

STATE BOARD OF LICENSURE FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS

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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 maintain a roster of all licensed professional engineers; to make rules not inconsistent with state laws relating to professional 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 a 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 U.S. territories. This facilitates reciprocal licensure processes and helps assure minimum standards of 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, 2019, there were 6625 professional engineers licensed in Maine. Of that total 1998, or slightly more than 30%, have a residential address in Maine.

During FY 2019, 397 candidates were newly licensed as professional engineers. Of those, 77 qualified for original licensure through examination, and 320 qualified for licensure by comity with other jurisdictions. The 309 comity applicants who submitted an NCEES Record with their application received an expedited approval process because their credentials are reviewed and verified in advance by NCEES.

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, 2018 had the following results:

PE exam candidates: 49	PE passed: 34
SE exam candidates: 2	SE passed: 0*

Examinations given at Orono, ME in April, 2019 and as computer-based examinations in the first six months of the year had the following results:

PE exam candidates: 56	PE passed: 43
SE exam candidates: 4	SE passed: 0*

*The SE exam is comprised of two components that may be taken in separate exam cycles up to five years apart. A passing score is reflected only after a candidate has received an acceptable score on both components 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, 2018 through June 30, 2019.

FE exam candidates: 193

FE candidates who passed the exam: 119

Board meetings were held on these dates during fiscal year 2019: August 9, 2018, November 15, 2018, January 17, 2019, March 21, 2019, June 20, 2019, and July 18, 2019.

LICENSES:

Professional Engineer License
Engineer-Intern Certification

PUBLICATIONS:

"Roster of Professional Engineers" \$10.00 - available online at no cost.
"Title 32, Revised Statutes of Maine, Chapter 19, Engineers"
"02-322 C.M.R. Ch. 1-6"
"Newsletter" - Electronic newsletter - available online at no cost.