

**Chapter 36. State Board of Registration for Architects,
Engineers, and Land Surveyors.**

(Words in **boldface and underlined** indicate language being added; words [CAPITALIZED AND BRACKETED] indicate language being deleted.)

12 AAC 36.170 is amended to read:

12 AAC 36.170. Fees. All fees under AS 08.48 and this chapter, including application, examination, registration, [AND] renewal, **late renewal penalty, and continuing education extension period** fees are established in 12 AAC 02.105 and 12 AAC 02.110. (Eff. 5/23/74, Register 50; am 9/30/78, Register 67; am 5/30/82, Register 82; am 6/29/84, Register 90; am 8/13/87, Register 103; am ____/____/_____, Register _____)

Authority: AS 08.01.065 AS 08.48.101 AS 08.48.265

AS 08.01.100

12 AAC 36.510 is amended to read:

12 AAC 36.510. Continuing education requirements. (a) Unless exempted under 12 AAC 36.530, a professional architect, engineer, land surveyor, or landscape architect must meet the continuing education requirements of 12 AAC 36.510 - 12 AAC 36.550 as a condition of the renewal, reinstatement, or reactivation of the professional architect, engineer, land surveyor, or landscape architect registration.

(b) Unless exempted under 12 AAC 36.530, a professional architect, engineer, land surveyor, or landscape architect seeking renewal, reinstatement, or reactivation of a professional architect, engineer, land surveyor, or landscape architect registration shall submit, on a form provided by the department, a certification that the professional architect, engineer, land surveyor, or landscape architect has met the continuing education requirements of 12 AAC

36.510 - 12 AAC 36.550.

(c) To renew a professional architect, engineer, land surveyor, or landscape architect registration, a professional architect, engineer, land surveyor, or landscape architect must obtain a minimum of 24 professional development hours during the 24 months immediately preceding that registration period.

(d) To reinstate a lapsed professional architect, engineer, land surveyor, or landscape architect registration, a professional architect, engineer, land surveyor, or landscape architect seeking reinstatement must obtain a minimum of 24 professional development hours during the 24 months immediately preceding the application for reinstatement of the professional architect, engineer, land surveyor, or landscape architect registration.

(e) A professional architect, engineer, land surveyor, or landscape architect who obtains more professional development hours during a biennial registration period than needed to qualify for renewal or reinstatement of the professional architect, engineer, land surveyor, or landscape architect registration may apply up to 12 of the excess professional development hours to the continuing education requirement for the subsequent biennial period for professional architect, engineer, land surveyor, or landscape architect registration.

(f) A professional architect, engineer, land surveyor, or landscape architect holding multiple registrations in the state is required to earn at least the minimum number of professional development hours of continuing education as those required for a single registration holder. However, at least eight hours of the professional development hours must be in each registration held.

(g) Continuing education courses or activities are not pre-approved by the board, but must meet the following criteria:

(1) the subject matter must address the public's health, safety, and welfare by instructing in the proper planning and design in the area of the registrant's registration or discipline, for the construction of buildings, structures, infrastructure, or the spaces within and surrounding such facilities, preservation and enhancement of land use and natural land features, measuring and locating land for property boundaries, platting, planning and design of subdivisions, or the preparation and perpetuation of maps or record plats so that generally

- (A) risk of injury to persons or property is minimized;
- (B) the results are durable and environmentally friendly;
- (C) the results function properly in all relevant respects; or
- (D) the results enhance the general welfare of the public;

(2) the course or activity must be relevant to the practice of professional architecture, engineering, land surveying, or landscape architecture, and may include technical, ethical, or managerial content;

(3) the course or activity must be designed to maintain, improve, or expand professional architect, engineer, land surveyor, or landscape architect skills and knowledge;

(4) each course or activity must be well organized and the content presented in a sequential manner; and

(5) the presentation must be made by persons who are well qualified in the subject by education or experience in the subject.

(h) The sponsoring organizations that provide continuing education may be an educational institution, a professional association, or a business or governmental organization. Sponsoring organization's continuing education that satisfies the requirements of this section includes the professional architect's, engineer's, land surveyor's or landscape architect's

- (1) successful completion of college courses;
- (2) successful completion of continuing education courses;
- (3) successful completion of short courses, tutorials, correspondence, web-based courses, and televised or videotaped courses;
- (4) attending seminars, in-house workshops, or professional or technical presentations at meetings, conventions, or conferences;
- (5) authoring published papers, articles, or books;
- (6) serving as an officer or actively participating in a committee of professional or technical societies; and
- (7) teaching or instructing the activities listed in (1) - (4) of this subsection.

(i) A professional architect, engineer, land surveyor, or landscape architect who also holds a registration as a professional architect, engineer, land surveyor, or landscape architect in another licensing jurisdiction may meet the requirements of 12 AAC 36.510 - 12 AAC 36.550 by establishing that the professional architect, engineer, land surveyor, or landscape architect has met the mandatory continuing education requirements for renewal of the professional architect, engineer, land surveyor, or landscape architect registration in the other licensing jurisdiction, if the mandatory continuing education requirements of the other jurisdiction are substantially similar to or exceed those of 12 AAC 36.510 - 12 AAC 36.550 at the time that continuing education credit is claimed.

(j) To reactivate a retired professional architect, engineer, land surveyor, or landscape architect registration, a professional architect, engineer, land surveyor, or landscape architect seeking reactivation must obtain 24 professional development hours during the 24 months immediately preceding the application for reactivation of the professional architect, engineer,

land surveyor, or landscape architect registration.

(k) If an applicant for renewal of an architect, engineer, land surveyor, or landscape architect registration fails to meet the continuing education requirements of (c) of this section prior to December 31st of the current biennium, the applicant may request an extension to complete the required professional development hours. This extension does not function as a license extension and the registrant cannot practice during this period. The applicant must

(1) submit a completed application for biennial registration renewal on a form provided by the department;

(2) pay the biennial registration renewal and continuing education extension fees established in 12 AAC 02.110;

(3) complete the required professional development hours before the first January 31st of the new biennium; and

(4) submit a continuing education audit form with documentation, acceptable to the board, showing completion of the required continuing education. (Eff. 10/18/2007,

Register 184; am 7/12/2008, Register 187; am 7/13/2011, Register 199; am 9/11/2015, Register 215; am ___/___/_____, Register _____)

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