

**542B.16 Seal — certification of responsibility.**

1. Each licensee, upon licensure, shall obtain a seal of a design approved by the board, bearing the licensee's name, Iowa license number, and the words "professional engineer" or "professional land surveyor" or both, as the case may be. A legible rubber stamp or other facsimile of the seal may be used and shall have the same effect as the use of the actual seal.

2. All engineering documents and land surveying documents shall be dated and shall contain all of the following:

a. The signature of the licensee in responsible charge.

b. A certification that the work was done by the licensee or under the licensee's direct personal supervision.

c. The Iowa legible seal of the licensee.

3. An agency, subdivision, or municipal corporation of this state, or an officer of the state, subdivision, or municipal corporation, shall not file for record or approve any engineering document or land surveying document which does not comply with [this section](#).

4. A licensee shall not place the licensee's signature or seal on any engineering document or land surveying document unless the licensee was in responsible charge of the work, except that the licensee may do so if the licensee contributed to the work and the licensee in responsible charge has signed and certified the work.

5. Violation of [this section](#) by a licensee shall be deemed fraud and deceit in the licensee's practice.

[C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §1868; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §114.16]

C93, §542B.16

[96 Acts, ch 1055, §1](#); [2012 Acts, ch 1009, §16](#)