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PURPOSE:

The State Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers protects the public by establishing and maintaining professional standards for the regulation of the practice of engineering in Maine. The Board is authorized to examine qualifications of applicants and certify Engineer Interns and license Professional Engineers in Maine; to renew licenses upon receipt of required fees; to maintain a roster of all licensees; to make rules not inconsistent with state laws relating to professional engineers; to investigate complaints of alleged violations of such laws and rules; to conduct hearings; to subpoena witnesses and evidence; and to institute disciplinary action as warranted.

ORGANIZATION:

The Board has seven members. The Governor appoints five Professional Engineers and one public member for staggered five-year terms. The seventh board member is the Chief Engineer of the Maine Department of Transportation, who serves ex-officio. 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 and staff 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. NCEES members promote reciprocal licensure and help assure minimum standards of competence to practice. Board members also maintain membership in professional engineering societies. These efforts keep the Board informed of trends in the engineering profession.

PROGRAM:

As of June 30, 2022, there were 6876 professional engineers licensed in Maine. Of that total, 1961, or 28.5%, have a Maine address.

During FY 2022, 531 candidates were licensed as professional engineers: 66 qualified for original licensure through examination. 465 qualified for licensure by comity with other jurisdictions. The 460 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.

The final administration of the NCEES PE examinations in paper format was held at Orono, ME in October 2021 and had the following results:

PE exam candidates: 28

PE passed: 15

No paper SE examinations were administered in Maine in fiscal 2022.

The current 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 result on both components. SE Exams are transitioning to CBT and will be available in that format in Maine beginning in 2024.

Since January 1, 2022, the NCEES PE exams are only offered in computer-based testing (CBT) format.

PE Exam computer-based testing (CBT) results for FY2022 are as follows:

PE exam CBT candidates: 56 PE exam CBT candidates who passed: 36

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, 2021 to June 30, 2022.

FE exam candidates: 247 FE candidates who passed the exam: 128

Board meetings were held on these dates during fiscal year 2022: August 12, 2021; September 9, 2021; November 4, 2021; January 22, 2022; March 17, 2022; and June 16, 2022.

LICENSES:

Professional Engineer License
Engineer Intern Certification

PUBLICATIONS:

"Roster of Professional Engineers" \$10.00 (printed) - 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.