**Section 1480.160 Restoration**

a) A licensee seeking restoration of a license that has expired for less than 5 years shall have the license restored upon application on forms provided by the Division, proof of 30 hours of continuing education completed in accordance with Section 1480.185 within 2 years prior to the date of submitting the application, and payment of the required fee specified in Section 1480.195.

b) A licensee seeking restoration of a license that has been placed on inactive status for less than 5 years shall have the license restored upon application on forms provided by the Division, proof of 30 hours of continuing education completed in accordance with Section 1480.185 within 2 years prior to the date of submitting the application, and payment of the current renewal fee specified in Section 1480.195.

c) A licensee seeking restoration of a license after it has expired or been placed on inactive status for more than 5 years shall file an application, on forms provided by the Division, for review by the Board and proof of 30 hours of continuing education completed in accordance with Section 1480.185 within 2 years prior to the date of submitting the application, together with the fee required by Section 1480.195. The licensee shall also submit:

1) Sworn evidence of active practice in another jurisdiction for at least the last 2 years. The evidence shall include a statement from the appropriate board or licensing authority in the other jurisdiction that the licensee was authorized to practice during the term of the active practice;

2) An affidavit attesting to military service, as provided in Section 14 of the Act;

3) Proof of passage of the NCEES 16-hour Structural examination (see Section 1480.150) within the 5 years preceding restoration; or

4) Other evidence of continued competence in structural engineering, shall be satisfied by one of the following:

A) Employment in a responsible capacity by a licensed structural engineer;

B) Lawfully practicing structural engineering as an employee of a governmental agency;

C) Teaching structural engineering courses in a college or university; or

D) Submit a written proposal to the Division for review by the Board of college level structural engineering courses, structural engineering association programs or certifications, or similar programs he or she plans to complete (subject to pre-approval of the Board) to demonstrate continued evidence of practice and competence. Continuing education, as required in Sections 1480.160 or 1480.185, cannot be utilized for this requirement.

d) Any person seeking restoration of a license within 2 years after discharge from military service (see Section 14 of the Act) will be required to pay only the current renewal fee.

e) When the accuracy of any submitted documentation, or the relevance or sufficiency of the course work or experience required by subsection (c)(4) is questioned by the Division because of discrepancies or conflicts in information, information needing further clarification, and/or missing information, the licensee seeking restoration of a license shall be requested to:

1) Provide information as may be necessary; and/or

2) Appear for an interview before the Board to explain the relevance or sufficiency when the information available to the Board is insufficient to evaluate the individual's current competency to practice under the Act. Upon recommendation of the Board, and approval by the Director of the Division of Professional Regulation (Director) with the authority delegated by the Secretary, an applicant shall have the license restored or shall be notified of the reason for the denial of the application for restoration.

f) A professional design firm seeking restoration of a license that has expired for any length of time shall have the license restored upon payment of the restoration fee as specified in Section 1480.195 plus any lapsed renewal fee required by Section 1480.160 and submitting proof of the following:

1) Certificate of Good Standing from the Illinois Secretary of State or a copy of the letter or certificate received from the county clerk where an assumed name has been filed.

2) Proof that the managing agent-in-charge is still a full-time employee or a resolution appointing a new managing agent-in-charge.

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