

**PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE STATE BOARD OF  
PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS**

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AUTHORITY: §§1 and 2, NRS 625.140 and 625.398.

A REGULATION relating to professions; revising the continuing education requirements needed for the renewal of a professional engineering license or land surveying license; providing that a licensee is entitled to 1 professional development hour for each hour that the licensee participates in a self-study activity; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

Existing law authorizes the State Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors to adopt regulations for the proper performance of the duties of the Board, the regulation of the proceedings before it and the maintenance of a high standard of integrity and dignity in the profession. (NRS 625.140) Existing law requires the Board to adopt regulations concerning continuing education for professional engineers and professional land surveyors. Such regulations must include: (1) the number of hours of credit required annually; (2) the criteria used to accredit each course; and (3) the requirements for submission of proof of attendance at courses. (NRS 625.398)

Existing regulations require a professional engineer or professional land surveyor licensed by the Board to complete at least 30 professional development hours within each biennial renewal period. (NAC 625.430) **Section 1** of this regulation requires 2 of the professional development hours to be in professional ethics and 1 hour to be in the provisions of existing law and regulations that govern professional engineers and land surveyors.

Existing regulations require a licensee who is licensed as a professional engineer and as a professional land surveyor and who wishes to renew or reinstate both licenses to complete at least 30 professional development hours in activities relating to professional engineering and professional land surveying. Of the 30 professional development hours, 10 hours must be in activities relating to professional engineering and 10 hours must be in activities relating to professional land surveying. (NAC 625.430) **Section 1** removes these specific requirements and instead requires the licensee to submit proof that he or she has completed at least 30 professional development hours.

Existing regulations provide that a licensee who successfully completes an activity to maintain, improve or expand the skills and knowledge relevant to his or her discipline is entitled to the number of professional development hours assigned to the activity according to a schedule set forth in existing regulations. (NAC 625.470) **Section 2** of this regulation expands this schedule to include 1 professional development hour for each hour that the licensee participates in a self-study activity.

**Section 1.** NAC 625.430 is hereby amended to read as follows:

625.430 1. Except as otherwise provided in NAC 625.440 and 625.450, a licensee who ~~on or after January 1, 1999,~~ applies for the renewal of his or her license, must submit proof deemed acceptable by the Board that he or she has completed at least 30 professional development hours within the biennial renewal period, including any professional development hours carried forward from the previous biennial renewal period pursuant to subsection ~~2~~ **3**, of which:

*(a) Two hours must be in professional ethics; and*

*(b) One hour must be in the provisions of this chapter and chapter 625 of NRS.*

2. If the licensee does not submit such proof to the Board *pursuant to subsection 1 or 5* or, after being notified by the Board that a deficiency exists, does not complete the number of professional development hours which are deficient pursuant to NAC 625.490, the Board will deny the application for the renewal of the license.

~~2~~ **3.** If a licensee has submitted to the Board proof deemed acceptable by the Board that he or she has completed more than 30 professional development hours in a biennial renewal period ~~2~~ *pursuant to subsection 1 or 5*, the licensee may carry forward to the next biennial renewal period not more than 15 of the excess professional development hours. *A licensee may not carry forward to the next biennial renewal period any professional development hours that would satisfy the requirements of paragraphs (a) or (b) of subsection 1.*

~~{3.}~~ 4. A licensee who is licensed as a professional engineer and who wishes to renew his or her license is required to complete only 30 professional development hours, regardless of the number of disciplines of professional engineering within which he or she is licensed.

~~{4.}~~ 5. A licensee who is licensed as a professional engineer and a professional land surveyor and who wishes to renew or reinstate both licenses must ~~{complete}~~ *submit proof deemed acceptable by the Board that he or she has completed* a total of at least 30 professional development hours ~~{in activities related to professional engineering and professional land surveying. The professional development hours must include at least:~~  
~~—(a) Ten professional development hours in activities related to professional engineering; and~~  
~~—(b) Ten professional development hours in activities related to professional land surveying.}~~  
*that comply with the requirements set forth in subsection 1.*

Sec. 2. NAC 625.470 is hereby amended to read as follows:

625.470 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, a licensee who successfully completes an activity to maintain, improve or expand the skills and knowledge relevant to his or her discipline is entitled to the number of professional development hours assigned to the activity in accordance with the following schedule, subject to modification by the Board:

Activity	Professional Development Hours
College course with a duration measured in semesters .....	45 for each semester credit hour received

Activity

Professional Development Hours

College course with a duration measured

in quarters ..... 30 for each quarter credit hour received

~~Attendance at~~ *Attending* a seminar,

workshop, in-house course of

instruction or professional meeting,

convention or conference ..... 1 for each hour of attendance

Teaching a course, tutorial, seminar, or

workshop ..... 2 for each hour spent teaching

Authoring or coauthoring a paper, article

or book that has been published ..... 10

Serving as an officer or participating

member of a committee of a

professional or technical organization..... 2 for each calendar year of service

Receiving a patent as an inventor of record ..... 10

*Participating in a self-study activity ..... 1 for each hour of self-study*

2. A licensee who teaches the same course on more than one occasion may not obtain any professional development hours for teaching that course a second or subsequent time. A licensee who is a full-time member of the faculty of any institution of the Nevada System of Higher

Education or any other public or private institution of learning may not obtain any professional development hours for teaching at that institution.