

## PLS – Professional Land Surveyor Application Checklist

**For use by applicants who have previously obtained a Land Surveyor-In-Training certificate.**

(FS waiver requests review can requirements here: [Fundamentals of Surveying Waiver](#) or Comity applicants review comity instructions here: [comity](#))

Please use this checklist to ensure you have all the required documents ready to submit with your PLS application. Items are hyperlinked to the correct form on the BPELSG website. For more information, go to the [Professional Land Surveyor Application page](#).

- A minimum of 72 months (6 years) of qualifying experience completed by the postmark final filing deadline (May 1 for October Exams – Nov. 1 for April exams)
  - At least one year of responsible field training and at least one year of responsible office training is required
- [Application Instructions](#) (4 pages) - applicant has read in full

**The items below must be postmarked to the Board by the final filing deadline:**

- [Application for licensure as a professional land surveyor](#) - 3 page application
- [Engagement Record and Reference Forms](#) - a minimum of four (4)
- A form from at least one person in responsible charge for each engagement must be included to be given credit for time worked.
- Sealed college transcripts** – If claiming education credin, submit original, sealed transcripts for all land surveying degrees to facilitate application approval. Degree evaluations are not accepted.
- [Board Verification Form](#) of licensure or exam for applicants with an out-of-state exam (FS, PS) and/or licensure. You must contact the other state and have the form completed according to their procedures.
- [Take Home Examination answer sheet](#) - on the CA Board Rules and the Professional Land Surveyors' Act
- Two (2) self-addressed stamped postcards or envelopes.** The Board will use these to notify you regarding the status of your application.
- All applicants will be required to submit fingerprints prior to certification/licensure. For more information and to download the Live Scan form (in California) or to request hard copy fingerprint cards, please visit the Board's Fingerprinting ([FAQs](#)).
- Certified court documentation** for all convictions (including entering a plea of nolo contendere) other than a minor traffic offense. Non-certified copies are not accepted. You must contact the court to obtain.
- FEES:** An application fee must be included with all applications: \$125.00 plus additional California Professional Land Surveyor Exam \$150.00 must be paid at the time of application submittal. Make check or money order payable to "DCA". You will find all the application and exam fees in the [Examination Fee Matrix](#).

**AFTER** you receive your application approval postcard, you will need to schedule your exam(s) with our testing vendor(s) during the appropriate scheduling periods and directly pay their required testing/scheduling fees: [NCEES](#) for the national exam (if required) and [Prometric](#) for the state exam.

**Mail the application and all materials to:**

Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, and Geologists  
2535 Capitol Oaks Drive, Suite 300 • Sacramento, CA 95833-2944

***Tracking or delivery confirmation is recommended so you know the Board has received your application***

**Due to the volume of application received, the Board cannot confirm receipt of individual applications.**



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**APPLICATION FOR LICENSURE AS A  
PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR**

**Application Fee: \$125 (Non-refundable)**

**You should take and pass the NCEES examination prior to applying for licensure in California.**

**I have taken the required NCEES Exam** NCEES ID: \_\_\_\_\_

**State Specific Exam Fees: \$150**

Live Scan form included (no fee) **OR**  Fingerprint cards included (\$49)

A complete NCEES Council Record has been ordered

**\*Once approved, you will need to schedule your exam with the testing vendor and directly pay their required scheduling/testing fees by their deadline.**

<i>For Office Use Only</i>	
ATS ID #	_____
Date Rcd.	_____
Amount	_____
Receipt #	_____
FP Card Rcvd.	<input type="checkbox"/> Fee Rcvd. <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
Mil.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
<b>Total Due to Board \$</b> _____	

**MAKE ONE CHECK OR MONEY ORDER PAYABLE TO DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS (DCA)**

**Section 1**

**General Information**

**Type your legal name exactly as you want it to appear on your wall certificate. Please Note:** The names and addresses of Board licensees are public records and are published in both electronic and print media, as well as disclosed to the public upon request. You may use a home address, a post office box, a business address, or an alternate address where you can receive mail.

1. Last Name		First Name		Middle Name		2. Social Security No. or ITIN	
3. Address of Record:			City		State	Zip Code	Country
4. Birth Date (MM/DD/YYYY):			E-Mail Address:				
5. Daytime Phone Number (including area code & extension):			Evening Phone Number (including area code):			Cell Phone Number (including area code):	
6. If you have passed a fundamentals of surveying written examination, give the following information:							
State:		Certificate No. (if applicable):		Date of exam:		Waiver Requested <input type="checkbox"/>	
7. List states in which you hold a valid license as a professional land surveyor, starting with the state where you took and passed the original examination.							
STATE	BRANCH (e.g. Land Surveyor)		EXAM DATE/Initial License Date		CERTIFICATE NO.	EXPIRATION DATE	
8. Education: List any graduate degrees for which experience credit is requested.							
NAME AND LOCATION OF INSTITUTION			ATTENDANCE (MM/YY)		COURSE OF STUDY	DATE OF DEGREE	TYPE OF DEGREE
			FROM	TO			
9. Have you previously filed an application for licensure as a professional engineer or land surveyor with this Board?							
BRANCH:			DATE:			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information on this application as well as any other documents submitted in support of this application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. If I should become licensed, I will support the Constitution of this state and of the United States, and I will faithfully discharge the duties of a licensed professional land surveyor.

Applicant's Signature (Wet Signature Required) \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**USE TYPEWRITER OR FILL OUT FORM ONLINE, PRINT, SIGN AND MAIL THIS APPLICATION TO ADDRESS ABOVE. HANDWRITTEN FORMS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

## Section 2

### Engagement Summary and References

- List engagements below starting with your most recent employment, working back to graduation date. Your current job is Engagement 1.
- An engagement is an employment with one employer, in one capacity at one level of responsibility. Different projects in the same capacity for one employer are not considered separate engagements.
- Explain overlaps in dates.
- All applicants must submit a minimum of four (4) references from individuals appropriately licensed in the discipline you are applying. At least one of the licensed references must be from a person in responsible charge over the applicant for each engagement for which the applicant desires credit. The remaining references can be from indirect supervisors, co-workers, clients, etc.
- ALL THE NAMES OF YOUR REFERENCES MUST BE LISTED ON THIS PAGE.** Failure to complete this page may cause your application to be deemed incomplete. For California work, each engagement claimed as qualifying experience MUST have a reference from a licensed California Professional Land Surveyor or Civil Engineer (licensed prior to January 1, 1982) in responsible charge, unless exempt from licensure. For work out of state or country, references must be from a person in responsible charge legally authorized to practice land surveying in the state or country where the projects are located during the period of the engagement.
- COMITY APPLICANTS: You must complete this page even if you are submitting an NCEES Council Record. Failure to complete this page will cause your application to be deemed incomplete.**

ENGAGEMENT NUMBER	From MM/DD/YY To MM/DD/YY	Employer	Name of Reference	Reference's License No./State
	Months of Qualifying Experience**	City/State/Country of Employer	Professional Relationship	Branch
1				
	MONTHS**			
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10. REMARKS: Use this space for explanatory remarks or additional information, including information relating to Section 4 on page three (3) of this application.

\*\* Qualifying experience includes only land surveying work. It does not overlap with credit claimed for education. It does not include overtime, training, orientation, non-land surveying work, or summer work while a student. Qualifying experience may be less than the total number of months worked; it is computed by Total Months Worked less Non-Qualifying Experience. Qualifying experience means land surveying employment that requires the applicant to use sound judgment in making land surveying decisions and contributes to progress towards becoming a Professional Land Surveyor.

Applicant's Signature (Wet Signature Required) \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Section 3

### Military Service

Are you currently or have you previously served in the military?  Yes  No

Are you relocating to California as a result of your spouse's/domestic partner's active duty military orders?

Yes  No

**(If you answered "No" to the question above, please proceed to Section 4.)**

Pursuant to Business and Professions Code Section 115.5, the Board shall expedite the licensure process for an applicant who is married to or in a domestic partnership or other legal union with an active duty member of the U.S. Armed Forces who is assigned to a duty station in California under official active duty military orders and who holds a current license in another state, district or territory of the U.S. in the profession for which he or she is seeking licensure. If you would like to be considered for the expedited review process, provide the following documentation:

- 1) A copy of the marriage certificate or certified declaration/registration of domestic partnership
- 2) A copy of military orders establishing duty station in California
- 3) A copy of the current license held in another state, district, or territory of the U.S.
- 4) Write "MILITARY SPOUSE" on bottom left corner of the envelope to be expedited

## Section 4

### Background/Discipline

Pursuant to [Title 16, Division 5 of the California Code of Regulations Section 420.1](#), all applicants are required to furnish to the Department of Justice a full set of fingerprints for the purpose of conducting a criminal history record check and to undergo a state and federal level criminal offender record information search. For more information on fingerprinting, go to our Questions & Answers page at [FAQs](#).

Have you ever been convicted of or plead guilty or nolo contendere ["no contest"] to ANY offense in the United States or a foreign country? This includes every citation, infraction, misdemeanor, and/or felony that resulted in a conviction or a plea of guilty or nolo contendere. <b>NOTE:</b> Convictions that were adjudicated in the juvenile court or convictions under California Health and Safety Code sections 11357(b), (c), (d), (e), or section 11360(b) two years or older should <b>not</b> be reported. Convictions that were later expunged from the records of the court or set aside pursuant to Sections 1203.4, 1203.4a, or 1203.41 of the California Penal Code or equivalent non-California law <b>MUST</b> be disclosed.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Exclusive of juvenile court adjudications and criminal charges dismissed under Section 1000.3 of the California Penal Code or equivalent non-California laws, or convictions two years or older under California Health and Safety Code Sections 11357(b), (c), (d), (e), or Section 11360(b), have you had a conviction that was set aside or later expunged from the records of the court?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Is any criminal action pending against you, or are you currently awaiting judgment and sentencing following entry of a plea or jury verdict?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Have you ever had an engineering or land surveying related license denied, disciplined, suspended, surrendered, or revoked in any state (other than for lack of minimum qualification or failure of examination)? <b>If YES, explain under "Remarks" in Section 2 on page two of this application.</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

**If you answered "Yes" to any of the above questions, you must submit the appropriate certified court documentation and a statement of explanation for each criminal conviction on an additional sheet of paper.**

**NOTICE:** Under the laws of the State of California, the State Board of Equalization and the Franchise Tax Board are allowed to share taxpayer information with the Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, and Geologists. The laws require a licensee to pay his or her state tax obligation, and his or her license may be suspended if the state tax obligation is not paid.

Applicant's Signature (Wet Signature Required) \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_