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Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation

**BOARD OF LICENSURE FOR PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS**

2025-2026 Regulatory Agenda

AGENCY UMBRELLA-UNIT NUMBER: **02-360**

AGENCY NAME: Department of Professional & Financial Regulation, Office of Professional & Occupational Regulation, **Board of Licensure for Professional Land Surveyors**

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**EMERGENCY RULES ADOPTED SINCE THE LAST REGULATORY AGENDA**: None.

**EXPECTED 2025-2026 RULEMAKING ACTIVITY:**

Expected rulemaking will be to implement legislation governing licensure by endorsement and provisional licensure. A review for conformance with statutes and current rules will be conducted and updated as may be necessary, including an update to discontinue the use of the terms “handicap,” “handicapped” and “hearing impaired” pursuant to 36 M.R.S. § 2557, sub-§2. The Board also expects to clarify examination requirements in Chapter 60: Licensure by Comity.

The Board is reviewing and expects to move forward with changes to Chapter 40: Qualifications for Licensure as a Land Surveyor-in-Training; Chapter 50: Qualifications for Licensure as a Professional Land Surveyor; Chapter 60: Licensure by Comity and Chapter 90: Standards of Practice in an effort to update, streamline and eliminate any unnecessary barriers to licensure.

**CHAPTER 10**: **Definitions**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S. § 18212

PURPOSE: This chapter defines terms used in the Board’s rules. The Board may need to amend the rule to define new terms or clarify existing terms.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees and members of the public.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: N/A

**CHAPTER 20**: **General Information**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S. § 18212

PURPOSE: This chapter establishes guidelines for meeting agendas and election of Board officers. The Board has proposed a change that clarifies how agendas are sent to Board members. Additional changes may be needed to clarify a provision.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees and the public.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: N/A

**CHAPTER 30**: **Advisory Rulings**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 5 M.R.S. §§ 8051, 9001(4)

PURPOSE: This chapter provides for the discretionary issuance of advisory rulings by the Board. Changes may be needed to clarify a provision.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees and the public.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: N/A

**CHAPTER 40**: **Qualification for Licensure as Land Surveyor-In-Training**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S. §§ 18212, 18223

PURPOSE: This chapter sets forth the requirements for licensure as a land surveyor-in-training. Changes may be needed to clarify a provision.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Applicants for licensure.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: N/A

**CHAPTER 50**: **Qualification for Licensure as Professional Land Surveyor**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S. §§ 18212, 18224

PURPOSE: This chapter establishes the licensing qualifications for professional land surveyors. Changes may be needed to clarify a provision.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Applicants for licensure.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: N/A

**CHAPTER 60**: **Licensure by Comity**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S. §§ 18212, 18227, 18227-A; 10 M.R.S. § 8003-H;

PURPOSE: This chapter sets forth the conditions under which a licensee from another jurisdiction may be licensed as a land surveyor-in-training or professional land surveyor in Maine. Changes may be needed to clarify a provision and to amend provisions as necessary to implement legislation with regards to licensure by endorsement.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Applicants for licensure.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: N/A

**CHAPTER 70**: **Continuing Education**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S. §§ 18212 & 18225

PURPOSE: This chapter establishes the continuing education requirements for license renewal. Changes may be needed to clarify a provision.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees and the public.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: N/A

**CHAPTER 90**: **Standards of Practice**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S. § 18212

PURPOSE: This chapter sets forth the standards of practice for licensees. Changes may be needed to clarify a provision.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees and the public.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: N/A

**CHAPTER NUMBER and Title: N/A**

STATUTORY BASIS: 10 M.R.S. § 8003-H, § 8003-5-A(D)(7)

PURPOSE: The Board may adopt rules to establish a process to issue a license by endorsement or to grant provisional licenses to applicants from other jurisdictions.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within the year.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees and members of the public.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: N/A