

# Board of Engineers and Architects Update

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

# Roadmap

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- New Rules Changes
- Review of Board Rule 6.3 – The Coordinating Professional
- Review of Board Rule 6.5 – Technical Submissions
- Public Works Exemption Level Update
- Questions



# New Rules Changes



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- **Structural PE Exam – Rule 2.4**
  - This rule was updated to accommodate the change of the Structural PE Exam to computer-based testing in 2024.
  - Exam now given in four sections – Vertical Breadth, Vertical Depth, Lateral Breadth, Lateral Depth
  - Changed due to seat time length at test center



# New Rules Changes

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- **Code of Practice (Chapter 5)**
  - Minor additions to the Code of Practice based on NCARB model law changes
    - A licensee serving in a paid or voluntary public capacity shall not accept payments or gifts that are intended to influence the licensee's professional judgment (Rule 5.2.4).
    - A licensee shall not counsel or assist a client in conduct that the licensee knows, or reasonably should know, is fraudulent or illegal (Rule 5.5.3).



# New Rules Changes

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- **As-Built Drawings – Rule 6.1.9.7**
  - If as-built drawings are produced from sealed design drawings, the seal of the licensee(s) that prepared the drawings will either
    - a. be removed if practical, or
    - b. be accompanied by a note next to or over the seal indicating that the seal relates only to the design and not the as-builts.



# New Rules Changes

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- **Other Changes**
  - Removed the need for those who fail an engineering examination four or more times to present evidence of additional education.
  - Increased the amount of qualified educational debt the Board may repay individuals who incur such debt from \$50 to \$100 for professional engineers (Rule 3.7.1) and \$100 to \$150 for architects (Rule 2.8.1).



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- **Other Changes**

- Revised coordinating professional rules specifying that a professional landscape architect may act as a coordinating professional, as already allowed in *Neb. Rev. Stat. §81-8198.01* (Rule 6.3.1).
- Requirement of a final remediation letter from the remediation licensee confirming the project complies, deficiencies have been removed, and taking responsibility for the project (Rule 8.4.1.1.9).





# New Rules Changes

- For a full list of changes, visit the Board's website.

The screenshot shows the website for the State of Nebraska Board of Engineers and Architects. The navigation menu includes Home, Licensee Lookup, Architects, Engineers, Organizations, Board, Enforcement, Resources, Meetings, Forms, FAQ, and Contact. The Enforcement dropdown menu is open, highlighting 'The Nebraska Engineers and Architects Regulation Act'. The main content area is titled 'The Nebraska Engineers and Architects Regulation Act' and provides an overview of the act, including a link to the handbook and a list of chapters. A red box highlights the 'Board Rules Updated; Effective March 16, 2024' section, which states that Governor Jim Pillen approved proposed changes to the Board's rules (Title 110, Neb. Admin. Code) on December 1, 2023. The changes are summarized below, starting with Chapter 1 - General Provisions, where Rule 1.10.1 was modified to allow the Board to authorize Board staff to issue temporary permits and certificates of authorization on a conditional basis.

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Enforcement / The Nebraska Engineers and Architects Regulation Act

## The Nebraska Engineers and Architects Regulation Act

The Nebraska Engineers and Architects Regulation Act governs the practice of engineering and architecture in the state of Nebraska in order to safeguard life, health, property, and promote the public welfare through licensing and enforcement of state statutes. The E&A Act also ensures those who practice engineering and architecture are qualified through education, experience, and examination.

This handbook incorporates all current statutes and rules & regulations effective **March 16, 2024**. For the most current changes to the Act, please see below.

Below is the link to the E&A Regulation Act in its entirety:

[The Nebraska Engineers and Architects Regulation Act Handbook](#)

**Chapter 1:** General provisions, definitions.

**Chapter 2:** Requirements for licensure of a professional engineer by examination, experience, and education and reimbursement of educational debt.

**Chapter 3:** Requirements for licensure of an architect by examination, experience, and education and reimbursement of educational debt.

**Chapter 4:** Comity and temporary permits for professional engineers and architects.

**Chapter 5:** Code of practice, competence, conflicts of interest, professional conduct, and use of regulated titles.

**Chapter 6:** The use of the licensee seal.

**Chapter 7:** Requirements for organizational practice and criteria for issuing a Certificate of Authorization.

**Chapter 8:** Enforcement procedures and remediation process.

**Chapter 9:** Continuing education requirements, exemptions, and audits.

**Chapter 10:** Statutory exemptions to the Engineers and Architects Regulation Act.

**Board Rules Updated; Effective March 16, 2024**

Governor Jim Pillen approved proposed changes to the Board's rules (Title 110, Neb. Admin. Code). The changes were the subject of a public hearing the Board held on December 1, 2023. No comments opposing these changes were received.

These changes are summarized below.

**Chapter 1 – General Provisions**

Rule 1.10.1 was modified to allow the Board to authorize Board staff to issue temporary permits and certificates of authorization on a conditional basis, pending formal approval of the applications by the Board. This section already allows the Board to authorize Board staff to issue licenses on a conditional basis.

# Updated E&A Handbook

- The E&A website has a digital copy of the new E&A Handbook under the “Resources” tab.
- If you would like a hard copy of the new E&A Handbook, you may request one free of charge. You may also select the “Order Materials” option, which will provide my email.

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# Review of Board Rule 6.3 – Coordinating Professionals



# Rule 6.3 – The Coordinating Professional

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- The Coordinating Professional is a **licensed** professional engineer, architect, or landscape architect **recognized as such by the project owner**.
- A Coordinating Professional is needed when more than one professional is involved with a project.



# Rule 6.3 – The Coordinating Professional

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- The Coordinating Professional's role is:
  - 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.



# Rules 6.3 – The Coordinating Professional

- 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.”*

- The Coordinating Professional’s seal does not indicate responsible charge or direct supervision of the work.
- The Coordinating Professional seal and language signifies the main point of contact for code officials or other professionals and should be on the cover sheet of all technical documents.



I, Jane Doe, am the  
Coordinating Professional on  
the (name of project) project.

# Review of Board Rule 6.5 – Technical Submissions



# Rule 6.5.1 - Technical Submissions

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





# Rule 6.5.1 - Technical Submissions

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- **Address or location**

- Be as specific as possible.
- If a street address hasn't been determined, legal descriptions are allowed.
- Give enough information to give a reasonable person the ability to find the project.



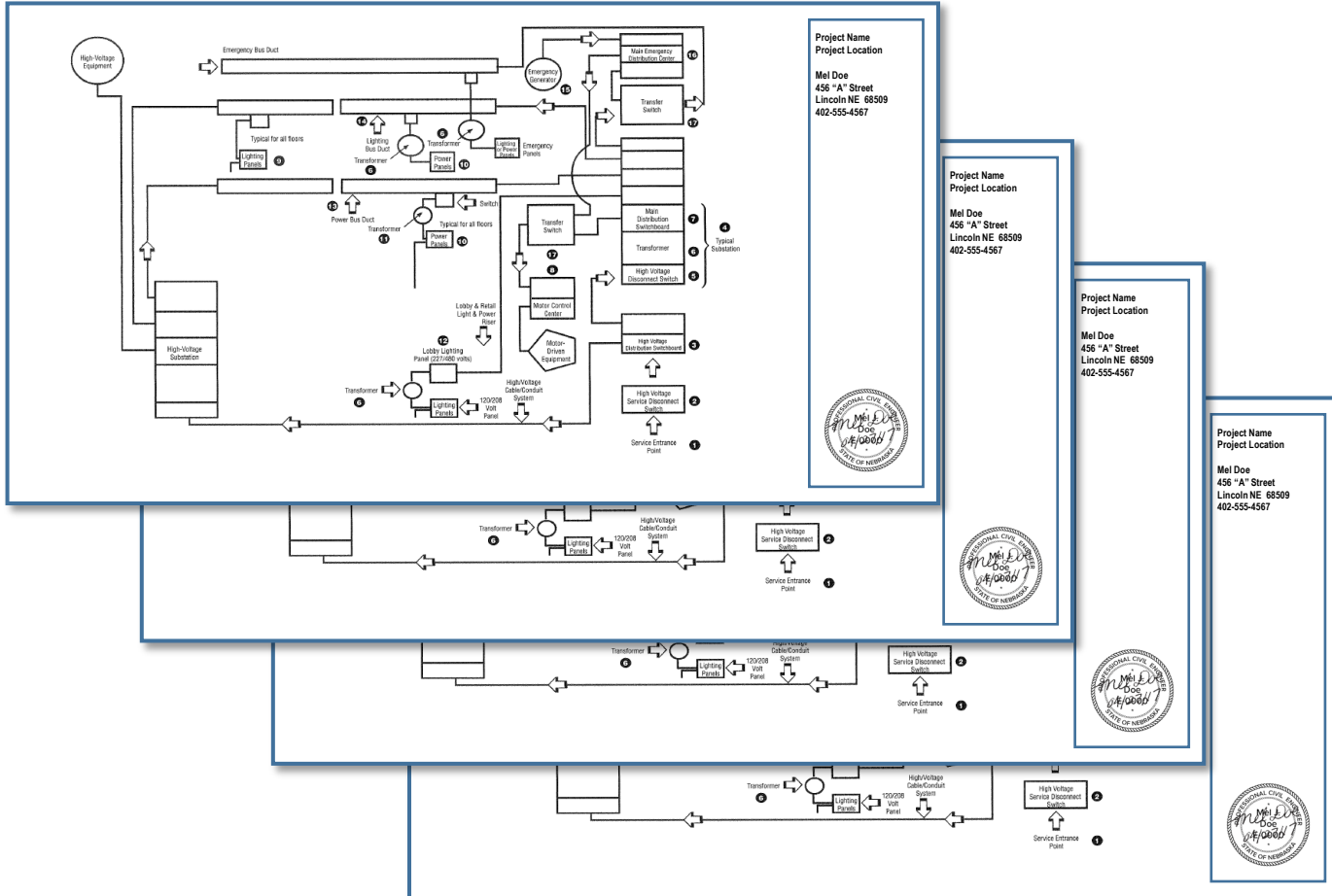
# Rule 6.5.2 - Technical Submissions

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- If the work **is not** being performed through an organization, technical submissions must include
  - **the licensee's name** and
  - **contact information**



# Technical Submissions Example – Non-organization



## Engineering Report

Project Title  
Project Address/Location

Mel Doe  
456 "A" Street  
Lincoln NE 68509  
402-555-4567

1 of 4

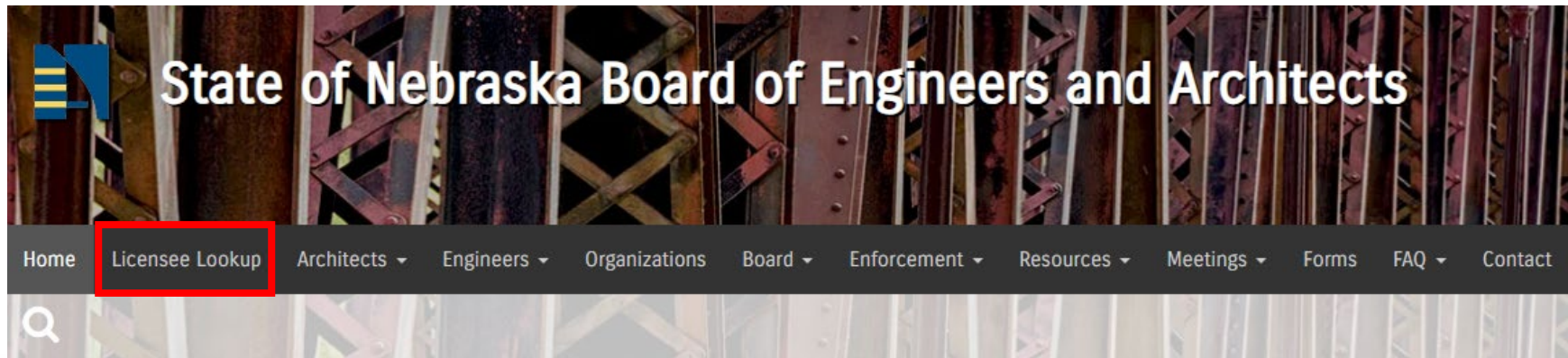
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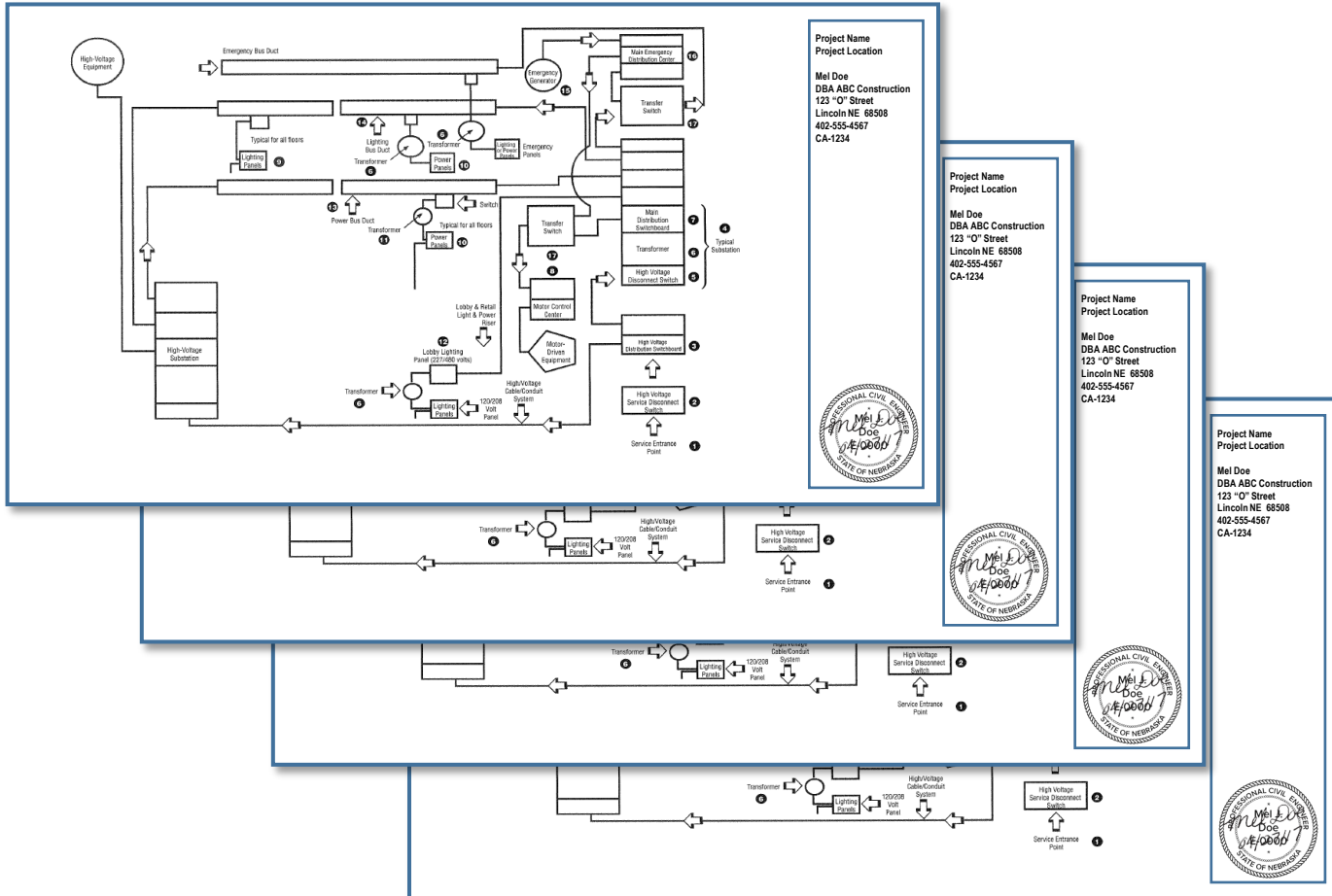
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# Rule 6.5.3 - Technical Submissions

- If the work **is** being performed through an organization(s), technical submissions must include **the organization(s)**
  - **legal name or DBA**
  - **contact information** and
  - **Certificate of Authorization number(s)**
- If you need help finding your organization's Certificate of Authorization (CA) number, use our "Licensee Lookup" tool on our website.



# Technical Submissions Example – Organization



## Engineering Report

Project Title  
Project Address/Location

1 of 4

Mel Doe  
ABC Engineering Inc.  
123 "O" Street, Lincoln NE  
68508  
402-555-4567  
CA-1234

Professional Engineer Seal: Mel Doe, State of Nebraska

2 of 4

Mel Doe  
ABC Engineering Inc.  
123 "O" Street, Lincoln NE  
68508  
402-555-4567  
CA-1234

Professional Engineer Seal: Mel Doe, State of Nebraska

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# Rule 6.5.4 – Technical Submissions

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- 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.



# Overview of Seal/Information 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)], <b>OR</b></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

# Update to Public Works Exemption Level





# Public Works Exemption Level Adjustment

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- The exemption level for public works projects must be adjusted every fifth year. The last such adjustment was made at the Board's June 2019 regular meeting and effective July 1, 2019.
- At its June 7, 2024, meeting, the Board voted to adjust the public works projects exemption level from **\$118,000 to \$144,000, effective July 1, 2024.**
- This means that on public works projects where the total expenditures do not exceed \$144,000, licensed architects and professional engineers are not required to be involved in the project's design or construction.



# Q&A

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