

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A PROPOSED
AMENDMENT TO THE GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF
REGISTRATION FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND
LAND SURVEYORS
RULE 180-3-.01, "EDUCATION."
AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the authority set forth below, the Georgia State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors (hereinafter "Board") proposes an amendment to the Georgia State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors Rules, RULE 180-3-01, "Education," (herein after "proposed rule amendment"). The Board voted to post this notice of adoption at a meeting on January 7th, 2014. The proposed rule amendment creates a rule that defines the education requirements for prospective professional engineers. This notice, together with an exact copy of the proposed rule amendment and a synopsis of the proposed rule amendment, is being mailed to all persons who have requested, in writing, that they be placed on a mailing list. A copy of this notice, an exact copy of the proposed rule amendment, and a synopsis of the proposed rule amendment may be reviewed during normal business hours of 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday, except official State holidays, at the Office of the Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217. Copies may also be requested by contacting the Board office at (478) 207-2440.

A public hearing will be held at 9:30 a.m. May 13, 2014 at the Secretary of State's Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive in Macon, Georgia 31217 to provide the public an opportunity to comment upon and provide input into the proposed rule amendment.

At the public hearing anyone may present data, make a statement, comment or offer a viewpoint or argument whether orally or in writing. Lengthy statements or statements of a considerable technical or economic nature, as well as previously recorded messages, must be submitted for official record. Oral statements should be presented in writing. Written comments are welcome. Such written comments must be legible and signed, should contain contact information from the maker (address, telephone number and/or facsimile number, etc.) and be actually received in the office prior to the close of business (5:00 P.M.) on May 9th, 2014. Written comments should be addressed to Lisa Durden, Division Director, Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, Georgia State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217. Telephone (478) 207-2440 or fax (866) 888-9718.

The Board will consider the proposed rule amendment for adoption at a meeting scheduled to begin at 9:35 a.m. on May 13th, 2014 at the Secretary of State's Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive in Macon, Georgia 31217. According to the Department of Law, State of Georgia, the Georgia State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors has the authority to adopt a proposed rule amendment to Rule 180-3-.01 pursuant to authority contained in O.C.G.A. §§ 45-15-4, 43-15-8, 43-15-9.

At its meeting on January 7th, 2014 the Georgia State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors voted that the formulation and adoption of this rule does not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with the proposed rule cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-15-4(a) (Adoption of rules and regulations), and O.C.G.A. §§ 45-15-4, 43-15-8, 43-15-9.

Additionally, at the meeting, the Board voted that it was legal and feasible to meet the objectives of O.C.G.A. 45-15-4, 43-15-8, 43-15-9, to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed in O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4(a)(3)(A), (B), (C) and (D). The formulation and adoption of these rules will impact every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed in the fields of engineering and land surveying.

For further information, contact the Board office at (478) 207-2440.

This notice is given in compliance with O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4.

This the 18th day of March, 2014.

Lisa Durden
Division Director
Professional Licensing Boards Division

Posted: March 18, 2014.

**SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE
GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR
PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS
RULES
RULE 180-3-.01, "EDUCATION".**

PURPOSE: The purpose of this amendment is to define education requirements for engineering applicants.

MAIN FEATURES: The main feature of the proposed rule amendment is to add biology as an acceptable related science and remove the reference to the military academies.

**DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE EXISTING RULE AND THE
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF
REGISTRATION FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND LAND
SURVEYORS
RULE 180-3-.01, "EDUCATION"**

NOTE: Underlined text is proposed to be added; lined through text is proposed to be deleted.

RULE 180-3-.01, EDUCATION, is hereby revised as follows:

**RULES OF
THE GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR
PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS**

**CHAPTER 180-3
APPLICATIONS**

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180-3-.01 Education. Amended.

As used in O.C.G.A. 43-15-8 and 43-15-9, the following terms have the meanings indicated:

(a) "Engineering curriculum of not less than four years from a school or college approved by the Board," as used in O.C.G.A. 43-15-8(1)(A), means the engineering curricula of schools, colleges, and universities in the United States and its territories which at the time of the applicant's graduation are curricula accredited by the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (A.B.E.T.). Unless the Board determines otherwise, in a case where the curriculum in question was dropped from the accreditation list but was reaccredited within a period of five years, the Board may approve the curriculum as though there was no lapse in accreditation.

(b) "Engineering curriculum of not less than four years" as used in O.C.G.A. 43-15-8(2)(A), includes engineering curricula in schools or colleges which are not accredited by the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (A.B.E.T.) but which may be approved by the Board in individual cases upon review of the applicant's educational transcript.

(c) "In a curriculum of four or more years in engineering technology . . . from a school or college approved by the Board," as used in O.C.G.A. 43-15-8(2)(A), means engineering technology curricula in schools or colleges in the United States and its territories which, at the time of the applicant's graduation, are curricula accredited by the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (A.B.E.T.). Those curricula may be accepted by the Board, in individual cases, upon review of the applicant's educational transcript.

(d) "In a curriculum of four or more years in engineering technology or . . . related science curriculum from a school or college approved by the Board" as used in O.C.G.A. 43-15-8(2)(A), means a four-year curriculum leading to a bachelor of science degree in chemistry, physics, mathematics, biology ~~and or~~ similar related science curriculum, ~~of the military service academies of the United States~~. Those curricula may, in individual cases, be accepted by the Board upon review of the applicant's educational transcript.

Authority O.C.G.A. Secs. 45-15-4, 43-15-8, 43-15-9.