

STATE BOARD OF LICENSURE FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS

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Established: 1935

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PURPOSE:

The State Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers was established in 1935 to protect the public through the regulation of the practice of engineering in the State of Maine by establishing and maintaining professional standards. The Board is authorized to examine, certify, and license applicants who qualify as Professional Engineers or Engineer-Interns in Maine; to renew licenses upon payment of specified fees; to publish and distribute a roster of all licensed professional engineers; to make rules not inconsistent with state laws relating to engineers; and to investigate complaints of alleged violations of such laws and rules, conduct hearings, subpoena witnesses and institute disciplinary action as warranted.

ORGANIZATION:

The Board is composed of seven members. The Governor appoints five Professional Engineers and one public member for five-year terms. The seventh member of the Board is the Chief Engineer of the Department of Transportation, who serves ex-officio. The Board members elect a chair and vice-chair from their membership each year.

The Board maintains membership in the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES). Board members participate in NCEES activities and serve on national committees with other member boards from all fifty states, the District of Columbia, and four territorial jurisdictions. This facilitates reciprocal licensure processes and helps assure minimum competence to practice. Board members also maintain membership in state and national engineering societies. These efforts keep the Board informed of trends and activities in the engineering profession.

PROGRAM:

As of June 30, 2015, a total of 6253 professional engineers were licensed in Maine. Of the professional engineers licensed in Maine, 1972, or slightly fewer than 32%, have a residential address in Maine.

During FY 2015, 337 candidates were licensed as professional engineers. Of those candidates, 87 qualified for original licensure through written examination, and 250 qualified for licensure by comity with other jurisdictions. The 231 comity applicants whose records are maintained by NCEES had an expedited approval process because their credentials were previously verified by NCEES. Changes to the statute eliminated an oral exam option effective October 9, 2013.

Professional qualifying examinations are administered under an agreement between the Board and the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES).

The Principles and Practices Exam (PE) and the Structural Exam (SE) are qualifying exams for professional engineering licensure. The Fundamentals of Engineering Exam (FE) is the qualifying exam for engineer-intern certification.

Examinations given at Orono, ME in October, 2014 had the following results:

PE exam candidates: 54	PE passed: 38
SE exam candidates: 7	SE passed: 1*

Examinations given at Orono, ME in April, 2015 had the following results:

PE exam candidates: 69	PE passed: 47
SE exam candidates: 5	SE passed: 2*

*The SE exam is a two-component exam. A passing score is reflected only after a candidate has received an acceptable score on both portions of the exam.

The FE exam is a computer-based examination administered year-round. Applicants for Engineer-Intern Certification apply only after passing the FE exam and graduating from an approved degree program. FE results are for examinations administered from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

FE exam candidates: 151 FE passed: 86

The Board held five meetings during fiscal year 2015: August 14, 2014, November 20, 2014, January 15, 2015, March 19, 2015, and June 18, 2015.

LICENSES:

Professional Engineer License
Engineer-Intern Certification

PUBLICATIONS:

"Roster of Professional Engineers" \$10.00 - available online for free.
"Title 32, Revised Statutes of Maine, Chapter 19, Engineers"
"02-322 C.M.R. Ch. 1-6"
"Newsletter" - Twice each year - also available online.