

Georgia Professional Engineer and Land Surveyors Board

Policy Statements

- 03-03** A maximum of six months of Co-op experience may be granted by the Board for experience prior to graduation. (Effective prior to 2000)
- 03-04** All foreign education shall be evaluated by NCEES Credential Evaluations to receive any educational credit. (Revised 05/14/13. Updated 05/07/26)
- 04-03** No temporary permits will be issued. (Effective 03/16/04)
- 04-06** O.C.G.A. §43-15-9(4) shall not recognize engineering technology degrees. (Effective 11/09/04)
- 05-01** Providing property conditions assessments (PCA), inspection reports or any other reports concerning the conditions, adequacy, safe or unsafe conditions, compliance with plans and/or codes of any commercial structure for a client is considered by this board the practice of engineering as defined in Georgia law section 43-15-2 and persons not registered as professional engineers in the state of Georgia shall be prohibited from performing or offering to perform such services. (Effective 06/02/05)
- 06-03** O.C.G.A. §43-15-6(b) states, in part, that the Board shall waive the continuing education requirement for individuals over the age of 65 who are engaged in the active practice of their profession who have had a valid active license for the previous 25 consecutive years. This shall apply only to registrants who demonstrate 25 consecutive years of valid active licensure in Georgia. No exceptions. (Effective 12/12/06. Updated 05/07/26)
- 07-02** All applicants seeking reinstatement of their registration following the license being administratively revoked for having an expired license for greater than four years shall be required to pass as a minimum the Principles and Practices of Engineering Exam, unless the applicant has continued their license in force from another acceptable jurisdiction without interruption and in compliance with current continuing education requirements for a licensed Georgia registrant during the time when the Georgia licensure was not active. (Updated 05/07/26)
- 10-01** Beginning with exams administered in April of 2011, the exam prescribed by the Board for applicants whose experience is structural engineering as determined by the Board, shall be the NCEES PE Structural exam.
- a. Comity applicants whose experience is structural engineering, as determined by the Board, and who first became registered as a Professional Engineer or Structural Engineer in another state on or after January 1, 2011, will be required to have passed the NCEES PE Structural exam or another exam as approved by the Board.
 - b. Comity applicants whose experience is structural engineering as determined by the Board, who first became registered as a Professional Engineer in another state before January 1, 2011, and who have not passed at least an 8 hour structural exam approved by the Board, will be required to have a minimum of 60 months of structural engineering experience acceptable to the Board following the pass date of their examination.
- (Effective 12/07/2010 replacing Board Policy 03-01. Updated 05/07/26.)

- 15-01** The continuing education requirement in Board Rule 180-11-.03 is intended to be comprehensive as to the rules and laws pertaining to the professional practice of Land Surveying in Georgia. As such, the following content is required:
1. Definitions and scope of practice (O.C.G.A. §43-15-2)
 2. Continuing Education Requirements (O.C.G.A. §43-15-6(b), Rule 180-11-.02, Rule 180-11-.03, Rule 180-11-.07.)
 3. Recordkeeping requirements for Continuing Education (Rule 180-11-.06)
 4. Grounds for revocation, suspension, or denial of registration (O.C.G.A. §§43-15-19, 43-15-30)
 5. Direct supervision requirements (O.C.G.A. §43-15-22, O.C.G.A. §43-15-3.1(d)(3), Rule 180-6-.03(5), Rule 180-6-.03(6), Rule 180-10-.02(2))
 6. Business practice and Certificate of Authorization (COA) required (O.C.G.A. §43-15-23.1)
 7. Georgia Plat Act (O.C.G.A. §15-6-67 as amended in 2017)
 8. Rules of Professional Conduct and Ethics (Rule 180-6-.02, Rule 180-6-.03(1), Rule 180-6-.03(2), Rule 180-6-.04, Rule 180-6-.05, Rule 180-6-.07)
 9. Certifications (Rule 180-6-.09)
 10. Research and analysis required of property surveys (Rule 180-7-.02)
 11. Horizontal measurements (Rule 180-7-.03)
 12. Topography and Vertical measurements (Rule 180-7-.04)
 13. Monuments (Rule 180-7-.05)
 14. Coordinates and Triangulation (Rule 180-7-.06)
 15. Maps and Plats (Rule 180-7-.07)
 16. Use of GPS (Rule 180-7-.09)
 17. Sealing of Documents (Rule 180-12-.02) *note this applies to all work except recordable surveys
 18. Board Policies (available from the Board website [here](#))
- (Updated 05/07/26)

- 15-02** O.C.G.A. §43-15-9(4) shall only be considered for applicants who have either an ABET accredited engineering degree or a foreign engineering degree with an acceptable NCEES Evaluation plus a master's degree in the same discipline accredited by ABET at the bachelor's level.

- 15-03** The following policies apply to consideration of experience submitted for certification as a Land Surveyor in Training or as a Land Surveyor under O.C.G.A. §43-15-13 and Rule 180-4-.02:

Part time experience shall not be applicable. Only full time progressive experience shall be considered.

1. Unless gained in a military engagement, experience gained under a supervisor who is not a registered land surveyor shall not be applicable towards the applicant's required time in "responsible charge".
2. A maximum of one year's experience shall be granted for construction layout work.
3. If the applicant is a professional licensed in another field, only that portion of time spent working under the direct supervision of a registered land surveyor shall be applied, on a proportionate basis as deemed appropriate by the Board.
4. Experience is required by law to be "combined office and field". An applicant's application for licensure as a Land Surveyor must contain at least one year of each in reaching the combined total required, and cannot be strictly office nor strictly field.

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