

LOUISIANA PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING
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POSITION STATEMENT ON
JURISDICTION OF ORIGIN OF ENGINEERING WORK
FOR PURPOSES OF BOARD RULES 2701(A)(3)(b)(ii)(a) AND (b)

Board Position:

There are only a few circumstances in which a professional engineer can affix his/her seal and signature to engineering work developed by another person not under his/her responsible charge.

One of those circumstances is described in LAC Title 46:LXI§2701(A)(3)(b)(ii)(a), which allows a Louisiana professional engineer to check and take the professional responsibility for the work of an engineer who is not licensed in Louisiana (but is properly licensed in the **jurisdiction of origin** of such work). In such case, the Louisiana professional engineer must completely check and assume responsible charge of the work, which includes taking possession of the sealed, signed and dated reproducible drawings, with complete sealed, signed and dated calculations indicating all changes.

Another of those circumstances is described in LAC Title 46:LXI§2701(A)(3)(b)(ii)(b), which allows a Louisiana professional engineer to certify standard plans that were initially prepared, sealed and signed by an engineer who is not licensed in Louisiana (but is properly licensed in the **jurisdiction of origin** of such plans). In such case, the Louisiana professional engineer may review the plans for code conformance, design adequacy, and site adaption for the specific application within Louisiana. The Louisiana professional engineer, who is assuming responsibility for such plans, must then affix his/her seal, signature and date to the plans, along with a specific statement set forth in the Board rule.

It is the position of the Board that, as used in LAC Title 46:LXI§2701(A)(3)(b)(ii)(a) and (b), the term “**jurisdiction of origin**” means the state, territory, or possession of the United States, the District of Columbia, or the foreign country, where the work or plans were prepared.

Underlying Board Rules:

LAC Title 46:LXI§2701(A)(3)(b)(ii)(a) and (b) state as follows:

ii. No licensee shall affix his/her seal or signature to documents developed by others not under his/her responsible charge, except:

(a). in the case of an individual Louisiana professional engineer checking and taking the professional responsibility for the work of an engineer who is not licensed in this state but is properly licensed in the **jurisdiction of origin** of such work, the Louisiana professional engineer shall completely check and have responsible charge of the work. Such responsible charge shall include possession of the sealed, signed and dated reproducible drawings, with complete sealed, signed and dated calculations indicating all changes;

(b). certification of standard plans which were initially prepared, sealed and signed by an engineer who is not licensed in this state but is properly licensed in the **jurisdiction of origin** of such plans. Such plans may then be reviewed by a Louisiana professional engineer for code conformance, design adequacy, and site adaption for the specific application within Louisiana. The Louisiana professional engineer assumes responsibility for such plans. The plans, which already bear the seal and signature of the engineer who is not licensed in this state but is properly licensed in the **jurisdiction of origin** of such plans, shall also be sealed, signed and dated by the Louisiana professional engineer who is assuming responsibility. In addition to the Louisiana professional engineer's seal, signature and date, a statement shall be included on the plans as follows;

"These standard plans have been properly examined by me, the undersigned Louisiana professional engineer. I have determined that these plans comply with all applicable Louisiana codes and have been properly site adapted to use in this area."

(Emphasis added).

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