

Licensure with the Board

Pursuant to S.C. Code of Laws, Section 40-22-30, it is unlawful for a person in a public or private capacity to practice or offer to practice engineering or surveying without being licensed; to use in connection with his name or otherwise assume, use, or advertise a title or description tending to convey the impression that he is a professional engineer or professional surveyor unless the person is licensed and registered.

Professional Engineer Requirements

Licensure Qualification Information Sheet:

https://llr.sc.gov/eng/PDF_Files/LicensureQualificationInformationSheet.pdf

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Professional Surveyor Requirements

**Effective July 1, 2010 a two-year associate degree is no longer recognized as meeting the education requirement for surveyor registration.*

Licensure as a **Tier A Surveyor**:

- (1) graduation from a school or college of four or more years with a board-approved degree, an ABET commission accredited curriculum in a related field, including 12 semester hours (or the equivalent in quarter hours) of discipline-specific courses satisfactory to the board in each of the disciplines described in Section 40-22-20(26); and
- (2) a specific record of four or more years of progressive practical experience of a character satisfactory to the board and performed under a practicing registered professional surveyor; and
- (3) pass the NCEES Fundamentals of Surveying and the Principles and Practice of Surveying examination.

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Licensure as a **Tier B Surveyor**:

- (1) graduation from a school or college of four or more years with a board-approved degree, including in the curriculum not less than 15 semester hours (or the equivalent in quarter hours) of surveying, mapping, hydraulics, and hydrology courses satisfactory to the board; **or**
- (2) a bachelor of engineering technology degree in an ABET commission accredited curriculum of surveying or engineering technology including in the curriculum not less than 12 semester

hours (or the equivalent in quarter hours) of surveying, mapping, hydraulics, and hydrology courses satisfactory to the board; and

(3) a specific record of four or more years of progressive practical experience of a character satisfactory to the board and performed under a practicing registered surveyor; and

(4) pass the NCEES Fundamentals of Surveying examination and the NCEES Principles and Practice of Surveying examination; and

(5) passing a state-specific examination.

Email the Board at Contact.EngLS@llr.sc.gov to request required application documents.

Certificate of Authorization (Firm License) Requirements

The practice of or offer to practice professional engineering or surveying through a firm is permitted only through entities holding a valid certificate of authorization issued by the board.

An individual practicing engineering or surveying in his name as individually licensed is not required to obtain a certificate of authorization. The practice name must be identical to that in which the individual registration is held (John Doe, P.E., John Doe, P.S.).

(1) one or more of the corporate officers, one or more of the principal owners, or a full-time licensed employee must be designated as being in responsible charge for the professional services offered by the firm and be licensed with the board; and

(2) provide receipt of the firm's appropriate documentation issued by the S.C. Secretary of State.

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