



Maine PE News Flash

STATE BOARD OF LICENSURE FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS

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FROZEN EDITION!

Welcome to the Frozen Edition of the PE News Flash. As light fades and the end of 2021 rapidly approaches, please remember to renew your license, and don't forget to store your PDH Records in a safe and accessible place. We recommend the free CPC registry offered by NCEES. Find out more at: <https://ncees.org/cpc/>

Current PE Board

Seat	Name	Position
1	VACANT	Member
2	Jude Pearse, PE	Member
3	Joyce Taylor, PE	Vice Chair
4	Brent Bridges, PE	Chair
5	Mandy Holway, PE	Member
6	VACANT	Public member
7	VACANT	Member

GENTLE REMINDER

**DON'T FORGET — RENEW
YOUR LICENSE BY DEC 31!**

Go here to [renew your license](#)

ME PDH information is [here](#).

Additional helpful links:

NCEES [CPC Registry](#)

NCEES [SE Exam information](#)

NCEES [PE Exam information](#)

NCEES [FE Exam information](#)

NCEES [Examinee Guide](#)

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Ring out, wild bells, to the wild
sky,

The flying cloud, the frosty light:

The year is dying in the night;

Ring out, wild bells, and let him
die.

Ring out the old, ring in the new,

Ring, happy bells, across the
snow:

The year is going, let him go;

Ring out the false, ring in the true.

— Alfred Lord Tennyson

REVIEW OF CREDENTIAL USE

We have recently seen instances where the use of licensure credentials was questionable or improper and thought the issue might merit a brief review.

- **Licensure is a creation of state law.** Each state determines what credentials are granted, the credentialing requirements, and how credentials may be used.
- **Using a credential without authorization, or improperly, may violate the law.** In Maine, the statute reads: “It is unlawful for any person ... to use in connection with the person's name or otherwise assume, use or advertise any title or description tending to convey the impression that the person is a professional engineer, unless that person has been duly licensed or exempted under this chapter.” 32 M.R.S. § 1351.
- **Maine law currently grants PE licensure and EI certification.** The PE license is designated by using the words “Professional Engineer” or the abbreviation “PE” and the EI certification uses “Engineer Intern” or “EI” after the name.
- **PE, retired is an unlicensed status.** You cannot use the designation “PE, retired” in any way “tending to convey” that you are licensed. It’s pretty much limited to casual correspondence, such as Christmas cards.
- **No EIT in Maine.** Maine law changed every EIT to EI in 1995. Everyone ever certified in Maine is an EI. If you are also certified as an EIT in another state, to avoid confusion you should include the state after the certification. Ex: Gabrielle Comeau, EI(ME), EIT(GA).
- **No SE in Maine.** Maine grants only PE licensure, and does not license by discipline. There is no separate SE licensure, therefore no SE credential. If you want to use an SE credential from another jurisdiction, you should include the jurisdiction after the credential to avoid confusion. Ex: Tom Smythe, PE(ME), SE(IL).
- **Employers may not grant credentials.** Employers cannot bestow credentials and should avoid using job titles that mimic state-granted licensure or certification.
- **Credentials granted by other states or countries.** Use of a credential obtained in another US jurisdiction or in a foreign country without clarification can be problematic. Those credentials may be “tending to convey the impression” that you are licensed in Maine, when you are not. The same can happen if you use your Maine credential without clarification in correspondence or advertising across state lines.
- **Best practice: Identify where your credentials are valid.** Putting state abbreviations in parentheses, using an asterisk and a list for groups of states, or some other manner that readily and obviously conveys where you are licensed, can help avoid confusion and possible complaints of improperly misrepresenting credentials or unlicensed practice as you advertise and communicate across state lines.

