

AN ACT concerning regulation.

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
represented in the General Assembly:**

Section 5. The Illinois Architecture Practice Act of 1989 is amended by changing Sections 9, 13, 18, and 21 as follows:

(225 ILCS 305/9) (from Ch. 111, par. 1309)

(Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2030)

Sec. 9. Board. The Secretary shall appoint an Architecture Licensing Board consisting of 7 members who shall serve in an advisory capacity to the Secretary. All members of the Board shall be residents of Illinois. Six members shall (i) hold a valid architecture license in Illinois and have held the license under this Act for the preceding 10 years, and (ii) not have been disciplined within the preceding 10 years under this Act. One architect shall be a ~~tenured~~ member of the architectural faculty of an Illinois university accredited by the National Architectural Accrediting Board. In addition to the 6 architects, there shall be one public member. The public member shall be a voting member and shall not be licensed under this Act or any other design profession licensing Act that the Department administers.

Board members shall serve 5-year terms and until their successors are appointed and qualified. In appointing members

to the Board, the Secretary shall give due consideration to recommendations by members and organizations of the architecture profession.

The membership of the Board should reasonably reflect representation from the geographic areas in this State.

No member shall be reappointed to the Board for a term which would cause his or her continuous service on the Board to be longer than 2 consecutive 5-year terms.

Appointments to fill vacancies shall be made in the same manner as original appointments, for the unexpired portion of the vacated term.

Four members of the Board shall constitute a quorum. A quorum is required for Board decisions.

The Secretary may remove any member of the Board for misconduct, incompetence, or neglect of duty or for reasons prescribed by law for removal of State officials.

The Secretary may remove a member of the Board who does not attend 2 consecutive meetings.

Notice of proposed rulemaking shall be transmitted to the Board and the Department shall review the response of the Board and any recommendations made therein. The Department may, at any time, seek the expert advice and knowledge of the Board on any matter relating to the administration or enforcement of this Act.

Members of the Board are not liable for damages in any action or proceeding as a result of activities performed as

members of the Board, except upon proof of actual malice.

Members of the Board shall be reimbursed for all legitimate, necessary, and authorized expenses.

(Source: P.A. 101-346, eff. 8-9-19.)

(225 ILCS 305/13) (from Ch. 111, par. 1313)

(Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2030)

Sec. 13. Qualifications of applicants. Any person who is of good moral character may apply for licensure if the applicant ~~he or she~~ is a graduate with a first professional degree in architecture from a program that is accredited by the National Architectural Accrediting Board, the Canadian Architectural Certification Board, or satisfies the qualifications of substantial equivalency through either an alternate pathway approved by the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards or a mutual recognition agreement; has completed the examination requirements set forth under Section 12; ~~7~~ and has completed such diversified professional training, including academic training, as is required by rules of the Department. The Department may adopt, as its own rules relating to diversified professional training, those guidelines published from time to time by the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards.

Good moral character means such character as will enable a person to discharge the duties of an architect to that person's client and to the public in a manner that protects

health, safety, and welfare. Evidence of inability to discharge such duties may include the commission of an offense justifying discipline under Section 22. In addition, the Department may take into consideration whether the applicant has engaged in conduct or actions that would constitute grounds for discipline under this Act.

(Source: P.A. 101-346, eff. 8-9-19.)

(225 ILCS 305/18) (from Ch. 111, par. 1318)

(Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2030)

Sec. 18. Endorsement.

(a) The Department may, upon application in writing on forms or electronically accompanied by the required fee, issue a license as an architect to an applicant licensed under the laws of another state, the District of Columbia, ~~or~~ a territory of the United States, or a foreign country if the requirements for licensure in that other jurisdiction were, on the date of original licensure, substantially equivalent to the requirements then in force in this State.

(b) If the accuracy of any submitted documentation or relevance or sufficiency of the coursework or experience is questioned by the Department or the Board because of a lack of information, discrepancies or conflicts in information given, or a need for clarification, the applicant seeking licensure may be required to provide additional information.

(c) Applicants have 3 years from the date of application

to complete the application process. If the process has not been completed within the 3 years, the application shall be denied, the fee shall be forfeited, and the applicant must reapply and meet the requirements in effect at the time of reapplication.

(Source: P.A. 101-346, eff. 8-9-19.)

(225 ILCS 305/21) (from Ch. 111, par. 1321)

(Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2030)

Sec. 21. Professional design firm registration; conditions.

(a) Nothing in this Act shall prohibit the formation, under the Professional Service Corporation Act, of a corporation to offer the practice of architecture.

Any business, including, but not limited to, a Professional Service Corporation, that includes the practice of architecture within its stated purposes, practices architecture, or holds itself out as available to practice architecture shall register with the Department under this Section. Any professional service corporation, sole proprietorship, or professional design firm offering architectural services must have a resident architect in responsible charge of the architectural practices in each location in which architectural services are provided who shall be designated as a managing agent.

Any sole proprietorship not owned and operated by an

Illinois licensed design professional licensed under this Act is prohibited from offering architectural services to the public. "Illinois licensed design professional" means a person who holds an active license as an architect under this Act, as a structural engineer under the Structural Engineering Practice Act of 1989, as a professional engineer under the Professional Engineering Practice Act of 1989, or as a professional land surveyor under the Professional Land Surveyor Act of 1989. Any sole proprietorship owned and operated by an architect with an active license issued under this Act and conducting or transacting such business under an assumed name in accordance with the Assumed Business Name Act shall comply with the registration requirements of a professional design firm. Any sole proprietorship owned and operated by an architect with an active license issued under this Act and conducting or transacting such business under the real name of the sole proprietor is exempt from the registration requirements of a professional design firm.

(b) Any business, including, but not limited to, a Professional Service Corporation, partnership, limited liability company, or professional design firm seeking to be registered under this Section shall not be registered as a professional design firm unless the business designates an individual who holds a license under this Act as one of the members of the board of directors, partners, or members of the business and the designated individual will function as the

managing agent for the business.

~~(1) two thirds of the board of directors, in the case of a corporation, or two thirds of the general partners, in the case of a partnership, or two thirds of the members, in the case of a limited liability company, are licensed under the laws of any State to practice architecture, professional engineering, land surveying, or structural engineering; and~~

~~(2) a managing agent is (A) a sole proprietor or director in the case of a corporation, a general partner in the case of a partnership, or a member in the case of a limited liability company, and (B) holds a license under this Act.~~

Any corporation, limited liability company, professional service corporation, or partnership qualifying under this Section and practicing in this State shall file with the Department any information concerning its officers, directors, members, managers, partners or beneficial owners as the Department may, by rule, require.

(c) No business shall offer the practice or hold itself out as available to offer the practice of architecture until it is registered with the Department as a professional design firm. Every entity registered as a professional design firm shall display its certificate of registration or a facsimile thereof in a conspicuous place in each office offering architectural services.

(d) Any business seeking to be registered under this Section shall make application on a form provided by the Department and shall provide any information requested by the Department, which shall include but shall not be limited to all of the following:

(1) The name and architect's license number of at least one person designated as a managing agent. In the case of a corporation, the corporation shall also submit a certified copy of the resolution by the board of directors designating at least one managing agent. If a limited liability company, the company shall submit a certified copy of either its articles of organization or operating agreement designating at least one managing agent.

(2) The names and architect's, professional engineer's, structural engineer's, or land surveyor's license numbers of the directors, in the case of a corporation, the members, in the case of a limited liability company, or general partners, in the case of a partnership.

(3) A list of all locations at which the professional design firm provides architectural services.

(4) A list of all assumed names of the business. Nothing in this Section shall be construed to exempt a business from compliance with the requirements of the Assumed Business Name Act.

It is the responsibility of the professional design firm

to provide the Department notice, in writing, of any changes in the information requested on the application.

(e) If a managing agent is terminated or terminates his or her status as managing agent of the professional design firm, the managing agent and the professional design firm shall notify the Department of this fact in writing, by regular mail or email, within 10 business days of termination.

Thereafter, the professional design firm, if it has so informed the Department, has 30 days in which to notify the Department of the name and architect's license number of the architect who is the newly designated managing agent. If a corporation, the corporation shall also submit a certified copy of a resolution by the board of directors designating the new managing agent. If a limited liability company, the company shall also submit a certified copy of either its articles of organization or operating agreement designating the new managing agent. The Department may, upon good cause shown, extend the original 30-day period.

If the professional design firm has not notified the Department in writing, by regular mail or email, within the specified time, the registration shall be terminated without prior hearing. Notification of termination shall be sent by regular mail to the address of record. If the professional design firm continues to operate and offer architectural services after the termination, the Department may seek prosecution under Sections 22 and 23.5 for the unlicensed

practice of architecture.

(f) No professional design firm shall be relieved of responsibility for the conduct or acts of its agents, employees, or officers by reason of its compliance with this Section, nor shall any individual practicing architecture be relieved of the responsibility for professional services performed by reason of the individual's employment or relationship with a professional design firm registered under this Section.

(g) Disciplinary action against a professional design firm registered under this Section shall be administered in the same manner and on the same grounds as disciplinary action against a licensed architect. All disciplinary action taken or pending against a corporation or partnership before the effective date of this amendatory Act of 1993 shall be continued or remain in effect without the Department filing separate actions.

(Source: P.A. 101-346, eff. 8-9-19.)

Section 10. The Registered Interior Designers Act is amended by changing Sections 8 and 10 as follows:

(225 ILCS 310/8) (from Ch. 111, par. 8208)

(Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2027)

Sec. 8. Application requirements ~~Requirements~~ for registration.

(a) Each applicant for registration shall apply to the Department in writing on a form or electronically as provided by the Department. The Department may require an applicant, at the applicant's expense, to have an evaluation of the applicant's education in a foreign country by a nationally recognized evaluation service approved by the Department in accordance with the rules adopted by the Department. Except as otherwise provided in this Act, each applicant shall take and pass the examination approved by the Department. Prior to registration, the applicant shall provide substantial evidence to the Board that the applicant has completed the education and work experience requirements to sit for the NCIDQ examination administered by the Council for Interior Design Qualification, has successfully passed the NCIDQ exam, has maintained an active NCIDQ certification, and:

(1) is a graduate of a 5-year interior design or architecture program from an accredited institution and has completed at least 2 years of full-time diversified interior design experience;

(2) is a graduate of a 4-year interior design or architecture program from an accredited institution and has completed at least 2 years of full-time diversified interior design experience;

(3) has completed at least 3 years of interior design or architecture curriculum from an accredited institution and has completed 3 years of full-time diversified

interior design experience; or

(4) is a graduate of a 2-year interior design or architecture program from an accredited institution and has completed 4 years of full-time diversified interior design experience.

(b) In addition to providing evidence of meeting the requirements of subsection (a), each applicant for registration as a registered interior designer shall provide substantial evidence that the applicant ~~he or she~~ has successfully completed the examination administered by the Council for Interior Design Qualification.

(b-5) Each applicant for registration shall pay to the Department the required registration fee, which is not refundable, at the time of filing the ~~his or her~~ application.

(b-10) Each applicant for renewal or reinstatement of registration under this Act shall have completed continuing education as set forth by the Department by rule. The Department shall consider the recommendations of the Board in establishing requirements for continuing education requirements but shall be no less than 10 hours of continuing education in the areas of health, safety, and welfare every 2 years.

(c) An individual may apply for original registration prior to passing the examination. The individual ~~He or she~~ shall have 3 ~~2~~ years after the date of filing an application to pass the examination. If evidence and documentation of passing

the examination are received by the Department later than 3 ~~2~~ years after the individual's filing, the application shall be denied and the fee forfeited. The applicant may reapply at any time, but shall meet the requirements in effect at the time of reapplication.

(d) Upon payment of the required fee, which shall be determined by rule, an applicant who is an architect licensed under the laws of this State may, without examination, be granted registration as a registered interior designer by the Department provided the applicant submits proof of an active architectural license in Illinois.

(Source: P.A. 101-81, eff. 7-12-19; 102-1066, eff. 1-1-23.)

(225 ILCS 310/10) (from Ch. 111, par. 8210)

(Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2027)

Sec. 10. Endorsement ~~Foreign applicants.~~

(a) Upon payment of the required fee and the filing of an application in writing on a form or electronically as provided by the Department, an applicant who is an interior designer currently registered, certified, or licensed under the laws of another state or territory of the United States or a foreign country or province shall, without further examination, be granted registration as an interior designer by the Department whenever the requirements of such state or territory of the United States or a foreign country or province were, at the date of registration, certification, or licensure,

substantially equal to or greater than the requirements then in force in this State. The Department may adopt rules governing recognition of education and legal practice of the profession in another jurisdiction, requiring additional education, and determining when an examination may be required.

(b) If the accuracy of any submitted documentation or relevance or sufficiency of the coursework or experience is questioned by the Department or the Board because of a lack of information, discrepancies, or conflicts in information given, or a need for clarification, the applicant seeking registration may be required to provide additional information.

(c) Applicants have 3 years from the date of application to complete the application process. If the process has not been completed within the 3 years, then the application shall be denied, the fee shall be forfeited, and the applicant must reapply and meet the requirements in effect at the time of reapplication.

(Source: P.A. 100-920, eff. 8-17-18.)

Section 15. The Landscape Architecture Registration Act is amended by adding Section 48 as follows:

(225 ILCS 316/48 new)

Sec. 48. Endorsement.

(a) The Department may issue a registration as a landscape architect to an applicant who submits a valid application accompanied by the required fee and is a landscape architect licensed or registered under the laws of another state, the District of Columbia, a territory of the United States, or a foreign country if the requirements for licensure, registration, or certification in that other jurisdiction were, on the date of original licensure, registration, or certification, substantially equivalent to the requirements then in force in this State.

(b) An application for endorsement shall provide proof of passage of an examination required for registration.

(c) If the accuracy of any submitted documentation or relevance or sufficiency of the coursework or experience is questioned by the Department or the Board because of a lack of information, discrepancies, or conflicts in information given or a need for clarification, the applicant seeking registration may be required to provide additional information.

(d) An applicant has 3 years from the date of application to complete the application process. If the process has not been completed in 3 years, the application shall be denied, the fee forfeited, and the applicant must reapply and meet the requirements in effect at the time of reapplication.

(e) This Section is repealed on January 1, 2027.

Section 20. The Professional Engineering Practice Act of 1989 is amended by changing Sections 10, 11, and 19 as follows:

(225 ILCS 325/10) (from Ch. 111, par. 5210)

(Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2030)

Sec. 10. Minimum standards for licensure as professional engineer.

(a) To qualify for licensure as a professional engineer, each applicant shall be:

(1) a graduate of an approved engineering curriculum of at least 4 years who submits acceptable evidence to the Board of an additional 4 years or more of experience in engineering work of a grade and character that indicate that the individual may be competent to practice professional engineering, and who has passed an examination in the fundamentals of engineering as defined by rule and an examination in the principles and practice of engineering as defined by rule. Upon submitting an application with proof of passing both examinations, the applicant, if otherwise qualified, shall be granted a license to practice professional engineering in this State; or

(2) a graduate of a non-approved engineering curriculum or a related science curriculum of at least 4 years and which meets the requirements as set forth by rule by submitting an application to the Department for

its review and approval, who submits acceptable evidence to the Board of an additional 4 ~~8~~ years or more of experience in engineering work of a grade and character which indicate that the individual may be competent to practice professional engineering, and who has passed an examination in the fundamentals of engineering as defined by rule and an examination in the principles and practice of engineering as defined by rule. Upon submitting the application with proof of passing both examinations, the applicant, if otherwise qualified, shall be granted a license to practice professional engineering in this State; or

(3) an Illinois engineer intern, by application and payment of the required fee, may then take an examination in the principles and practice of engineering as defined by rule. If the applicant passes that examination and submits evidence to the Board that meets the experience qualification of paragraph (1) or (2), the applicant, if otherwise qualified, shall be granted a license to practice professional engineering in this State.

(b) Allowable experience for licensure shall commence at the date of the baccalaureate degree, except for experience gained while the applicant is a part-time student taking fewer than 12 hours per semester or 8 hours per quarter to earn the degree concurrent with the full-time engineering experience.

(c) When considering an applicant's qualifications for

licensure under this Act, the Department may take into consideration whether an applicant has engaged in conduct or actions that would constitute a violation of the Standards of Professional Conduct for this Act as provided by administrative rules.

(Source: P.A. 101-310, eff. 8-9-19.)

(225 ILCS 325/11) (from Ch. 111, par. 5211)

(Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2030)

Sec. 11. Minimum standards for examination for enrollment as engineer intern. Each of the following is considered a minimum standard that an applicant must satisfy to qualify for enrollment as an engineer intern:

(a) A graduate of an approved engineering curriculum of at least 4 years, who has passed an examination in the fundamentals of engineering as defined by rule, shall be enrolled as an engineer intern, if the applicant is otherwise qualified; or

(b) An applicant in the last year of an approved engineering curriculum who passes an examination in the fundamentals of engineering as defined by rule and furnishes proof that the applicant graduated within a 12-month period following the examination shall be enrolled as an engineer intern, if the applicant is otherwise qualified; or

(c) A graduate of a non-approved engineering

curriculum or a related science curriculum of at least 4 years and which meets the requirements as set forth by rule by submitting an application to the Department for its review and approval, ~~who submits acceptable evidence to the Board of an additional 4 years or more of progressive experience in engineering work,~~ and who has passed an examination in the fundamentals of engineering as defined by rule shall be enrolled as an engineer intern, if the applicant is otherwise qualified.

(Source: P.A. 101-310, eff. 8-9-19.)

(225 ILCS 325/19) (from Ch. 111, par. 5219)

(Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2030)

Sec. 19. Endorsement.

(a) The Department may, upon application in writing on forms or electronically accompanied by the required fee, issue a license as a professional engineer to an applicant already licensed under the laws of another state, the District of Columbia, a territory of the United States, or a foreign country ~~party to the North American Free Trade Agreement~~ if the requirements for licensure in that other jurisdiction were, on the date ~~at the time~~ of original licensure, substantially equivalent to the requirements then in force in this State.

(b) If the accuracy of any submitted documentation or relevance or sufficiency of the coursework ~~course work~~ or

experience is questioned by the Department or the Board because of a lack of information, discrepancies, or conflicts in information given or a need for clarification, the applicant seeking licensure may be required to provide additional information.

(c) Applicants have 3 years from the date of application to complete the application process. If the process has not been completed during the 3-year time frame, the application shall be denied, the fee forfeited, and the applicant must reapply and meet the requirements in effect at the time of reapplication.

(Source: P.A. 101-310, eff. 8-9-19.)

Section 25. The Illinois Professional Land Surveyor Act of 1989 is amended by changing Sections 12 and 20 as follows:

(225 ILCS 330/12) (from Ch. 111, par. 3262)

(Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2030)

Sec. 12. Qualifications for licensing.

(a) A person is qualified to receive a license as a professional land surveyor and the Department shall issue a license to a person:

(1) who has applied in writing in the required form to the Department or electronically;

(2) who has not violated any provision of this Act or its rules;

(3) who is of good ethical character, including compliance with the Code of Ethics and Standards of Practice adopted by rule under this Act, and has not committed an act or offense in any jurisdiction that would constitute grounds for discipline of a land surveyor licensed under this Act;

(4) who has been issued a license as a surveyor intern;

(5) who, subsequent to conferral of a degree meeting one of the educational requirements listed in paragraph (7), ~~passing the examination authorized by the Department for licensure as a surveyor intern,~~ has at least 4 years of responsible charge experience verified by a professional land surveyor in direct supervision and control of his or her activities;

(6) who has passed an examination authorized by the Department to determine his or her fitness to receive a license as a professional land surveyor; and

(7) who satisfies one of the following educational requirements:

(A) is a graduate of an approved land surveying curriculum of at least 4 years who has passed an examination in the fundamentals of surveying, as defined by rule; or

(B) is a graduate of a baccalaureate curriculum of at least 4 years, including at least 24 semester hours

of land surveying courses from an approved land surveying curriculum and the related science courses, who has passed an examination in the fundamentals of surveying, as defined by rule.

(b) A person is qualified to receive a license as a surveyor intern and the Department shall issue a license to a person:

(1) who has applied in writing in the required form provided by the Department or electronically;

(2) (blank);

(3) who is of good moral character;

(4) who has the required education as set forth in this Act; and

(5) who has passed an examination authorized by the Department to determine his or her fitness to receive a license as a surveyor intern in accordance with this Act.

In determining moral character under this Section, the Department may take into consideration whether the applicant has engaged in conduct or actions that would constitute grounds for discipline under this Act.

(Source: P.A. 100-171, eff. 1-1-18; 101-313, eff. 8-9-19.)

(225 ILCS 330/20) (from Ch. 111, par. 3270)

(Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2030)

Sec. 20. Endorsement.

(a) The Department may, upon application in writing on

forms or electronically accompanied by the required fee, issue a license as a professional land surveyor to an applicant licensed under the laws of another state, the District of Columbia, ~~or~~ a ~~U.S.~~ territory of the United States, or a foreign country if the requirements for licensure in that other jurisdiction were, on the date of original licensure, substantially equivalent to the requirements then in force in this State.

(b) All applicants for endorsement shall pass a jurisdictional examination to determine the applicant's knowledge of the surveying tasks unique to the State of Illinois and the laws pertaining thereto.

(c) If the accuracy of any submitted documentation or relevance or sufficiency of the course work or experience is questioned by the Department or the Board because of a lack of information, discrepancies, or conflicts in information given or a need for clarification, the applicant seeking licensure may be required to provide additional information.

(d) Applicants have 3 years from the date of application to complete the application process. If the process has not been completed in 3 years, the application shall be denied, the fee shall be forfeited, and the applicant must reapply and meet the requirements in effect at the time of reapplication.

(Source: P.A. 101-313, eff. 8-9-19.)

Section 30. The Structural Engineering Practice Act of

1989 is amended by changing Section 16 as follows:

(225 ILCS 340/16) (from Ch. 111, par. 6616)

(Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2030)

Sec. 16. Endorsement.

(a) The Department may, upon application in writing on forms or electronically accompanied by the required fee, issue a license as a structural engineer to an applicant who is a structural engineer licensed under the laws of another state, the District of Columbia, a ~~or~~ territory of the United States, or a foreign country if the requirements for licensure in that other jurisdiction were, on ~~at~~ the date of original licensure, substantially equivalent to the requirements then in force in this State.

(b) All applications for endorsement shall provide proof of passage of the examinations as approved by the Department by rule.

(c) If the accuracy of any submitted documentation or relevance or sufficiency of the course work or experience is questioned by the Department or the Board because of a lack of information, discrepancies, or conflicts in information given or a need for clarification, the applicant seeking licensure may be required to provide additional information.

(d) Applicants have 3 years from the date of application to complete the application process. If the process has not been completed in 3 years, the application shall be denied,

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the fee forfeited and the applicant must reapply and meet the requirements in effect at the time of reapplication.

(Source: P.A. 101-312, eff. 8-9-19.)

Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect January 1, 2025.