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Notice of Proposed Changes in The Regulations of the State Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers, and Land Surveyors

Proposed Regulations - FAQ

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1. What is the purpose of the proposed regulations? What will this regulation do?

12 AAC 36.010. Applications

- Allow an applicant to submit a legible, hand-written application
- Making the incomplete application process less cumbersome for the board
- Allows an application to be handwritten, so someone without a computer is not limited
- Allows for staff to review and license comity applicants who meet all requirements and submit a CLARB council record, NCARB council certificate, or an NCEES record

12 AAC 36.045. Postponements

- Housekeeping regulation as CLARB regulates the admission of the LAREs to those applicants who have been approved by the AEELS board to sit for the exam and the AEELS board does not regulate postponements for the LARE
- To ensure AEELS regulations are updated based on their relationship with the Council of Landscape Architects Registration Board, the landscape architect exam administrator.
- Eliminate confusion as the regulation will be updated to reflect that the AEELS board does not grant postponements for the LAREs

12 AAC 36.050. Application deadlines

- By repealing this regulation, it will eliminate redundancy of 12AAC 36.050
- The national organization CLARB regulates the timing of the LARE and AEELS in 12AAC 36.050 regulates the application deadlines

12 AAC 36.061. Architect education requirements

- Eliminate the requirement for NCARB Council Certification for exam applicants as an exam applicant can only have an NCARB record
- An architect by exam only has the ability to submit an NCARB council record as they do not receive a council certificate until they become licensed
- Removes a requirement that an architect exam applicant cannot meet due to changes at NCARB

12 AAC 36.063. Engineering education and work experience requirements

- Provides housecleaning on parts of regulations that are out of date and gives clarification to the mentoring program
- Clarification on the mentoring program - adds that mentoring meetings can take place via video-conferencing

12 AAC 36.065. Eligibility for professional land surveyor examination

- Provides housecleaning by removing out of date Table A
- Removes out of date table and thus makes regulation less confusing

12 AAC 36.066. Verification of land surveyor work experience

- This regulation clarifies the process of verifying of work experience for land surveyors
- It removes unnecessary verbiage from the regulation
- Clarification is added by stating that only licensed individuals from an employer can verify the applicant's experience
- The purpose of this regulation is to refer to existing statute, and clarify that the Board will review work verification submitted by licensed individuals from an employer only after an application has been received

12 AAC 36.067. Dates of experience

- Removes computation of experience for Architects as NCARB tracks their experience
- Clarifies the projecting of experience up to the date of the exam for applicants other than architects or landscape architects
- Allows applicants to project up to 3 months of experience (excluding responsible charge experience) up to the date of the exam

12 AAC 36.068. Eligibility for landscape architect registration by examination

- Provides house cleaning to remove out of date language
- Clarifies the eligibility process for applicants
- House cleaning to revise statute reference and clarify requirements
- Revises language to clarify mentorship requirements for an applicant would like to be mentored to gain the necessary experience for licensure by exam
- Clarifies the mentoring process for applicants
- Clarifies the process for applicants and allows applicants to apply for all sections of the LARE as early as can be scheduled after graduation from a LAAB accredited curriculum in landscape architecture

12 AAC 36.069. Standards for registration as a landscape architect

- Provides house cleaning to remove out of date language
- Revises language to clarify standards to be registered as a landscape architect

12 AAC 36.070. Postponements

- This section is being relocated to 12 AAC 36.045 which follows 12 AAC 36.040 that regulates reexaminations
- Provide regulations regarding reexamination in an organized cohesive manner

12 AAC 36.080. Authorization to take examination

- Update authority citation

- Regulation needed to refer to all of 08.48.101 and not just (a) which refers only to content of examination

12 AAC 36.100. Required examinations

- Clarifies that the NCEES Fundamentals of Surveying is a required exam for a land surveyor by exam applicant
- To list the required exam as stated in 12AAC36.065

12 AAC 36.103. Architect registration by comity

- Corrects the term applicant to read architect as it is the architect who writes the letter of reference that needs to provide the explanation

12 AAC 36.105. Engineer registration by comity

- Allow for more exams to meet the requirement to apply for structural engineer by comity
- Many structural engineers could not meet the current exam requirement of the NCEES SE 16-hour exam because it was not offered when they took the exam; this change allows for qualifying exams taken before a certain date to meet the SE exam requirement

12 AAC 36.106. Registration in additional branches of engineering

- Repealed as the regulation only applied to those who submitted applications on or before December 31, 2013
- Regulation clean-up
- Reduce confusion by removing a regulation that is no longer available

12 AAC 36.107. Land surveyor registration by comity

- Update outdated regulations

12 AAC 36.108. Application for registration as a structural engineer

- Repealed as the regulation only applied to those who submitted applications on or before July 31, 2017
- Reduce confusion by removing a regulation that is no longer available

12 AAC 36.109. Landscape architect registration by comity

- Change reference to "arctic engineering" to "northern design" in (a)(3) to bring it into agreement with 12 AAC 36.110
- Provide consistency in regulations by changing all references to "arctic engineering" to "northern design" per 12 AAC 36.110

12 AAC 36.110. Northern design requirement

- Change the name of the "arctic engineering" course requirement to "northern design"
- The name "arctic engineering" need to change to "northern design" to incorporate the broader range of acceptable courses and the content of such courses, and to not imply that it was an engineering course only; the course remains a requirement for all design professional disciplines except land surveyors

12 AAC 36.115. Retired status registration

- Add land surveyor and update outdated regulations

12 AAC 36.135. Review of application for corporate, limited liability company, or limited liability partnership authorization

- Not limit firms to turning in required documentation on forms provided by board
- Firms may have their own forms they use for certificate of authorization applications
- More flexibility in the way firms can submit required documentation

12 AAC 36.180. Seal

- Clarifies how the license number needs to be represented on the licensees' stamps
- Clarification in regulation regarding how to represent license numbers on stamp especially for those with the four letters prefix the division used to assign to license numbers

12 AAC 36.990. Definitions

- Clarify existing definitions and add definitions of terms found in regulations
- Regulation clean-up by repealing obsolete definitions, clarifying definitions, and adding definitions of terms used in AS 08.48 and 12 AAC 36

2. What are the costs to comply with the proposed regulations?

None known.

3. When will the regulations be effective?

After the public comment deadline, comments received are compiled and given to the Board for consideration. The Board may adopt the regulation as written/publicly noticed, may amend and adopt them, choose to take no action, or may withdraw the proposed regulations in part or in its whole. After Board action, the adopted regulations goes to Department of Law (DOL) for final review/approval. DOL either approves or disapproves regulations. Once approved by DOL, it goes to the Lt. Governor for filing. Regulation takes effect on the 30th day after they have been filed by the Lt. Governor.

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