

# South Carolina Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Surveyors 2010

## QUESTIONS ABOUT RETIRED AND EMERITUS STATUS LICENSES

### 1. Does the Board have an Emeritus Engineering or Emeritus Surveyor status for renewals?

Yes.

### 2. What is Retired status?

If you are no longer engaging in or offering to engage in the practice of engineering/surveying in South Carolina and your SC registration is current, you may place your license in the Retired status. To apply for Retired status, complete a [Retired Registration Status](#) form and return to the Board (no fee required). Once approved, the Board will send you a letter confirming this status change. You then may refer to yourself as a Retired Engineer/Surveyor. However, you may not provide any engineering/surveying services at all; you may not act as expert witness on engineering/surveying matters; you may not consult with clients, attorneys, or others as an engineer/surveyor.

### 3. What is Emeritus status?

If you have been registered for fifteen consecutive years or longer **and** you are sixty-five years of age or older **and** you are no longer engaging in or offering to engage in the practice of engineering/surveying in South Carolina, you may place your license in the Emeritus status. To apply for Emeritus status, complete an [Emeritus Registration Status](#) form and return to the Board (no fee required). Once approved, the Board will send you a letter confirming this status change. You may then refer to yourself as an Emeritus Engineer/Surveyor. However, you may not provide any engineering/surveying services at all; you may not act as expert witness on engineering/surveying matters; you may not consult with clients, attorneys, or others as an engineer/surveyor. The 15 years of consecutive registration does not have to be in SC; it can be a cumulative total of years registered in other state(s).

### 4. Does the Board have an inactive status for Individual Registrations?

No, there is no formal "inactive" classification; however, you may apply for [Retired Registration Status](#) or [Emeritus Registration Status](#). If you do not wish to renew your registration, we ask that you notify the Board's office in writing and your registration will be placed in a lapsed status.

### 5. Can I change from the Retired status back to Active status?

A. Yes, by completing the short-form reinstatement application, paying a renewal fee and obtaining at least 30 hours of continuing education.

### 6. Can I change from the Emeritus status back to Active status?

A. Yes, by completing the short-form reinstatement application, paying a renewal fee and obtaining at least 30 hours of continuing education.

### 7. Can I change from Lapsed status back to Active status?

A. Yes, by completing the appropriate reinstatement application (short-form or long form – depending on the number of years in Lapsed status), paying all back renewal fees with penalties, and obtaining at least 30 hours of continuing education.

Upon Board approval of your reinstatement, you will be placed back in the Active status with the same registration number.

**8. How do I reactivate an Individual Registration that has expired?**

By completing the appropriate reinstatement application (short-form or long form – depending on the number of years in lapsed status), paying all back renewal fees with penalties and obtaining at least 30 hours of continuing education credits. Upon Board approval of your reinstatement, you will be returned to active status. A reinstatement packet may be requested by contacting 803-896-4422 or by e-mailing to [ENGLS@lr.sc.gov](mailto:ENGLS@lr.sc.gov).

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