

TITLE 16, CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, DIVISION 5
BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors is proposing to take the action described in the Informative Digest. Any person interested may present statements or arguments orally or in writing relevant to the action proposed at a hearing to be held at:

Office of Systems Integration
2525 Natomas Park Drive, Suite 100
Sacramento, California, 95833

Thursday, July 23, 2009
9:00 a.m.

Written comments, including those sent by mail, facsimile, or e-mail to the addresses listed under Contact Person in this Notice, must be received by the Board at its office not later than 5:00 p.m. on July 20, 2009, or must be received by the Board immediately following the hearing. The Board, upon its own motion or at the instance of any interested party, may thereafter adopt the proposals substantially as described below or may modify such proposals if such modifications are sufficiently related to the original text.

With the exception of technical or grammatical changes, the full text of any modified proposal will be available for 15 days prior to its adoption from the person designated in this Notice as contact person and will be mailed to those persons who submit written or oral testimony related to this proposal or who have requested notification of any changes to the proposal.

Authority and Reference: Pursuant to the authority vested by Sections 6716, 6717, 6751.5, and 8710 of the Business and Professions Code, and to implement, interpret, or make specific Sections 6730, 6751, 6751.2, 6751.5, 6752, 6753, 6753.5, 8726, 8741, and 8742 of said Code, the Board is considering changes to Division 5 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations as follows:

INFORMATIVE DIGEST/POLICY STATEMENT OVERVIEW

An applicant for licensure as a professional engineer or a professional land surveyor must have six years of experience (either six years of work experience or a combination of work experience and education) in order to become licensed.

Under current statutes, an applicant for licensure may receive four years of experience credit for an undergraduate degree from a board-approved curriculum; an applicant with an undergraduate degree from a non-board-approved curriculum may receive two years

of experience credit. In addition, an applicant may receive five years of experience credit for a post-graduate degree in a school of engineering with a board-approved undergraduate or post-graduate curriculum.

Current regulations define the board-approved curricula and specify the number of years of experience an applicant will be given credit for based on whether or not they have an undergraduate or post-graduate degree in a board-approved curricula. This proposal would move the definitions from Section 460 to Section 404, which contains all of the other definitions of terms used in the statutes and regulations, and would repeal Section 460. In addition, this proposal would update and clarify the definitions to use the current terminology used by ABET, which is the organization that accredits engineering and land surveying curricula. This proposal would also clarify the number of years of experience an applicant will be given credit for based on their education.

FISCAL IMPACT ESTIMATES

Fiscal Impact on Public Agencies Including Costs or Savings to State Agencies or Costs/Savings in Federal Funding to the State:

None

Nondiscretionary Costs/Savings to Local Agencies:

None

Local Mandate:

None

Cost to Any Local Agency or School District for Which Government Code Sections 17500-17630 Requires Reimbursement:

None

Business Impact:

The Board has made an initial determination that the proposed regulatory action would have no significant statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting business, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states.

Impact on Jobs/New Businesses:

The Board has determined that this regulatory proposal will not have an impact on the creation of jobs or new businesses or the elimination of jobs or existing businesses or the expansion of businesses in the State of California.

Cost Impact on Representative Private Person or Business:

The Board is not aware of any cost impacts that a representative private person or business would necessarily incur in reasonable compliance with the proposed action.

Effect on Housing Costs:
None

EFFECT ON SMALL BUSINESS

The Board has determined that the proposed regulations would not affect small businesses. The Board does not license businesses; the Board licenses individuals. This proposal would clarify the terminology used regarding experience credit given to applicants based on their education.

CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVES

The Board must determine that no reasonable alternative it considered to the regulation, or that has otherwise been identified and brought to its attention, would either be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the action is proposed, or would be as effective and less burdensome, to affected private persons than the proposal described in this Notice.

Any interested person may present statements or arguments orally or in writing relevant to the above determinations at the above-mentioned hearing.

INITIAL STATEMENT OF REASONS AND INFORMATION

The Board has prepared an initial statement of the reasons for the proposed action and has available all the information upon which the proposal is based.

TEXT OF PROPOSAL

Copies of the exact language of the proposed regulations and of the initial statement of reasons, and all of the information upon which the proposal is based, may be obtained at the hearing or prior to the hearing upon request from the Board at 2535 Capitol Oaks Drive, Suite 300, Sacramento, California 95833.

AVAILABILITY AND LOCATION OF THE FINAL STATEMENT OF REASONS AND RULEMAKING FILE

All the information upon which the proposed regulations are based is contained in the rulemaking file which is available for public inspection by contacting the person named below.

You may obtain a copy of the final statement of reasons, once it has been prepared, by making a written request to the contact person named below or by accessing the website listed below.

CONTACT PERSON

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WEBSITE ACCESS

Materials regarding this proposal can be found at <http://www.pels.ca.gov>.