

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A NEW RULE TO THE
GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR PROFESSIONAL
ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS
AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

RULE 180-11-.03, “REQUIREMENTS.”

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 Rule 180-11-.03, “REQUIREMENTS” (herein after “proposed rule”).

This notice, an exact copy of the proposed rule, and a synopsis of the proposed rule are being sent to all persons who have requested, in writing, that they be placed on a notification list. This notice, an exact copy of the proposed rule, and a synopsis of the proposed rule may also 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. The documents will also be available for review on the Board’s website at <https://sos.ga.gov/index.php/licensing/plb/22>. Copies may also be requested by contacting the Board office at (404)-424-9966.

A public hearing will be held at 9:30 a.m., December 14, 2023. The hearing will be held at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, GA 31217. The public will have an opportunity to comment upon and provide input into the proposed rule.

Interested parties affected by the rule may submit written comments to the Agency no later than close of business on December 7, 2023. Written comments must be legible, signed, contain contact information from the maker (address, telephone number, email address), and addressed to Darren Mickler, Executive Director, Georgia Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors Board, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

During 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 the official record. Oral statements will be limited to five (5) minutes per person.

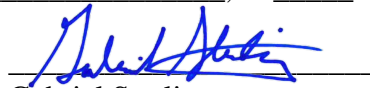
The Board voted to post this Notice of Intent at its meeting on March 9, 2023. The Board also voted that the formulation and adoption of this rule does not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee, and any cost to comply with the proposed rule cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-15-4, 43-15-6. Additionally, the Board voted that it was neither legal nor feasible in meeting the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-15-4, 43-15-6 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 field of Land Surveying.

According to the Department of Law of the State of Georgia, the Georgia State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors has the authority to adopt proposed Rule 180-11-.03 pursuant to authority contained in O.C.G.A. §§ 43-15-4, 43-15-6.

For further information, contact the Board office at (404)-424-9966.

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

This the 16th day of October, 2023.



Gabriel Sterling
Division Directors
Professional Licensing Boards Division

Posted: October 16, 2023

SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS

RULE 180-11-.03, "REQUIREMENTS."

PURPOSE: The purpose of this amendment is to update the continuing education rules due to changes in the law to an annual renewal cycle.

THIS IS A RULE AMMENDMENT.

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

Board Rule 180-11-.03 "Requirements."

- (1) Professional Engineers. Every professional engineer is required to obtain ~~thirty (30)~~ fifteen (15) PDH's each ~~twenty-four (24)~~ twelve (12) month ~~(Biennial)~~ (Annual) renewal period. If a professional engineer exceeds the requirements in any ~~biennial~~ annual renewal period, a maximum of ~~fifteen (15)~~ seven and one half (7.5) PDH's may be carried forward into the subsequent renewal period.
- (2) Land Surveyors. Every land surveyor is required to obtain ~~fifteen (15)~~ seven and one half (7.5) PDH's each ~~twenty-four (24)~~ twelve (12) month ~~biennial~~ annual renewal period. In addition, every land surveyor must ensure that, once every ~~four (4)~~ two (2) years, at least ~~six (6)~~ three (3) PDH's in "Minimum Technical Standards" be included in their PDH's acquired. The "Minimum Technical Standards" material shall include a review of all board rules and applicable state laws pertaining to the practice of land surveying specific to the state of Georgia. If a land surveyor exceeds the requirements in any ~~biennial~~ annual period, a maximum of ~~seven and one half (7.5)~~ three and three quarters (3.75) PDH's may be carried forward into the subsequent renewal period.
- (3) Dual Registrants. The person with a dual license is required to obtain ~~thirty (30)~~ fifteen (15) PDH's each ~~twenty-four (24)~~ twelve (12) month ~~(Biennial)~~ (Annual) renewal period. If a dual registrant exceeds the requirement in any ~~Biennial~~ annual renewal period, a maximum of ~~fifteen (15)~~ seven and one half (7.5) PDH's may be carried forward into the subsequent renewal period. At least one-third (1/3) of the PDH's in a renewal period must be obtained in engineering, and one-third (1/3) in surveying. The remaining units may be in either field, at the discretion of the registrant.
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 - (a) Successful completion of college courses.
 - (b) Successful completion of continuing education courses.
 - (c) Successful completion of correspondence, televised, videotaped, audiotaped, and other short courses/tutorials taken for the purpose of maintaining, improving, or expanding the skills and knowledge relevant to the land surveyor's or professional engineer's practice.
 - (d) Presenting or attending seminars, in-house courses, workshops, or professional or technical presentations made at meetings, conventions or conferences which are relevant to the land surveyor's or professional engineer's practice.
 - (e) Teaching or instructing in any area relevant to the land surveyor's or professional engineer's practice.
 - (f) Authoring published papers, articles, or books in any area relevant to the land surveyor's or professional engineer's practice.

- (g) Active participation in professional or technical societies. (For professional engineers only).
- (h) Receiving patents in any area relevant to the land surveyor's or professional engineer's practice.

O.C.G.A. §§ 43-15-4; 43-15-6 and 43-15-17.

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