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New Laws Require Applicants and Licensees to Provide Email Addresses to the Board

Effective January 1, 2023, new laws have been enacted to require applicants and licensees to provide the Board with a valid email address (if they have one) and to notify the Board within 30 days of any change of their email address.

Sections 6767, 7856, and 8753 have been added to the Professional Engineers Act, the Geologist and Geophysicist Act, and the Professional Land Surveyors' Act, respectively. These sections require applicants and licensees to provide the Board with a valid email address, if they have one. Applicants are required to initially provide their email address at the time of application; licensees are required to initially provide their email address at the time of renewal. Applicants and licensees are also required to notify the Board within 30 days of any change of their email address. These sections do not require applicants and licensees to obtain an email address if they do not already have one. However, email has become the more preferred method of communication because it allows for more timely communication regarding application and license status.

Furthermore, these sections make it clear that, in the interest of protecting the privacy of applicants and licensees, the email addresses provided to the Board are not considered to be public records and will not be disclosed to the public unless such disclosure is required pursuant to a court order.

Applicants and licensees are able to initially provide and to update their email addresses through their user portal in the BPELSG Connect system. Once the user has logged into their account, they should choose "Profile" from the dashboard and then edit the email address under Contact Type.