

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Transportation and Development Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board

Engineering and Land Surveying
(LAC 46:LXI.903, 909, 1107, 2101,
2103, 2305, 2503, 3105, 3109 and 3121)

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 Louisiana Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board has initiated procedures to amend its rules contained in LAC 46:LXI.903, 909, 1107, 2101, 2103, 2305, 2503, 3105, 3109 and 3121.

This is a revision of existing rules under which LAPELS operates. The revision (a) incorporates the new state statute dealing with the licensure of dependents of healthcare professionals, (b) clarifies the land surveying, mapping and real property course requirement for land surveyor interns, (c) codifies current LAPELS procedures with respect to the reactivation of expired, inactive and retired licenses, (d) clarifies the time period for licensees to notify a previous licensee or other related design professional of being engaged to complete, correct, revise or add to their work and (e) clarifies the annual continuing professional development requirements for dual licensees.

Title 46

PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL STANDARDS

Part LXI. Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors Chapter 9. Requirements for Certification and Licensure of Individuals and Temporary Permit to Practice Engineering or Land Surveying

§903. Professional Engineer Licensure

A. - D.2. ...

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.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:688, 37:1751, and 37:3651.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Transportation and Development, Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, LR 2:352 (November 1976), amended LR 5:114 (May 1979), LR 5:365 (November 1979), LR 6:735 (December 1980), LR 7:644 (December 1981), LR 10:804 (October 1984), LR 11:362 (April 1985), LR 19:56 (January 1993), amended by the Department of Transportation and Development, Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board, LR 27:1028 (July 2001), LR 30:1712 (August 2004), LR 32:1619 (September 2006), LR 37:2412 (August 2011), LR 38:2564 (October 2012), LR 39:1060 (April 2013), LR 39:2801

(October 2013), LR 43:538 (March 2017), LR 43:1419 (July 2017), LR 44:616 (March 2018), LR 47:491 (April 2021), LR 47:894 (July 2021), LR 48:

§909. Professional Land Surveyor Licensure

A. - D.2. ...

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

1. the applicant for licensure as a professional land surveyor shall be a dependent of a healthcare professional who has satisfied the requirements for licensure under R.S. 37:693(B)(4)(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 land surveyor shall be a dependent of a healthcare professional who has lawfully engaged in the practice of land surveying 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 land surveying, 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 passed the examination required by the board in the Louisiana laws of land surveying, 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 land surveyor 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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Chapter 11. Curricula

§1107. Land Surveying, Mapping and Real Property Courses

A. To qualify for certification as a land surveyor intern pursuant to §907.A.1, the "30 semester credit hours, or the equivalent, in land surveying, mapping, and real property courses approved by the board" shall include:

1. 15 semester credit hours, or the equivalent, with a grade of "C-" or better in land surveying courses, at least three of which shall be in boundary surveying;
2. three semester credit hours, or the equivalent, with a grade of "C-" or better in mapping courses;
3. three semester credit hours, or the equivalent, with a grade of "C-" or better in real property courses; and
4. nine semester credit hours, or the equivalent, with a grade of "C-" or better in either land surveying or mapping courses.

B. The mapping courses referenced in Subsection A shall not include more than six semester credit hours, or the equivalent, in drafting, graphics, or computer-aided design (CAD).

C. The real property courses referenced in Subsection A must cover subject matter germane to land surveying applications as they apply to real property, such as real property principles and real property law.

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HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Transportation and Development, Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board, LR 45:77 (January 2019), LR 48:

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

§2101. Expiration and Renewals

A. ...

B. After the 120-day period, the licensee or certificate holder may apply to the board to reactivate the expired license or certificate to active status. Applicants to reactivate an expired license must also successfully complete the board's Louisiana laws and rules quiz and Louisiana ethics and professionalism quiz prior to reactivation. Additionally, applicants to reactivate an expired professional land surveyor license must successfully complete the board's Louisiana standards of practice for boundary surveys quiz prior to reactivation. Designated supervising professionals for firms applying to reactivate an expired license must also successfully complete the board's Louisiana laws and rules quiz and Louisiana ethics and professionalism quiz prior to reactivation of the firm. Additionally, designated supervising professionals for land surveying firms applying to reactivate an expired professional land surveying license must also successfully complete the board's Louisiana standards of practice for boundary surveys quiz prior to reactivation of the firm.

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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:

§2103. Licensure and Certification Status

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

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Inactive Status—the licensure status which exists for an individual licensee of the board who has chosen not to practice or offer to practice engineering and/or land surveying in Louisiana and who has either elected to be in this status on his/her biennial licensure renewal form or otherwise received authorization from the board to be in this status. A licensee in an inactive status can represent himself/herself to the public as a P.E. inactive or a P.L.S. inactive, as applicable, but cannot otherwise practice or offer to practice engineering and/or land surveying in Louisiana. A licensee in an inactive status may apply to the board to reactivate the inactive license to active status. Applicants to reactivate an inactive license must also successfully complete the board's Louisiana laws and rules quiz and Louisiana ethics and professionalism quiz prior to reactivation. Additionally, applicants to reactivate an inactive professional land surveyor license must successfully complete the board's Louisiana standards of practice for boundary surveys quiz prior to reactivation.

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Retired Status—the licensure status which exists for an individual licensee of the board who has chosen not to practice or offer to practice engineering and/or land

surveying in Louisiana and who has either elected to be in this status on his/her biennial licensure renewal form or otherwise received authorization from the board to be in this status. To qualify for the retired status, the licensee must be at least 70 years of age or have been a licensee of the board for at least 35 years. Unless the licensee is granted a waiver by the board, the renewal fee for the retired status shall be one-half of the current renewal fee for the active status. A licensee qualified for the retired status may be granted a waiver of this renewal fee if the licensee is at least 70 years of age, has been a licensee of the board for at least 35 years continuously, has never been subject to disciplinary action in any jurisdiction, has never committed any of the offenses described in R.S. 37:698(A)(3), (4) or (5), and is of good character and reputation. A licensee in a retired status can represent himself/herself to the public as a P.E. retired or a P.L.S. retired, as applicable, but cannot otherwise practice or offer to practice engineering and/or land surveying in Louisiana. A licensee in a retired status may apply to the board to reactivate the retired license to active status. Applicants to reactivate a retired license must also successfully complete the board's Louisiana laws and rules quiz and Louisiana ethics and professionalism quiz prior to reactivation. Additionally, applicants to reactivate a retired professional land surveyor license must successfully complete the board's Louisiana standards of practice for boundary surveys quiz prior to reactivation.

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B. The board has established the following certification statuses for certificate holders.

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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

§2305. Supervising Professional

A.1. - C. ...

D. If there is a change in a firm's supervising professionals, the new supervising professional(s) must successfully complete the board's Louisiana laws and rules quiz and Louisiana ethics and professionalism quiz. Additionally, if there is a change in a land surveying firm's supervising professionals, the new supervising professional(s) must also successfully complete the board's Louisiana standards of practice for boundary surveys quiz.

E. A failure to comply with any of the provisions of this Chapter may subject both the licensed firm and the supervising professional to disciplinary action by the board.

F. Compliance with this Section will not be met by a contractual relationship between the firm and a licensed professional or a firm of licensed professionals in which such licensed professional or firm of licensed professionals is available on a consultative basis. Nor will it be considered compliance if a licensed professional is related to the firm solely in a nominal or inactive capacity.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:689.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Transportation and Development, Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, LR 5:115 (May 1979), amended LR 8:191 (April 1982), LR 10:343 (April 1984), LR 11:362 (April 1985), amended by the Department of Transportation and Development, Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board, LR 27:1036 (July 2001), LR 30:1719 (August 2004), LR 33:2789 (December 2007), LR 35:2856 (December 2009), LR 38:1418 (June, 2012), LR 44:623 (March 2018), LR 46:1398 (October 2020), repromulgated LR 46:1695 (December 2020), LR 47:897 (July 2021), LR 48:

Chapter 25. Professional Conduct

§2503. Licensees

A. – C.3. ...

D. Licensees shall submit to a client only that work prepared by the licensee or under their responsible charge; however, licensees, as third parties, may complete, correct, revise, or add to the work of another licensee or other related design professional, if allowed by Louisiana law, when engaged to do so by a client, provided:

1. ...

2. the previous licensees or other related design professionals are notified in writing by the licensee of the engagement referred to herein within five business days of acceptance of the engagement; and

D.3. – H. ...

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

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 11:950 (October 1985), LR 16:776 (September 1990), LR 17:273 (March 1991), amended by the Department of Transportation and Development, Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board, LR 27:1037 (July 2001), LR 30:1721 (August 2004), LR 44:624 (March 2018), LR 48:

Chapter 31. Continuing Professional Development (CPD)

§3105. Requirements

A. – B.2. ...

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

C.1. – E. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:697.1.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Transportation and Development, Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, LR 24:2152 (November 1998), amended by the Department of Transportation and Development, Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board, LR 27:1047 (July 2001), LR 30:1730 (August 2004), LR 37:2420 (August 2011), LR 42:1104 (July 2016), LR 44:629 (March 2018), LR 47:495 (April 2021), LR 48:

§3109. Exemptions

A. A licensee may be exempt from the CPD requirements in this Chapter for any one or more of the following reasons.

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5. Licensees who certify their licensure status as inactive on their biennial licensure renewal form shall be exempt from the CPD requirements until their next licensure renewal. In the event such licensee subsequently elects to reactivate his/her inactive license to active status, he/she must meet the requirements set forth in §3121.

6. Licensees who certify their licensure status as retired on their biennial licensure renewal form shall be exempt from the CPD requirements until their next licensure renewal. In the event such licensee subsequently elects to reactivate his/her retired license to active status, he/she must meet the requirements set forth in §3121.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:697.1.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Transportation and Development, Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, LR 24:2153 (November 1998), amended by the Department of Transportation and Development, Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board, LR 27:1048 (July 2001), LR 30:1731 (August 2004), LR 42:1105 (July 2016), LR 44:630 (March 2018), LR 47:495 (April 2021), LR 47:897 (July 2021), LR 48:

§3121. CPD Reactivation

A. To become reactivated to an active status, a licensee in an expired, inactive, or retired status must have earned all PDHs which he/she would have been required to earn if he/she had been in an active status during the previous two calendar years as provided in §3105.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:697.1.

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Family Impact Statement

In accordance with R.S. 49:953(A)(1)(a)(viii) and 972, the following Family Impact Statement is submitted with the Notice of Intent for publication in the *Louisiana Register*: The proposed Rule has no known impact on family formation, stability or autonomy.

Poverty Impact Statement

In accordance with R.S. 49:953(A)(1)(a)(ix) and 973, the following Poverty Impact Statement is submitted with the Notice of Intent for publication in the *Louisiana Register*: The proposed Rule has no known impact on child, individual or family poverty in relation to individual or community asset development.

Small Business Analysis

In accordance with R.S. 49:953(A)(1)(a)(x) and 978.5, the following Small Business Regulatory Flexibility Analysis is submitted with the Notice of Intent for publication in the *Louisiana Register*: The impact of the proposed Rule on small businesses has been considered. LAPELS has,

consistent with health, safety, environmental and economic welfare, considered utilizing regulatory methods that will accomplish the objectives of applicable statutes while minimizing adverse impact on small businesses. The proposed Rule is not anticipated to have an adverse impact on small businesses.

Provider Impact Statement

In accordance with HCR No. 170 of the 2014 Regular Session, the following Provider Impact Statement is submitted with the Notice of Intent for publication in the *Louisiana Register*: The proposed Rule has no known effect on the staffing level requirements or qualifications required to provide the same level of service, the cost to the provider to provide the same level of service or the ability of the provider to provide the same level of service.

Public Comments

Interested parties are invited to submit written comments on the proposed Rule through July 11, 2022 at 4:30 p.m., to Donna D. Sentell, Executive Director, Louisiana Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board, 9643 Brookline Avenue, Suite 121, Baton Rouge, LA 70809-1433.

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FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

RULE TITLE: Engineering and Land Surveying

I. ESTIMATED IMPLEMENTATION COSTS (SAVINGS) TO STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (Summary)

There are no estimated implementation costs or savings to state or local governmental units resulting from this proposed rule change. The proposed rule change revises existing rules under which LAPELS operates to: (a) incorporate the new state statute (La. R.S. 37:1751), which relates to alternatives for licensure of dependents of healthcare professionals, (b) clarify the land surveying, mapping and real property course requirement for land surveyor interns, (c) codify current LAPELS procedures with respect to the reactivation of expired, inactive and retired licenses, (d) clarify the time period for licensees to notify a previous licensee or other related design professional of being engaged to complete, correct, revise or add to their work, and (e) clarify the annual continuing professional development requirements for dual licensees.

II. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

There will be no estimated effect on revenue collections of state or local governmental units as a result of this proposed rule change.

III. ESTIMATED COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS, SMALL BUSINESSES OR NONGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)

The proposed rule change will have no estimated impact on costs and/or economic benefits to directly affected small businesses or non-governmental groups. The proposed rule change codifies an alternative path to licensure for certain individuals as authorized in La. R.S. 37:1751.

IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

There will be no estimated effect on competition and employment in the public and private sectors as a result of the proposed rule change.

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NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Treasury Municipal Employees' Retirement System

Administration of the Retirement System
(LAC 58:XXV.Chapters 1-15)

In accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., notice is hereby given that the Department of Treasury, Municipal Employees' Retirement System has initiated rulemaking procedures to adopt rules codifying its current policies and procedures for administration of the retirement system. Authority for rulemaking is generally established in R.S. 11:1823. Specific rulemaking authority is set out in R.S. 11:291, 11:1733, 11:1755, and 11:1821.

Title 58 RETIREMENT

Part XXV. Municipal Employees' Retirement System Chapter 1. General Provisions

§101. Definitions

A. Use of the masculine includes the feminine and vice versa. Use of the singular includes the plural and vice versa.

B. The following definitions apply unless the usage clearly indicates another meaning.

Active Member—a member of the Municipal Employees' Retirement System (MERS) who is employed by a participating employer and actively contributing to MERS or who is participating in the Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP).

Active Member Trustee—a trustee holding a seat elected by active members of MERS or appointed to such a seat in accordance with R.S. 11:1821G(4).

Board of Trustees or Board—the board of trustees of the Municipal Employees' Retirement System.

Director—the executive director of the Municipal Employees' Retirement System.

DROP—Deferred Retirement Option Plan.

Inactive Member—a member who is not actively contributing to MERS but is not retired and has left their contributions in the system.

MERS—the Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana.

Retired Member Trustee—a trustee holding a seat elected by retired members of MERS or appointed to such a seat in accordance with R.S. 11:1821G(4).