

**REVISED 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 [] is material to be omitted.

AUTHORITY: §§2-11, NRS 625.398; §12, NRS 625.390 and 625.398; §§13-17, NRS 625.398; §18, NRS 625.140 and 625.390.

Section 1. Chapter 625 of NAC is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 to 16, inclusive, of this regulation.

Sec. 2. *“Biennial renewal period” means the 2 years immediately preceding the date on which a registrant must submit an application for the renewal of, or a former registrant submits an application for the reinstatement of, his certificate of registration.*

Sec. 3. *“Board” means the state board of professional engineers and land surveyors.*

Sec. 4. *“Professional development hour” means 1 hour of credit obtained by a registrant or former registrant for participating in courses, programs and activities to maintain, improve or expand the skills and knowledge relevant to his discipline.*

Sec. 5. *“Quarter credit hour” means 1 hour of college credit for a course which has a duration measured in quarters.*

Sec. 6. *“Registrant” means a professional engineer or professional land surveyor registered pursuant to the provisions of chapter 625 of NRS.*

Sec. 7. *“Respondent” means a registrant or former registrant against whom a complaint has been filed or with respect to whom an investigation is being conducted.*

Sec. 8. *“Semester credit hour” means 1 hour of college credit for a course which has a duration measured in semesters.*

Sec. 9. *1. Except as otherwise provided in sections 10 and 11 of this regulation, a registrant or former registrant who, on or after January 1, 1999, applies for the renewal or reinstatement of his certificate of registration, must submit proof deemed acceptable by the board that he 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. If the registrant or former registrant does not submit such proof to the board 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 section 15 of this regulation, the board will deny his application for the renewal or reinstatement of his certificate of registration.*

2. If a registrant or former registrant has submitted to the board proof deemed acceptable by the board that he has completed more than 30 professional development hours in a biennial renewal period, he may carry forward to the next biennial renewal period not more than 15 of his excess professional development hours.

3. *A registrant or former registrant who is or was registered as a professional engineer and who wishes to renew or reinstate his certificate of registration is required to complete only 30 professional development hours, regardless of the number of disciplines of professional engineering within which he is or was registered.*

4. *A registrant or former registrant who is or was registered as a professional engineer and a professional land surveyor and who wishes to renew or reinstate both certificates of registration must complete 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.

Sec. 10. *A registrant or former registrant who applies for the renewal or reinstatement of his certificate of registration is not required to comply with the requirements of section 9 of this regulation for a biennial renewal period if:*

1. *The registrant was issued his initial certificate of registration during the biennial renewal period; or*

2. *The registrant or former registrant served more than 120 consecutive days on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States during the biennial renewal period.*

Sec. 11. *The board may waive the requirements set forth in section 9 of this regulation for a registrant or former registrant if:*

1. The board determines that:

(a) The registrant or former registrant has satisfied the requirements for continuing education in his discipline in another state during the biennial renewal period; and

(b) The requirements for continuing education in that state are equivalent to the requirements for continuing education set forth in this chapter; or

2. The registrant or former registrant:

(a) Is unable to comply with the requirements of section 9 of this regulation because of an incapacitating disability, illness or circumstance; and

(b) Submits proof deemed acceptable by the board that he is suffering from the disability, illness or circumstance.

Sec. 12. *To reinstate his certificate of registration, a former registrant who has changed his status to retired or inactive pursuant to NAC 625.420 must:*

1. Comply with the requirements of section 9 of this regulation;

2. Pay a fee that is equal to the renewal fee for a registrant having his qualifications; and

3. Unless waived by the board, pass a written or oral examination.

Sec. 13. *1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, a registrant or former registrant who successfully completes an activity to maintain, improve or expand the skills and knowledge relevant to his 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 semesters45 for each semester credit hour received

College course with a duration

measured in quarters30 for each quarter credit hour received

Attendance at a seminar, workshop,

in-house course of instruction or

professional meeting, convention or

conference1 for each hour of attendance

Teaching a course, tutorial, seminar,

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

Authoring or co-authoring a paper,

article or book that has been

published10

Serving as an officer or participating

member of a committee of a

professional or technical

organization2 for each calendar year of service

Receiving a patent as an inventor of

record.....10

2. *A registrant or former registrant 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 registrant or former registrant who is a full-time member of the faculty of any institution of the University and Community College System of Nevada or any other public or private institution of learning may not obtain any professional development hours for teaching at that institution.*

Sec. 14. *1. Proof of the completion of professional development hours must be accompanied by a form prescribed by the board for submission with such proof.*

2. A registrant or former registrant shall:

(a) Retain, for at least 3 years, a copy of the completed form submitted to the board pursuant to subsection 1 and the proof that he completed the professional development hours.

(b) Upon request, submit a copy of the completed form and the proof of completion to the board.

3. Proof of completion of professional development hours may include, without limitation:

(a) A certificate or other document verifying that the registrant or former registrant successfully completed an activity for which one or more professional development hours are claimed.

(b) A literary reference to, or a copy of, a published paper, article or book.

(c) A literary reference to, or copy of, a patent issued to the registrant or former registrant.

4. The board may refuse to accept professional development hours for which proof of completion is submitted pursuant to subsection 1 if the board determines that the proof of completion is insufficient.

Sec. 15. *1. If the board accepts less than 30 but at least 20 professional development hours for which a registrant or former registrant submits proof of completion pursuant to section 9 of this regulation, the board will:*

(a) Place the registrant or former registrant on inactive status; and

(b) Notify the registrant or former registrant not later than 60 days after the date on which he submitted his application for renewal or reinstatement that:

(1) He has been placed on inactive status;

(2) He must successfully complete the number of professional development hours which are deficient within 6 months after the date on which he submitted his application; and

(3) His failure to complete those professional development hours will result in the revocation of his identification card issued pursuant to NAC 625.420.

2. If the board accepts less than 20 professional development hours for which a registrant or former registrant submits proof of completion pursuant to section 9 of this regulation, the board will notify the registrant or former registrant not later than 60 days

after the date on which he submitted his application for renewal or reinstatement that his application is denied.

Sec. 16. *The board may designate as a board member emeritus in recognition of service on the board, any former member who has retired or has not been reappointed.*

Sec. 17. NAC 625.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:

625.010 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires [:

1. “Board” means the state board of professional engineers and land surveyors.
2. “Respondent” means a registrant against whom a complaint has been filed or with respect to whom an investigation is being conducted.] *, the words and terms defined in sections 2 to 8, inclusive, of this regulation have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.*

Sec. 18. NAC 625.420 is hereby amended to read as follows:

625.420 1. [A professional engineer or land surveyor who notifies the board in writing that he has retired from active practice will be issued] *In lieu of the renewal of his certificate of registration, a registrant may apply to the board to change his status to:*

(a) Retired, by filing with the board a notice in writing that states his intention to retire from practice. The board will issue an identification card indicating that the registrant is retired and showing the period of his active professional registration in [Nevada. A registrant who retires may reinstate his registration as provided in this chapter.

2. *The board may designate as a board member emeritus in recognition of service on the board, any former member who has retired or not been reappointed.] this state.*

(b) Inactive, by filing with the board a notice in writing that states his intention to change his status to inactive and paying a fee that is equal to one-fourth of the fee required for a registrant who wishes to renew his certificate of registration. The board will issue an identification card indicating that the registrant is inactive.

2. The issuance of an identification card pursuant to this section revokes the certificate of registration issued to:

(a) A professional engineer pursuant to NRS 625.210

(b) A professional land surveyor pursuant to NRS 625.295.

3. A registrant who has changed his status pursuant to this section may reinstate his certificate of registration as provided in this chapter.