

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 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 receipt 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, 2020, there were 6414 professional engineers licensed in Maine. Of that total 1928, slightly more than 30%, have a Maine address.

During FY 2020, 434 candidates were licensed as professional engineers: 47 qualified for original licensure through examination. 387 qualified for licensure by comity with other jurisdictions. The 318 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.

PE and SE paper examinations given at Orono, ME in October 2019 had the following results:

PE exam candidates: 60	PE passed: 40
SE exam candidates: 0	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.

PE and SE examinations scheduled to be given at Orono, ME in April 2020 were canceled due to the COVID-19 virus.

PE Exam computer-based testing (CBT) results are as follows:

PE exam CBT candidates: 5 PE exam CBT candidates who passed: 5

The FE exam is administered year-round through computer-based testing (CBT) at Pearson Vue testing centers. Applicants apply for Engineer-Intern Certification after passing the FE exam and graduating from an approved degree program. FE results shown are for examinations administered from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. CBT exams were not administered for several weeks due to restrictions related to the COVID-19 virus.

FE exam candidates: 167 FE candidates who passed the exam: 98

Board meetings were held on these dates during fiscal year 2020: August 9, 2019; September 19, 2019; November 21, 2019; January 16, 2020; the meeting for March 19, 2020 was cancelled because of COVID-19; the June 18, 2020 meeting was virtual; and the July 30, 2020 meeting was virtual.

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.