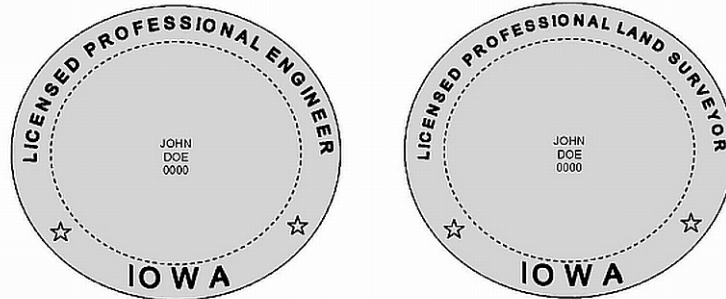


CHAPTER 6
SEAL AND CERTIFICATE OF RESPONSIBILITY
[Prior to 11/14/01, see 193C—1.30(542B)]

193C—6.1(542B) Seal and certificate of responsibility.

6.1(1) The seal, under Iowa Code section 542B.16, should substantially conform to the samples shown below:



6.1(2) The word “licensed” may be added but is not required on the seal. Neither the word “registrant” nor “registered” may be used on the seal.

6.1(3) The certification block, under Iowa Code section 542B.16(2), on engineering or land surveying documents submitted to a client or any public agency, hereinafter referred to as the official copy (or official copies), appears on the first page or attached cover sheet. A certification block should be provided for the licensee in responsible charge and for each professional consultant contributing to the submission. In lieu of each contributing professional consultant providing a certification block on the front page or attached cover sheet for application of a seal, a table shall be provided that identifies the contributing professionals and where their respective certification blocks can be found within the document. The seal and original signature only need to be applied to a final submission. Each official copy (or official copies) of a submission shall be stapled, bound or otherwise attached together so as to clearly establish the complete extent of the submission. Each certification block shall display the seal of the licensee and designate the portion of the submission for which that licensee is responsible, so that responsibility for the entire submission is clearly established by the combination of the stated seal responsibilities. Any nonfinal submission of an engineering or land surveying document to a client or public agency shall be clearly labeled “preliminary” or “draft.”

The engineering certification block shall conform to the wording in the sample shown below:

SEAL	I hereby certify that this engineering document was prepared by me or under my direct personal supervision and that I am a duly licensed Professional Engineer under the laws of the State of Iowa.
	_____ (signature) (date)
	Printed or typed name
	License number _____
	My license renewal date is December 31, _____.
	Pages or sheets covered by this seal: _____ _____ _____

The land surveying certification block shall conform to the wording in the sample shown below. For maps or acquisition plats prepared from public records or previous measurements by others, the following land surveying certification block may be modified by removing the phrase “and the related survey work was performed.”

SEAL	I hereby certify that this land surveying document was prepared and the related survey work was performed by me or under my direct personal supervision and that I am a duly licensed Professional Land Surveyor under the laws of the State of Iowa.
	_____ (signature) (date)
	Printed or typed name
	License number _____
	My license renewal date is December 31, _____.
	Pages or sheets covered by this seal: _____ _____ _____

6.1(4) Except for the original signature and handwritten date in contrasting ink color, the information requested in each certification block must be typed or legibly printed in permanent ink on each official copy. The seal implies responsibility for the entire submission unless the area of responsibility is clearly identified in the information accompanying the seal.

6.1(5) It is the responsibility of the licensee to forward copies of all revisions to the submission, which then become a part of the official copy of the submission. Such revisions shall be identified as applicable on a certification block or blocks with professional seals applied so as to clearly establish professional responsibility for the revisions.

6.1(6) The licensee is responsible for the custody and proper use of the seal. Improper use of the seal is grounds for disciplinary action.

6.1(7) Computer-generated seals may be used on final original documents.

6.1(8) Secure electronic signature. An electronic signature as defined in or governed by Iowa Code chapter 554D meets the signature requirements of this rule if it is protected by a security procedure, as defined in Iowa Code section 554D.103(14), such as digital signature technology. It is the licensee's responsibility to ensure, prior to affixing an electronic signature to an engineering or land surveying document, that security procedures are adequate to (1) verify the signature is that of a specific person and (2) detect any changes that may be made or attempted after the signature of the specific person is affixed.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 542B.13, 542B.15, 542B.20 and 542B.30.
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