

Rules Chapters 5,6, and 8 Refresher

Nebraska Board of Engineers and Architects

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**STATE OF NEBRASKA BOARD OF
ENGINEERS AND ARCHITECTS**

Roadmap

- The Licensee Seal
- The Coordinating Professional
- Review of new Rule 6.5 – Technical Submissions
- Remediation – Rule 8.4



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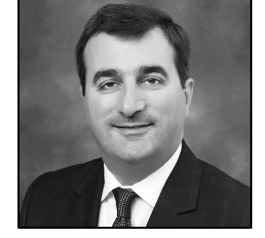
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- Established in 1937
- Eight members appointed by Governor
 - *Four professional engineers (one UNL College of Engr. faculty)*
 - *Three architects (one UNL College of Architecture faculty)*
 - *One member of the public*
- Enforces *The Engineers and Architects Regulation Act*
 - *Outlines the requirements for licensure as an architect*
- Investigates violations of the Act
 - *Many projects require the involvement of professional engineers*
 - *Ex.: **Assembly** or **Educational** IBC Classification: **1,000 s.f. or more***



About the Board of Engineers and Architects

- Purpose
 - To establish requirements for the practices of engineering and architecture and ensure that **those who practice are qualified** through training, education, and experience
 - Enforce the laws governing the practice of engineering and architecture.
 - **To safeguard life, health, and property, and to promote the public welfare**



The Licensee Seal

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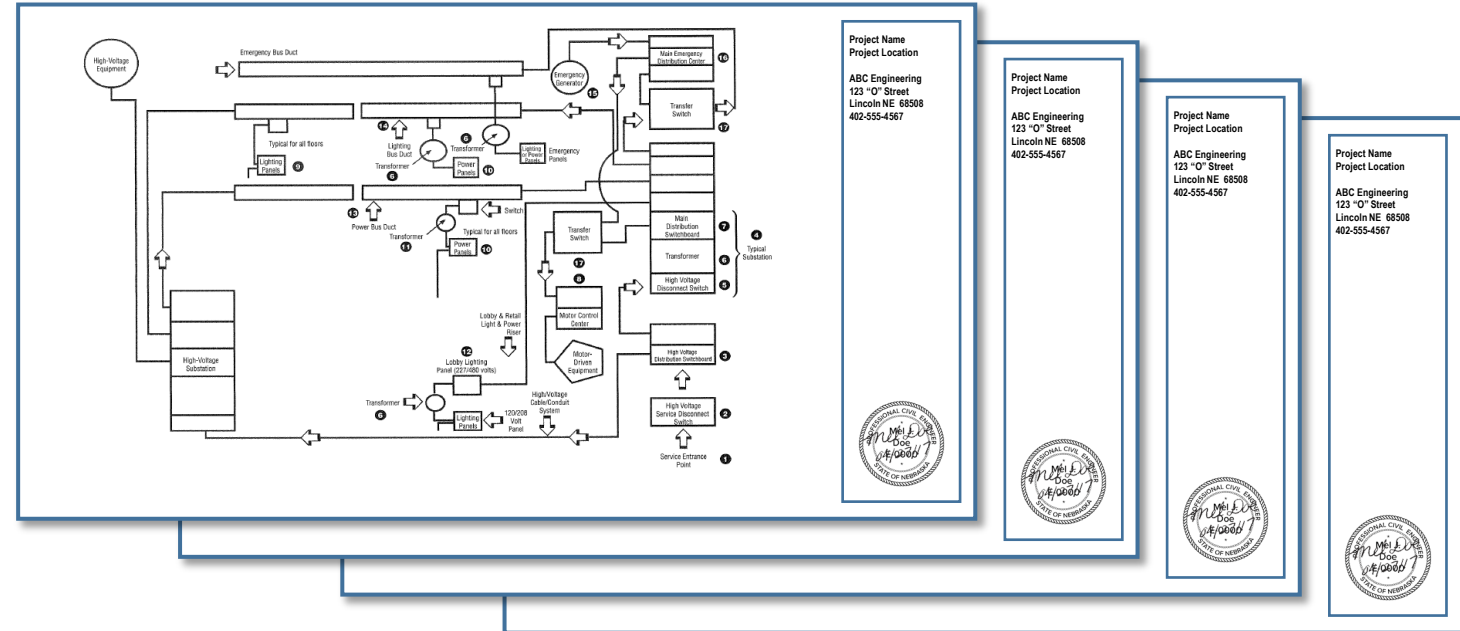
Rule 6.4 – Direct Supervision of Work

- A licensee in direct supervision of architectural or engineering work **must**:
 - Have and exercise the authority to review and to change *both the work in progress* and the final work through a *continuous* process of examination, evaluation, communication, and direction throughout the development of the work;
 - Be personally aware of the project's scope, needs, parameters, limitations, and requirements;
 - Be capable of answering questions relevant to the architectural or engineering decisions made as part of the services provided;
 - Be reasonably satisfied with the product of services rendered and accept full responsibility of the work.



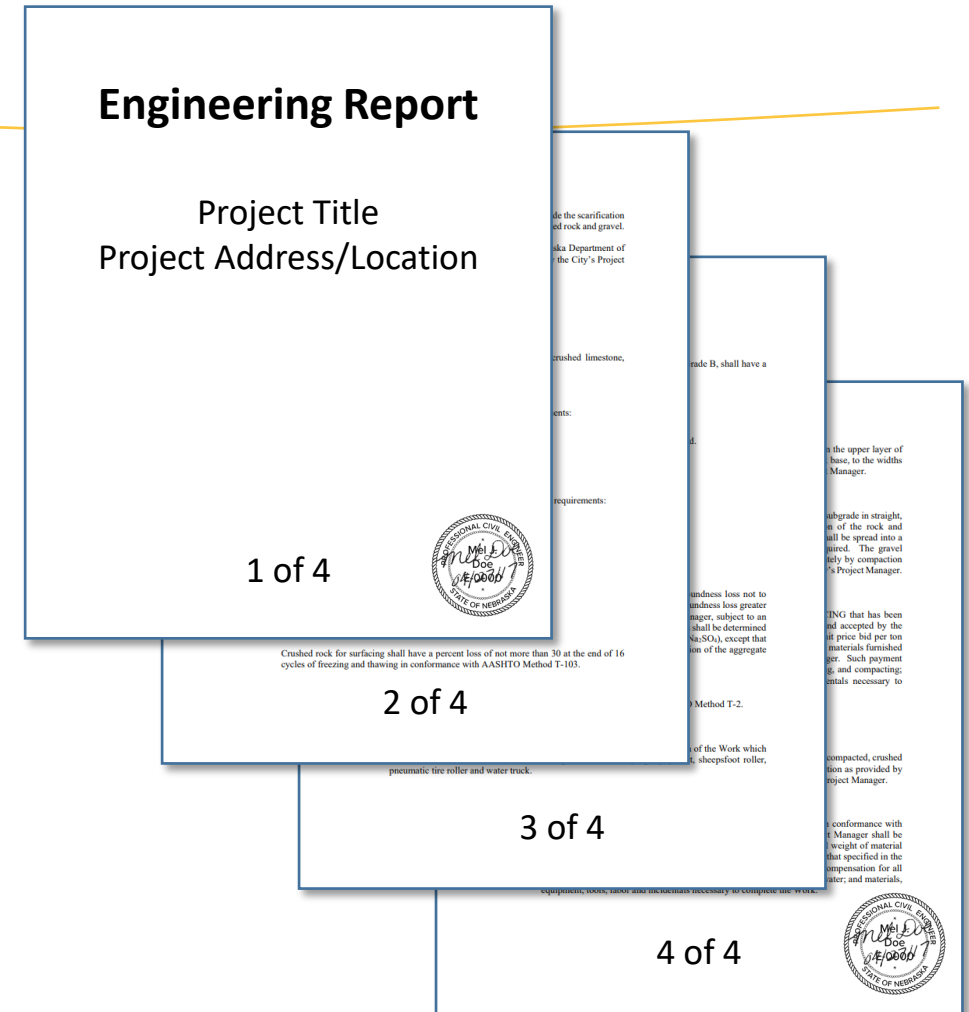
Rule 6.1.4 - Use of the Seal

- The responsible licensee shall identify all work that they have prepared, as well as all work that has been prepared under their direct supervision by applying their seal to each sheet of drawings.



Rule 6.1.4 - Use of the Seal

- All specifications, reports, studies, and other documents shall be sealed on the title page and/or the first page, as well as the last page, of the document by the individual licensee responsible for the work.



Rule 6.2.1 – Projects Based on Previously Sealed Project Documents

- Design documents prepared for projects that are designed by licensees from jurisdictions other than Nebraska may be used for the construction for the project in Nebraska if reviewed, revised as appropriate, and sealed by an architect or professional engineer licensed in Nebraska under the following circumstances:
 - Original licensees provide written consent. If consent unobtainable, a written explanation of the circumstances that prevent permission;
 - The documents include appropriate revisions, and reviewed for zoning and code compliance, and revised as necessary
 - The Nebraska licensee accepts full responsibility of the revised documents



The Coordinating Professional

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Rule 6.3 – The Coordinating Professional

- The Coordinating Professional is a **licensed** professional engineer or architect **recognized as such by the project owner**



Rule 6.3 – The Coordinating Professional’s Role

- To coordinate communication between the design professionals related to technical documents on the project;
- To act as project liaison with the governing building official; and
- To verify that all design disciplines involved in a project are working in coordination with one another and that any changes made to the design are approved by the corresponding discipline.
- *Unlicensed entities, such as contractors or a lumber yard, cannot act as the coordinating professional*



Rules 6.3.3 & 6.3.4 – The Coordinating Professional

- The Coordinating Professional's seal does not indicate responsible charge or direct supervision of the work.
- The Coordinating Professional must use the following language in conjunction with their individual seal for identification as the Coordinating Professional:

“I, (name of licensee), am the Coordinating Professional on the (name of project) project.”



Review of new Board Rule 6.5 – Technical Submissions

Recap of new rules effective October 2022



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Rule 6.5 - Technical Submissions

- Technical submissions that constitute the practice of architecture or engineering shall include both
 - the **name**, and
 - either the **address or location**of the project on each drawing and the cover page and/or first page of specifications, reports, studies, and other documents.



Rule 6.5 - Technical Submissions

■ **Address or location**

- Specific as possible
- Legal descriptions are allowed if street address hasn't been determined
- Give enough information to give a reasonable person the ability to find the project



Rule 6.5 - Technical Submissions

- If the work **is not** being performed through an organization:
 - the **licensee's name** and
 - **contact information**shall be included on technical submissions.





Rule 6.5.3 - Technical Submissions

- If the work **is** being performed through an organization(s):
 - the **organization(s) legal name or DBA**
 - **contact information**, and
 - the organization(s) Certificate of Authorization number(s)shall be included on technical submissions.”





Overview of Seal/Info Required

Seal/Info Type	Reference	Drawings	Specifications, Reports, Studies, and Other Documents
<i>Seal of licensee(s) who prepared the work</i>	<i>N.R.S. § 81-3437.01 Rule 6.1.4</i>	Each sheet	Cover/first page and last page
<i>Coordinating Professional seal/designation (if applicable)</i>	<i>N.R.S. § 81-3437.02</i>	Cover sheet	Cover sheet
<i>Project name and address/location [required on all projects]</i>	<i>Rule 6.5.1</i>	Each sheet	Cover/first page
<i>Licensee information [work not done through an organization(s)], OR</i>	<i>Rule 6.5.2</i>	Each sheet	Cover/first page
<i>Organization(s) information [work done through an organization(s), including the Coordinating Professional's organization if applicable]</i>	<i>Rule 6.5.3 N.R.S. § 81-3437.02</i>	Each sheet, except cover sheet only for Coordinating Professional	Cover/first page

Rule 6.5.4 - Technical Submissions

- If sealed standards such as drawings, details, and specifications prepared by a jurisdiction are used in a project, the name of the jurisdiction which prepared the standards shall be noted on the technical submissions.



Remediation



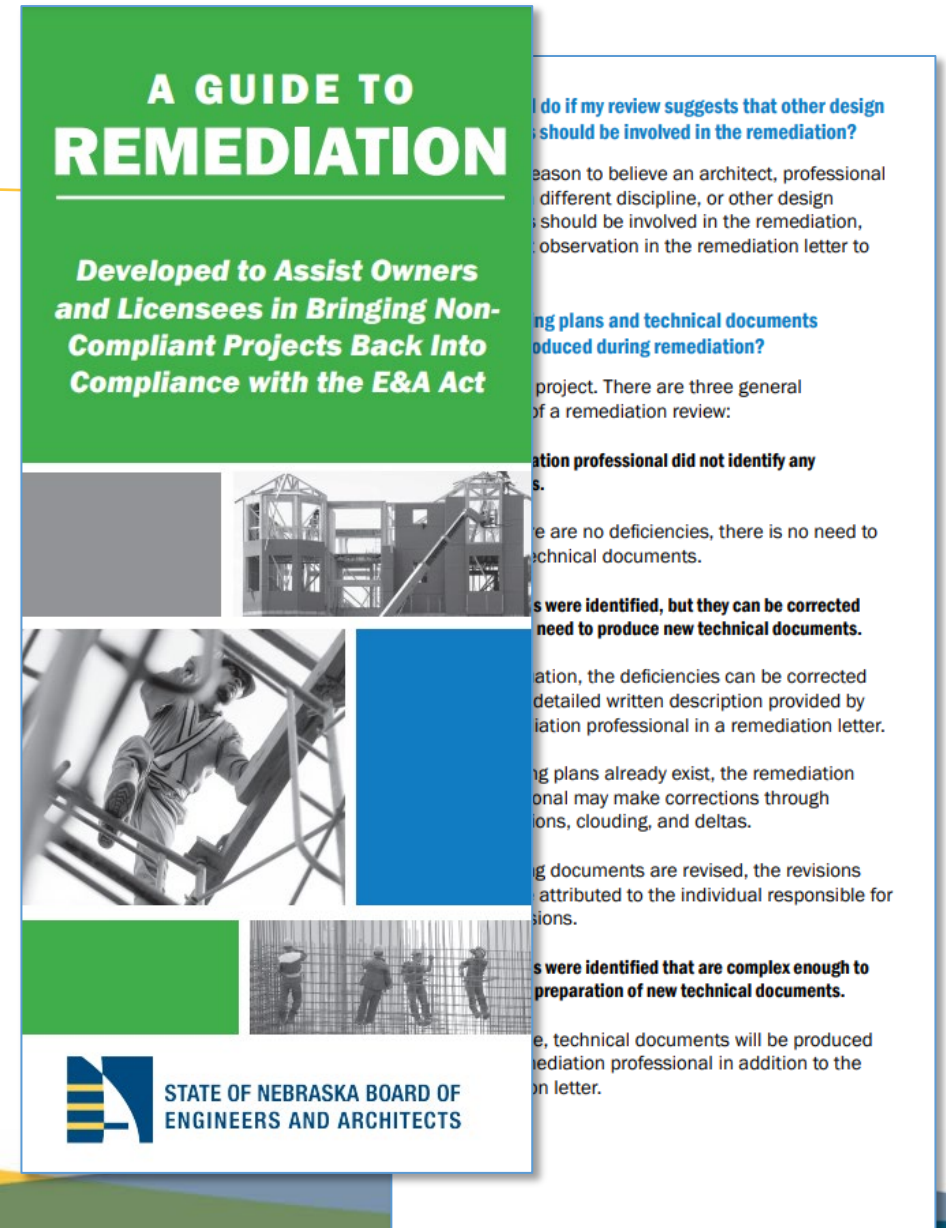
Remediation

- Work not in compliance with the E&A Act or Rules may be brought back into compliance via remediation
- Process described in Rule 8.4.1.1



Remediation – General Steps

1. Board authorizes owner to begin architectural and/or engineering remediation
2. Licensees are engaged by the owner and review the project for design deficiencies
3. If deficiencies identified, licensees recommend design solutions
4. Owner corrects deficiencies
5. Licensees confirm deficiencies are corrected



Remediation

- Board maintains list of licensees/organizations who have expressed interest in assisting owners with remediation
- Contact **nbea.compliance@nebraska.gov** if you or your firm is interested in being on this list



Resources





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Licensee Lookup & FAQ

- Lookup your organization to find your CA Number
- Check out our FAQ's for some answers on common questions



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