ENGINEERING AND LAND SURVEYING EXAMINING BOARD[193C]

Adopted and Filed

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 542B.6, the Engineering and Land Surveying Examining Board amends Chapter 3, "Application and Renewal Process," and Chapter 4, "Engineering Licensure," Iowa Administrative Code.

The amendment to Chapter 3 reflects simplifications in the application process for the Fundamentals of Land Surveying examinations, which increase the availability of the examinations. The amendment to Chapter 4 removes outdated information and reflects current practice.

Notice of Intended Action was published in the October 28, 2015, Iowa Administrative Bulletin as **ARC 2219C**. A public hearing was held at 9 a.m. on November 17, 2015, at the offices of the Professional Licensing Bureau, 200 E. Grand Avenue, Suite 350, Des Moines, Iowa. No comments were received. These amendments are identical to those published under Notice of Intended Action.

There is no fiscal impact. No current fees are being changed, and no new fees are being imposed.

These amendments are subject to waiver or variance pursuant to 193—Chapter 5.

These amendments were adopted by the Board on January 13, 2016.

After analysis and review of this rule making, no impact on jobs was found. The amendments do not impact the time line for licensure or for new licensees to begin working.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code section 542B.21.

These amendments will become effective on March 9, 2016.

The following amendments are adopted.

ITEM 1. Amend subrule 3.2(2) as follows:

3.2(2) Fundamentals of Land Surveying examination application components and due dates. The components of this application include: the completed, notarized application form; references pursuant to 193C—paragraph 5.1(5)"b"; and transcripts. Fundamentals of Land Surveying examination applications must be submitted to the board office. Examinations are offered during four two-month testing periods throughout the year. Applications must be postmarked on or before October 15 for the January/February window, February 15 for the April/May window, April 15 for the July/August window, and August 15 for the October/November window. Applications will be reviewed by the board at the next regularly scheduled board meeting.

ITEM 2. Amend paragraph **4.1(2)**"e" as follows:

e. Commencing with the computer-based FE exams in 2014, all All FE exam candidates will apply directly to the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES) and will self-attest as to the candidate's eligibility to sit for the FE exam. At that time, NCEES will cease its prior practice of receiving and verifying college transcripts for candidates with ABET/EAC-or CEAB-accredited engineering degrees and for candidates in their senior years of such programs. The board will also cease its practice of processing FE exam applications for those candidates who hold engineering degrees from nonaccredited programs who must have one year of experience in order for the degrees to be accepted by the board. The board will instead verify acceptable education and experience at the time an applicant applies to sit for the Principles and Practice of Engineering examination or applies for an Engineer Intern (EI) number. The board shall apply the education and experience standards set forth in this rule; but will allow reasonable flexibility in timing in the event an applicant sat for and passed the FE exam at a point earlier than provided in this rule. The board

will not, however, issue an EI number unless all <u>required</u> experience <u>required</u> for <u>candidates</u> who <u>hold</u> engineering degrees from nonaccredited programs has been satisfied at the time of the EI application.

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