subsequent to meeting the educational and applicable experience qualifications to be an engineer intern on engineering projects of a level and scope satisfactory to the board, who is of good character and reputation, who has passed the examination(s) required by the board in the principles and practice of engineering in the discipline(s) of engineering in which the applicant seeks to be listed, who was recommended for licensure by five personal references, who has submitted an application for licensure in accordance with the requirements of R.S. 37:694, and who was duly licensed as a professional engineer by the board; or

2. …

3. the applicant for licensure as a professional engineer shall be a graduate of an accredited engineering curriculum of four years or more approved by the board as being of satisfactory standing who has a verifiable record of 20 years or more of progressive experience obtained subsequent to meeting the educational qualification on engineering projects of a level and scope satisfactory to the board, who is of good character and reputation, who has passed the examination(s) required by the board in the principles and practice of engineering in the discipline(s) of engineering in which the applicant seeks to be listed, who was recommended for licensure by five personal references, who has submitted an application for licensure in accordance with the requirements of R.S. 37:694, and who was duly licensed as a professional engineer by the board.

B. - M. …

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Chapter 11. Curricula

§1103. Other Engineering Curricula

A. …

B. Non-accredited engineering curricula shall be those curricula of four years or more which are found by the board to be equivalent in content to accredited engineering curricula, including a minimum of 48 semester credit hours of recognized engineering courses, 36 of which shall be advanced level courses usually offered in the junior and senior years.

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Chapter 13. Examinations

§1301. General

A.1. - D. …

E. - E.2. Repealed.

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§1311. Examination for Record Purposes

A. Professional engineers who were previously licensed in Louisiana have the opportunity to take the examination in the principles and practice of engineering in the discipline(s) of engineering in which they seek to be listed without affecting their current licensure status with the board. These examinations are offered at times and places designated by NCEES.

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Chapter 15. Experience

§1505. Work Experience

A. …

B. Engineering Work Experience. Any required engineering work experience should be obtained under the supervision of a professional engineer holding a valid license to engage in the practice of engineering issued to him/her by proper authority of a state, territory, or possession of the United States, or the District of Columbia, or, if not, an explanation shall be made showing why such experience should be considered acceptable.

C. - C.2. …

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Chapter 17. Applications and Fees

§1701. Applications

A. …

B. Applications for licensure as a professional engineer or professional land surveyor shall be completed on the most current forms developed by the board. The application shall contain statements showing the applicant's qualifications, and the names and addresses of five personal references who recommend the applicant for licensure. None of the five personal references can be an immediate family member or business associate of the applicant. For purposes of this §1701.B, immediate family member is defined as a spouse, child, spouse of a child, sibling, spouse of a sibling, sibling of a spouse, parent, parent of a spouse, stepparent or stepchild. For purposes of this §1701.B, business associate is defined as a subordinate of the applicant, or a consultant or contractor who provides goods or services to the applicant or to a business, entity or agency in which the applicant is an owner, member, officer, director, trustee, partner, principal, manager, employee, associate, consultant or contractor. For an applicant for licensure as a professional engineer who obtained all of his/her required engineering work experience in a state, territory, or possession of the United States, or the District of Columbia, three or more of the five personal references furnished by the applicant shall be professional engineers holding valid licenses to engage in the practice of engineering issued to them by proper authority of a state, territory, or possession of the United States, or the District of Columbia, who have personal knowledge of the applicant's engineering experience and character and ability. For an applicant for licensure as a professional engineer who obtained any of his/her required engineering work experience outside of a state, territory, or possession of the United States, or the District of Columbia, all five of the personal references furnished by the applicant shall be professional engineers holding valid licenses to engage in the practice of engineering issued to them by proper authority of a state, territory, or possession of the United States, or the District of Columbia, who have personal knowledge of the applicant's engineering experience and character and ability. Three or more of the five personal references furnished by an applicant for licensure as a professional land surveyor shall be professional land surveyors holding valid licenses to engage in the practice of land surveying issued to them by proper authority of a state, territory, or possession of the United States, or the District of Columbia. Applicants for licensure as a professional engineer or professional land surveyor must also successfully complete the board's Louisiana laws and rules quiz and Louisiana ethics and professionalism quiz prior to licensure. Additionally, applicants for licensure as a professional land surveyor must successfully complete the board's Louisiana standards of practice for boundary surveys quiz prior to licensure.

C. - H. …

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Chapter 21. Certificates of Licensure and Certification of Individuals or Firms

§2101. Expiration and Renewals

A. Licenses and certificates of individuals and firms shall expire on the date specified on the applicable biennial renewal form and/or as shown on the board's records and shall become invalid after that date unless renewed within 120 days. All licensure renewals will require the completion and submission of a biennial licensure renewal form. By completing and submitting this form, the licensee is certifying that they have met all requirements for licensure renewal, including continuing professional development requirements for individual licensees. This form will also contain an affirmation which must be completed if the licensee desires to change their licensure status.

B. …

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HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Transportation and Development, Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, LR 7:648 (December 1981), amended LR 6:417 (June 1983), LR 11:363 (April 1985), amended by the Department of Transportation and Development, Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board, LR 27:1035 (July 2001), LR 30:1718 (August 2004), LR 44:622 (March 2018), LR 48:2364 (September 2022), LR 49:336 (February 2023), LR 52:1840 (October 2026).

§2103. Licensure and Certification Status

A. The board has established the following licensure statuses for licensees.

Active Status—the licensure status which exists for a licensee of the board who has complied with all the licensure and licensure renewal requirements of the board and who has either elected to be in this status on their biennial licensure renewal form or otherwise received authorization from the board to be in this status.

Expired Status—the licensure status which exists for a licensee of the board who has failed to properly renew licensure as required in R.S. 37:697, has failed to properly comply with a continuing professional development audit as required in §3117.B (if the licensee is an individual), has failed to keep its certificate of incorporation, certificate of organization or certificate of authority active and in good standing with the Louisiana Secretary of State as required in §2301.E (if the licensee is a firm), has failed for more than 60 days to have a supervising professional who satisfies the requirements of §2305.A.1 and A.2 (if the licensee is a firm), or has otherwise received authorization from the board to be in this status. A licensee in an expired status cannot practice or offer to practice engineering or land surveying in Louisiana.

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B. …

Active Status—the certification status which exists for a certificate holder of the board who has complied with all the certification and certification renewal requirements of the board and who has either elected to be in this status on his/her biennial certification renewal form or otherwise received authorization from the board to be in this status.

Expired Status—the certification status which exists for a certificate holder of the board who has either failed to properly renew certification as required in R.S. 37:697 or

otherwise received authorization from the board to be in this status. A certificate holder in an expired status may apply to the board to reactivate the expired certification to active status.

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Chapter 23. Firms

§2301. General

A. - D. …

E. If the Louisiana Secretary of State has issued to a firm a certificate of incorporation, certificate of organization or certificate of authority, the firm must keep such certificate active and in good standing with the Louisiana Secretary of State.

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§2305. Supervising Professional

A.1.Each firm licensed with the board shall designate one or more supervising professionals. Each supervising professional shall be a licensed professional in an active status:

a. …

b. who is employed with the firm, provided the supervising professional has at least a 25 percent equity ownership interest in the firm.

2. …

3. The responsibilities of a supervising professional include:

a. timely renewal of the firm's license;

b. notification to the board within five business days of any change in the firm's supervising professionals;

c. notification to the board within five business days when any of the firm's supervising professionals no longer satisfy the requirements of §2305.A.1 and A.2;

d. ensuring that the firm institutes and adheres to policies that are in accordance with the licensure law and the rules of the board;

e. ensuring that all professional services provided by the firm are performed by or under the responsible charge of licensed professionals in an active status; and

f. ensuring that the firm's certificate of incorporation, certificate of organization or certificate of authority is kept active and in good standing with the Louisiana Secretary of State (if applicable).

B. The supervising professionals of a firm which participate in a joint venture shall be responsible for assuring that all professional services performed by the joint venture are rendered in conformity with the licensure law and the rules of the board.

C. - D. …

E. A licensed firm's failure to comply with any of the provisions of the licensure law and the rules of the board may subject both the licensed firm and the supervising professionals to disciplinary action by the board.

F. …

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§2307. Professional Identification

A. Letterhead, business cards, advertisements, promotional materials, websites and other identifying items issued or used by licensed firms in Louisiana shall reflect the exact firm name contained on the firm's certificate of licensure issued by the board.

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§2309. Enforcement

A. In the event that a firm shall fail to comply with the provisions of this Chapter, the board may take whatever action is necessary against such firm to require compliance or to enjoin further practice or offers to practice engineering or land surveying.

B. …

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Chapter 29. Standards of Practice for Boundary Surveys

§2911. Mineral Unitization Survey

A. …

* * *

B. Scope and Product. A mineral unitization survey shall, as a minimum, consist of the following elements.

1. …

2. The professional land surveyor shall determine, on the ground, the location of the unit well and the location of sufficient tract lines in order to determine the subsurface

mineral tracts located inside the unit boundaries. Geologically significant wells, as identified by the Louisiana Department of Conservation and Energy field order or the client, will be located with respect to the unit boundaries. Installation of new monuments defining the limits of the unit, or of the tracts which comprise the unit, is not required.

3. The professional land surveyor shall prepare a unitization plat or map (Louisiana Department of Conservation and Energy field order unit, voluntary unit or declared unit) showing the mineral participant(s) and limits of the tracts (or portions of tracts) which are included in the proposed mineral unit. These plats or maps shall be prepared in compliance with those requirements for property boundary survey plats or maps that are specifically contained in §2907.G.1, 2, 6, 7 and 14. These plats or maps shall contain bearings and distances around the perimeter of the unit boundary, but are not required to depict or list such calls for the individual tracts which comprise the unit. Final plats or maps issued to the client shall contain a statement by the professional land surveyor certifying its authenticity (that it represents his/her survey) and stating that the mineral unitization survey complies with the applicable standards of practice as stipulated in this Chapter. In addition, the plats or maps, when applicable, shall be in compliance with the Louisiana Department of Conservation and Energy's requirements governing unit plats and survey plats (LAC 43:XIX.Chapter 41).

4. …

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Chapter 31. Continuing Professional Development (CPD)

§3115. Record Keeping

A. All licensees are required to obtain and maintain certificates, transcripts or other proof of attendance/completion substantiating any PDHs earned. Such certificates, transcripts or other proof should include, at a minimum, the dates and titles/descriptions of the courses/activities, the names of the sponsors/providers, the licensee's name, and the number of PDHs earned.

B. All licensees are required to maintain a board-approved professional development activity log outlining all PDHs claimed during a calendar year. Licensees must complete all sections of the log and be prepared to submit the completed log and any corresponding documentation to the board upon request. Blank log forms can be obtained from the board's website.

C. Maintaining records to be used to support PDHs claimed is the responsibility of the licensee. These records must be maintained for at least six consecutive calendar years and copies may be requested by the board at any time.

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