

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

§901. Engineer Intern Certification

A. The requirements for certification as an engineer intern under the several alternatives provided in the licensure law are as follows.

1. Graduates of an Accredited Engineering Curriculum. The applicant shall be a graduate of an accredited engineering curriculum of four years or more approved by the board as being of satisfactory standing, who is of good character and reputation, who has passed the examination required by the board in the fundamentals of engineering, who was recommended for certification by 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, who has submitted an application for certification in accordance with the requirements of R.S. 37:694, and who was duly certified as an engineer intern by the board.

2. Graduates with Advanced Engineering Degree. The applicant shall be a graduate of a non-accredited engineering or related science or engineering technology curriculum of four years or more approved by the board as being of satisfactory standing, who has obtained an engineering graduate degree in an engineering discipline or sub-discipline from a college or university having an undergraduate accredited engineering curriculum in the same discipline or sub-discipline, approved by the board as being of satisfactory standing and in accordance with §1105, who is of good character and reputation, who has passed the examination required by the board in the fundamentals of engineering, who was recommended for certification by 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, who has submitted an application for certification in accordance with the requirements of R.S. 37:694, and who was duly certified as an engineer intern by the board.

3. Other Non-Accredited Engineering Graduates. The applicant shall be a graduate of a non-accredited engineering curriculum of four years or more approved by the board as being of satisfactory standing, who has a specific record of four years or more of verifiable progressive experience obtained subsequent to graduation, on engineering projects of a level and scope satisfactory to the board, who is of good character and reputation, who has passed the examination required by the board in the fundamentals of engineering, who was recommended for certification by 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, and having a personal knowledge of his/her

engineering experience, who has submitted an application for certification in accordance with the requirements of R.S. 37:694, and who was duly certified as an engineer intern by the board.

B. The authority for the executive director to issue a certificate can only be granted by the board.

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§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 (at least three of whom must be professional engineers who have personal knowledge of the applicant's engineering experience and character and ability), 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. the applicant for licensure as a professional engineer shall be an individual who holds 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, based on requirements that do not conflict with the provisions of the licensure law and which were of a standard not lower than that specified in the applicable licensure law in effect in Louisiana at the time such license was issued, who is of good character and reputation, who has submitted an application for licensure in accordance with the requirements of R.S. 37:694, and if the state, territory, or possession, or the District of Columbia, in which he/she is licensed will accept the licenses issued by the board on a comity basis, and who was duly licensed as a professional engineer by the board; or

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 (at least three of whom must be professional engineers who have personal knowledge of the applicant's engineering experience and character and ability), 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. The requirements for licensure as a professional engineer under the alternatives provided in R.S. 37:3651(A) are as follows:

1. the applicant for licensure as a professional engineer shall be a member of the military, or a United States Department of Defense civilian employee assigned to duty in this state, who holds a current and 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, who has held such license for at least one year, who has passed any examinations and met any education, training, or experience standards as required by such other jurisdiction, who is held in good standing by such other jurisdiction, who has received education and experience as a member of the military at a level that is comparable to the requirements for licensure under R.S. 37:693(B)(2)(a) and Paragraph 1 of Subsection A herein, who does not have a disqualifying criminal record as determined by the board under the laws of this state, who has not had a professional or occupational license revoked by another state, territory, or possession of the United States, or the District of Columbia, because of negligence or intentional misconduct related to their work in the profession or occupation, who has not surrendered a professional or occupational license because of negligence or intentional misconduct related to their work in the profession or occupation in another state, territory, or possession of the United States, or the District of Columbia, who does not have a complaint, allegation, or investigation pending in another state, territory, or possession of the United States, or the District of Columbia, which relates to unprofessional conduct or an alleged crime, 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. the applicant for licensure as a professional engineer shall be a spouse or dependent of a member of the military or a United States Department of Defense civilian employee, if the member or civilian employee has received military orders for a change of station to a military installation or assignment located in this state or has established this state as their state of legal residence as reflected in their military record, who holds a current and 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,

who has held such license for at least one year, who has passed any examinations and met any education, training, or experience standards as required by such other jurisdiction, who is held in good standing by such other jurisdiction, who does not have a disqualifying criminal record as determined by the board under the laws of this state, who has not had a professional or occupational license revoked by another state, territory, or possession of the United States, or the District of Columbia, because of negligence or intentional misconduct related to their work in the profession or occupation, who has not surrendered a professional or occupational license because of negligence or intentional misconduct related to their work in the profession or occupation in another state, territory, or possession of the United States, or the District of Columbia, who does not have a complaint, allegation, or investigation pending in another state, territory, or possession of the United States, or the District of Columbia, which relates to unprofessional conduct or an alleged crime, 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.

C. The requirements for licensure as a professional engineer under the alternatives provided in R.S. 37:3651(B) are as follows:

1. the applicant for licensure as a professional engineer shall be a member of the military who has lawfully engaged in the practice of engineering for at least three years in a state, territory, or possession of the United States, or the District of Columbia, that does not use a professional or occupational license or government certification to regulate the practice of engineering, who has received education and experience as a member of the military at a level that is comparable to the requirements for licensure under R.S. 37:693(B)(2)(a) and Paragraph 1 of Subsection A herein, who has not had a professional or occupational license revoked by another state, territory, or possession of the United States, or the District of Columbia, because of negligence or intentional misconduct related to their work in the profession or occupation, who has not surrendered a professional or occupational license because of negligence or intentional misconduct related to their work in the profession or occupation in another state, territory, or possession of the United States, or the District of Columbia, who does not have a complaint, allegation, or investigation pending in another state, territory, or possession of the United States, or the District of Columbia, which relates to unprofessional conduct or an alleged crime, 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. the applicant for licensure as a professional engineer shall be a spouse or dependent of a member of the military or United States Department of Defense civilian employee assigned duty in this state, who has lawfully engaged in the practice of engineering for at least three years in a state, territory, or possession of the United States, or the District of Columbia, that does not use a professional or occupational license or government certification to regulate the practice of engineering, who has not had a professional

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or occupational license revoked by another state, territory, or possession of the United States, or the District of Columbia, because of negligence or intentional misconduct related to their work in the profession or occupation, who has not surrendered a professional or occupational license because of negligence or intentional misconduct related to their work in the profession or occupation in another state, territory, or possession of the United States, or the District of Columbia, who does not have a complaint, allegation, or investigation pending in another state, territory, or possession of the United States, or the District of Columbia, which relates to unprofessional conduct or an alleged crime, 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.

D. The requirements for licensure as a professional engineer under the alternatives provided in R.S. 37:3651(C) are as follows:

1. the applicant for licensure as a professional engineer shall be a member of the military, or a United States Department of Defense civilian employee assigned duty in this state, who has lawfully engaged in the practice of engineering for at least two years in a state, territory, or possession of the United States, or the District of Columbia, that does not use a professional or occupational license or government certification to regulate the practice of engineering, who holds a current and valid private certification to engage in the practice of engineering, who is held in good standing by the organization that issued such private certification, who has received education and experience as a member of the military at a level that is comparable to the requirements for licensure under R.S. 37:693(B)(2)(a) and Paragraph 1 of Subsection A herein, who has not had a professional or occupational license revoked by another state, territory, or possession of the United States, or the District of Columbia, because of negligence or intentional misconduct related to their work in the profession or occupation, who has not surrendered a professional or occupational license because of negligence or intentional misconduct related to their work in the profession or occupation in another state, territory, or possession of the United States, or the District of Columbia, who does not have a complaint, allegation, or investigation pending in another state, territory, or possession of the United States, or the District of Columbia, which relates to unprofessional conduct or an alleged crime, 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. the applicant for licensure as a professional engineer shall be a spouse or dependent of a member of the military or United States Department of Defense civilian employee, who has lawfully engaged in the practice of engineering for at least two years in a state, territory, or possession of the United States, or the District of Columbia, that does not use a professional or occupational license or government certification to regulate the practice of engineering, who holds a current and valid private certification to engage in the practice of engineering, who is held in good standing by the organization that issued such

private certification, who has not had a professional or occupational license revoked by another state, territory, or possession of the United States, or the District of Columbia, because of negligence or intentional misconduct related to their work in the profession or occupation, who has not surrendered a professional or occupational license because of negligence or intentional misconduct related to their work in the profession or occupation in another state, territory, or possession of the United States, or the District of Columbia, who does not have a complaint, allegation, or investigation pending in another state, territory, or possession of the United States, or the District of Columbia, which relates to unprofessional conduct or an alleged crime, 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.

E. The requirements for licensure as a professional engineer under the alternatives provided in R.S. 37:1751(C) are as follows:

1. the applicant for licensure as a professional engineer shall be a dependent of a healthcare professional who has satisfied the requirements for licensure under R.S. 37:693(B)(2)(b) and Paragraph 2 of Subsection A herein, 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. the applicant for licensure as a professional engineer shall be a dependent of a healthcare professional who has lawfully engaged in the practice of engineering for at least three years in a state, territory, or possession of the United States, or the District of Columbia, that does not use an occupational license or government certification to regulate the practice of engineering, who does not have a disqualifying criminal record as determined by the board in accordance with the laws of this state, who has not had an occupational license revoked by a licensing board in another state, territory, or possession of the United States, or the District of Columbia, because of negligence or intentional misconduct related to their work in the occupation, who has not surrendered an occupational license because of negligence or intentional misconduct related to their work in the occupation in another state, territory, or possession of the United States, or the District of Columbia, who does not have a complaint, allegation, or investigation pending before a licensing board in another state, territory, or possession of the United States, or the District of Columbia, which relates to unprofessional conduct or an alleged crime, 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.

F. The provisions of Subsections B, C and D shall not apply to any applicant who received a dishonorable discharge or to a military spouse whose spouse received a dishonorable discharge.

G. In Subsections B, C and D, the term *military* shall mean the armed forces or reserves of the United States, including the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Air Force, and the reserve components thereof, the National

Guard of any state, the military reserves of any state, or the naval militia of any state.

H. In Subsections B, C and D, the term *dependent* shall mean a resident spouse or resident unmarried child under 21 years of age, a child who is a student under 24 years of age and who is financially dependent upon the parent, or a child of any age who is disabled and dependent upon the parent.

I. In Subsection E, the term *dependent* shall mean any of the following who relocates to Louisiana with a healthcare professional:

1. the healthcare professional's spouse;
2. the healthcare professional's unmarried child under the age of 21 years;
3. the healthcare professional's child who is a student under the age of 24 years and who is financially dependent upon the healthcare professional; or
4. the healthcare professional's child of any age who is disabled and financially dependent upon the healthcare professional.

J. In Subsection E, the term *healthcare professional* shall mean a person who has relocated to and established his/her legal residence in Louisiana, who holds a valid license to provide healthcare services in Louisiana and who is providing healthcare or professional services in Louisiana as a physician, physician assistant, dentist, registered or licensed practical nurse or certified nurse assistant, advanced practice registered nurse, certified emergency medical technician, paramedic, certified registered nurse anesthetist, nurse practitioner, respiratory therapist, clinical nurse specialist, pharmacist, physical therapist, occupational therapist, licensed radiologic technologist, chiropractor, or licensed clinical laboratory scientist.

K. The authority for the executive director to issue a license can only be granted by the board.

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§905. Temporary Permit to Practice Engineering

A. A person who is not a resident of and has no established place of business in Louisiana may be granted a temporary permit to practice or offer to practice engineering in Louisiana when such practice does not exceed 120 consecutive days in any calendar year, provided such person is licensed to practice engineering in their own state, territory, or possession of the United States, or the District of

Columbia, in which the requirements and the qualifications for obtaining a license are not lower than those specified in the licensure law, and provided further that before beginning such temporary practice in Louisiana, the person shall have applied to the board, paid the prescribed fee, and received a temporary permit, and upon the conclusion of such work they shall advise the board as to the period of time that they have practiced in Louisiana under such temporary permit.

B. An individual who has applied to the board for licensure pursuant to §903.B, §903.C, or §903.D shall be granted a temporary permit to practice or offer to practice engineering in Louisiana for the period from the time the individual has applied to the board for licensure until either the license has been granted or notice of denial of licensure has been issued, provided that before beginning such temporary practice in Louisiana, the individual shall have applied to the board for a temporary permit, paid the prescribed fee, and received a temporary permit.

C. The provisions of Subsection B shall not apply to any applicant who received a dishonorable discharge or to a military spouse whose spouse received a dishonorable discharge.

D. In Subsection C, the term *military* shall mean the armed forces or reserves of the United States, including the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Air Force, and the reserve components thereof, the National Guard of any state, the military reserves of any state, or the naval militia of any state.

E. The authority for the executive director to issue a temporary permit can only be granted by the board.

F. The fee for a temporary permit for an individual shall be twice the fee paid by an applicant applying for licensure as a professional engineer pursuant to §903.A.2. The fee for a temporary permit for a firm shall be twice the fee paid by an applicant applying for licensure as a professional engineering firm.

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§907. Land Surveyor Intern Certification

A. The requirements for certification as a land surveyor intern under the two alternatives provided in the licensure law are as follows:

1. the applicant for certification as a land surveyor intern shall be a graduate holding a baccalaureate degree from a curriculum of four years or more who has completed at least 30 semester credit hours, or the equivalent, in land surveying, mapping, and real property courses approved by the board, who is of good character and reputation, who has passed the examination required by the board in the fundamentals of land surveying, who was recommended for