

Notice of Change/Withdrawal

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

Board of Professional Engineers

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

61G15-22.001 Continuing Education Requirements

NOTICE OF CHANGE

Notice is hereby given that the following changes have been made to the proposed rule in accordance with subparagraph 120.54(3)(d)1., F.S., published in Vol. 45 No. 188, September 26, 2019 issue of the Florida Administrative Register.

The changes are in response to written comments submitted by the staff of the Joint Administrative Procedures Committee and discussion and subsequent vote by the board at a public meeting held November 6, 2019. The changes are as follows:

61G15-22.001 Continuing Education Requirements.

(1) Each licensee shall complete eighteen (18) continuing education hours during each license renewal biennium as a condition of license renewal. Four (4) hours shall relate to the licensee's area(s) of practice; one (1) hour must be related to professional ethics; and one (1) hour shall relate to chapter 471, F.S., and the rules of the Board. The remaining hours may relate to any topic pertinent to the practice of engineering as defined in rule 61G15-22.002, F.A.C.

(a) The one (1) hour of professional ethics must be obtained from a professional ethics course approved for credit in any US jurisdiction.

(b) The one (1) hour of laws and rules required by section 471.017, F.S., must be obtained from courses approved by the Board pursuant to rule 61G15-22.0105, F.A.C.

(c) Pursuant to section 471.017(3)(a), F.S., a licensee may earn the required professional ethics and laws and rules hours by serving as a member of the Legislature or as an elected state or local official.

(2) through (4) No change.

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RULE NOS.:RULE TITLES:

61G15-20.0010 Application for Licensure as Professional Engineer

61G15-20.0015 Application for Certification as Engineering Intern

NOTICE OF CHANGE

Notice is hereby given that the following changes have been made to the proposed rule in accordance with subparagraph 120.54(3)(d)1., F.S., published in Vol. 45 No. 192, October 2, 2019 issue of the Florida Administrative Register.

The changes are in response to written comments submitted by the staff of the Joint Administrative Procedures Committee and discussion and subsequent vote by the board at a public meeting held November 6, 2019. The changes are as follows:

61G15-20.0010 Application for Licensure as Professional Engineer.

(1) Any person desiring licensure as a professional engineer in Florida shall submit an application to the Board. The instructions and application Form FBPE/002 (09/19), entitled, "Application for Licensure as Professional Engineer," is hereby incorporated by reference, copies of which may be obtained from the Board office at 2639 North Monroe Street, Suite B-112, Tallahassee, Florida 32303; from the Board's website at <http://www.fbpe.org/licensure/application-process> or at <https://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref->. The Board shall certify as eligible for licensure only those applicants who have completed the application form, remitted the application and examination fee(s) required by chapter 61G15-24, F.A.C., and who have demonstrated to the Board that they:

(a) through (c) No change.

(d) Have passed the Laws and Rules Study Guide and Questionnaire as required by Rule 61G15-20.0016, F.A.C.

(2) If an applicant for licensure by examination satisfies the conditions found in section 471.013(1)(d), F.S. or an applicant for licensure by endorsement satisfies the conditions found in section 471.015(5)(a), F.S., then the Board shall deem that the applicant has passed an examination substantially equivalent to Part I, fundamentals of the engineering examination. If an applicant for licensure by endorsement satisfies the conditions found in section 471.015(5)(b), F.S., then the Board shall deem that the applicant has passed an examination substantially equivalent to Part I, fundamentals, and Part II, principles and practice, of the engineering examination.

(3) The Board shall deem that an applicant for licensure, who has an engineering or engineering technology degree from a program that is not EAC/ABET accredited, has demonstrated substantial equivalency to an EAC/ABET or ETAC/ABET accredited engineering program, as required by rules 61G15-20.007 and 61G15-20.008, F.A.C., when such applicant has held a valid professional engineer's license in another state for 15 years and has had 20 years of professional-level engineering experience, to include the active practice of engineering for at least 3 of the last 5 years.

(4) through (5) No change.

61G15-20.0015 Application for Certification as Engineering Intern.

(1) Any person desiring to be licensed as an engineering intern in this state shall submit an application to the Board. The application FBPE/003 (09/19), entitled "Application For Engineer Intern Certification," is hereby incorporated by reference and may be obtained from the Board office at 2639 North Monroe Street, Suite B-112, Tallahassee, Florida 32303; the Board's website at <http://www.fbpe.org/licensure/application-process> or at <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref->. The Board shall certify applicants who have completed the application form, remitted the application fee(s) required by chapter 61G15-24, F.A.C., achieved a passing score on the Fundamentals of Engineering (FE) Examination and Florida Study Guide, and have graduated from, "a Board approved engineering program" as defined by subsection 61G15-20.001(2), F.A.C.:(a) ~~The applicant meets the current criteria listed in section 471.013, F.S.~~

(2)(3) No change.