

RULE

Department of Transportation and Development Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board

Principles and Practice of Land Surveying Examination, Engineering Co-Op Programs and Continuing Professional Development (LAC 46:LXI.1309, 1507 and 3105)

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., the Louisiana Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board has amended its rules contained in LAC 46:LXI.1309, 1507 and 3105.

This is a revision of existing rules under which LAPELS operates. The revision (a) permits land surveyor interns to take the principles and practice of land surveying examination prior to meeting the applicable experience requirement for licensure, (b) clarifies the requirements for applicants to receive engineering experience credit for the performance of engineering co-op program work and (c) clarifies the continuing professional development requirements for professional engineers who design, review or approve plans for buildings and/or building systems. This Rule is hereby adopted on the day of promulgation.

Title 46 PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL STANDARDS Part LXI. Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors

Chapter 13. Examinations

§1309. Approval to Take the Examinations in the Principles and Practice of Land Surveying and in the Louisiana Laws of Land Surveying

A. Except as otherwise provided in Subsection B, only an individual who meets all of the other requirements for licensure as a professional land surveyor may be permitted to take the examinations in the principles and practice of land surveying and in the Louisiana laws of land surveying.

B. An individual who has already been duly certified as a land surveyor intern by the board may be permitted to take the examination in the principles and practice of land surveying, even though such individual has not yet met the experience requirement for licensure as a professional land surveyor.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:688.

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Chapter 15. Experience

§1507. Engineering Experience Subsequent to Degree

A. ...

B. Up to one year of engineering experience may be obtained prior to graduation, if obtained through a college or university-sponsored co-op program as part of an accredited engineering curriculum approved by the board, and only after completion of the first half of the curriculum. The co-op program work must appear on the applicant's college or university transcript for it to be considered. The amount of credit given for co-op program work will be based on the amount of co-op program work performed, will be limited by the applicant's academic course load and

will only include co-op program work performed during an academic term. The co-op program work must be performed 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 the work should be considered acceptable.

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Chapter 31. Continuing Professional Development (CPD)

§3105. Requirements

A. Every professional engineer, including those listed in two or more disciplines, is required to earn 15 PDHs per calendar year in engineering-related acceptable activities. Professional engineers may not earn more than 8 PDHs within a single calendar day.

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2. At least four of the PDHs per calendar year shall be earned in *Life Safety Code*, building codes and/or Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines by every professional engineer who designs buildings and/or building systems or reviews and/or approves plans for buildings and/or building systems in Louisiana during such calendar year.

B. – B.2. ...

C. Each dual licensee is required to earn 15 PDHs per calendar year; however, at least one-third of the PDHs for each calendar year shall be earned separately for each profession.

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3. At least four of the PDHs per calendar year shall be earned in *Life Safety Code*, building codes and/or Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines by every professional engineer who designs buildings and/or building systems or reviews and/or approves plans for buildings and/or building systems in Louisiana during such calendar year.

D. – E. ...

F. As used in this Section, the phrase *designs buildings and/or building systems* shall mean the design of and/or specifications for any component of any building and/or building system including but not limited to architectural engineering design, site work, foundations, structural, electrical, mechanical, fire protection system, communications and associated appurtenances.

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