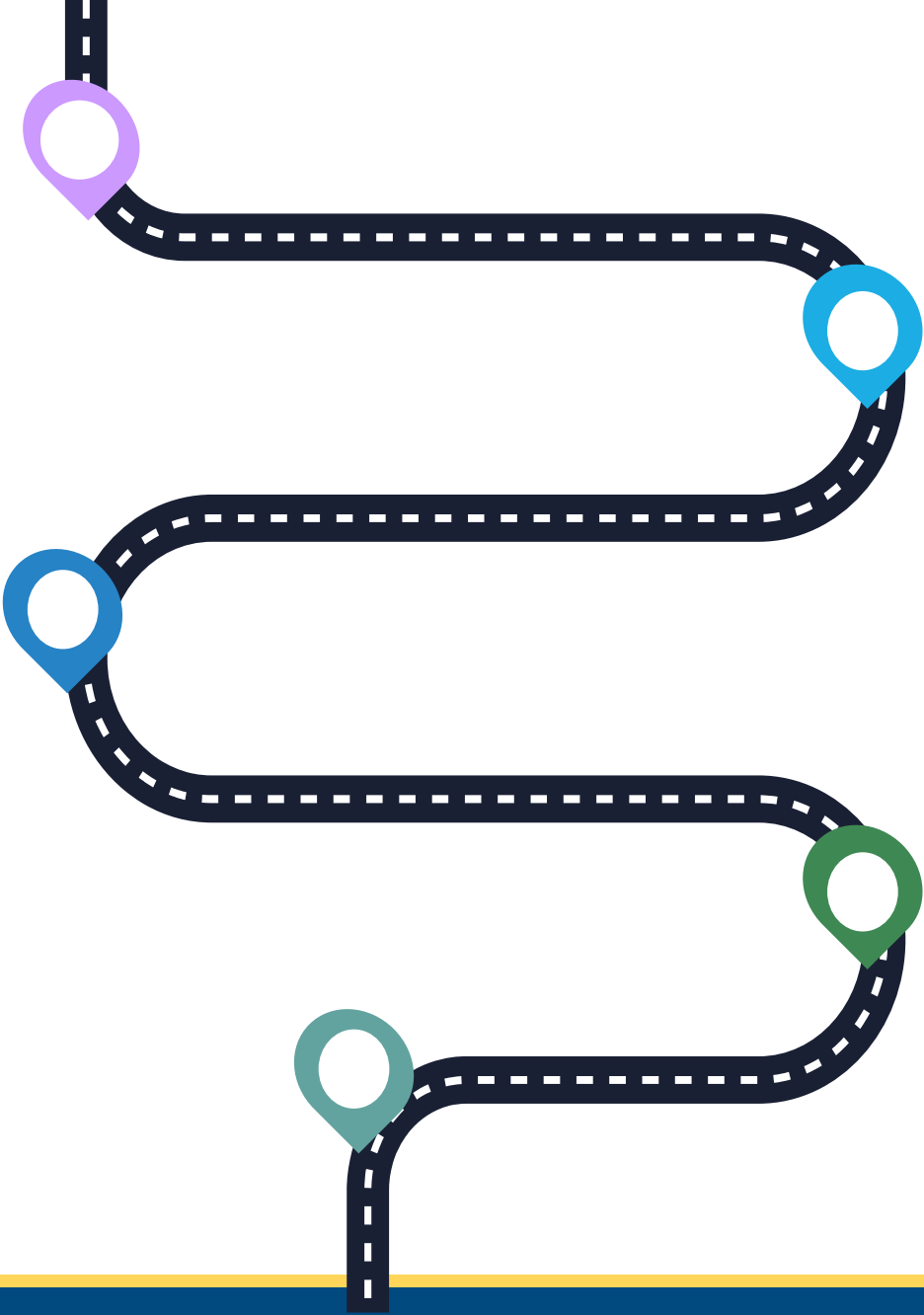


When Does State Law Require Nebraska-Licensed Architects and Professional Engineers on a Building Project?

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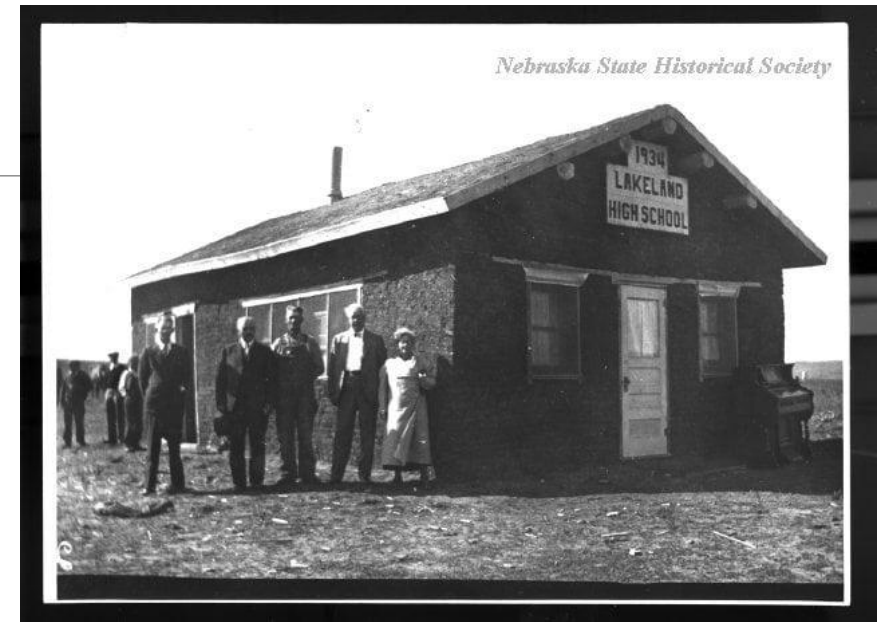
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Overview of the Board and E&A Act

Who We Are

- 1920s–30s: Nebraska witnessed a dam collapse, flooding from unproven water systems, and a schoolhouse foundation failure.
- These events led to the creation of a board to protect public health, safety, and welfare through regulating engineering and architecture.
- Governor Robert “Roy” Cochran signed the bill into law, effective August 16, 1937.



Johnstown, NE – Lakeland sod high school completion in 1934
Courtesy of Nebraska State Historical Society



Wahoo, NE – First car over the Silver Creek Bridge in 1925
Courtesy of Nebraska Department of Roads

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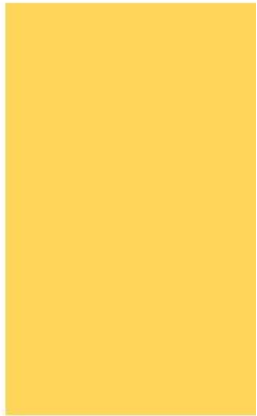
1. Ensuring that architects and professional engineers are qualified to practice.
2. Enforcing the Act, particularly those provisions that require architects and/or professional engineers to be involved in a project.



The Nebraska E&A Regulation Act Handbook

- Contains the Nebraska Engineers and Architects Regulation Act (the Act) and the rules and regulations of the Nebraska Board of Engineers and Architects.
- Governs the practice of engineering and architecture in the state of Nebraska in order to safeguard life, health, property, and promote the public welfare.

THE NEBRASKA ENGINEERS AND ARCHITECTS REGULATION ACT HANDBOOK 2026



**What do we hear the
most from the public?**

I didn't know I needed an architect and/or professional engineer on my building project.

Are you a real state agency?

Is this requirement new?

A guy in town just built something and didn't have any of those people do his project.

I thought you were spam.



How are some ways we address these comments?

EDUCATION

OUTREACH

SUPPORT



When are Architects and Professional Engineers Required on a Project?

When Is a Design Professional Required on a Project?



Practice of Architecture

Providing or offering to provide design services in connection with the construction, enlargement, or alteration of a building or group of buildings and the space within and surrounding the buildings. (*Neb. Rev. Stat. § 81-3420(1)*)

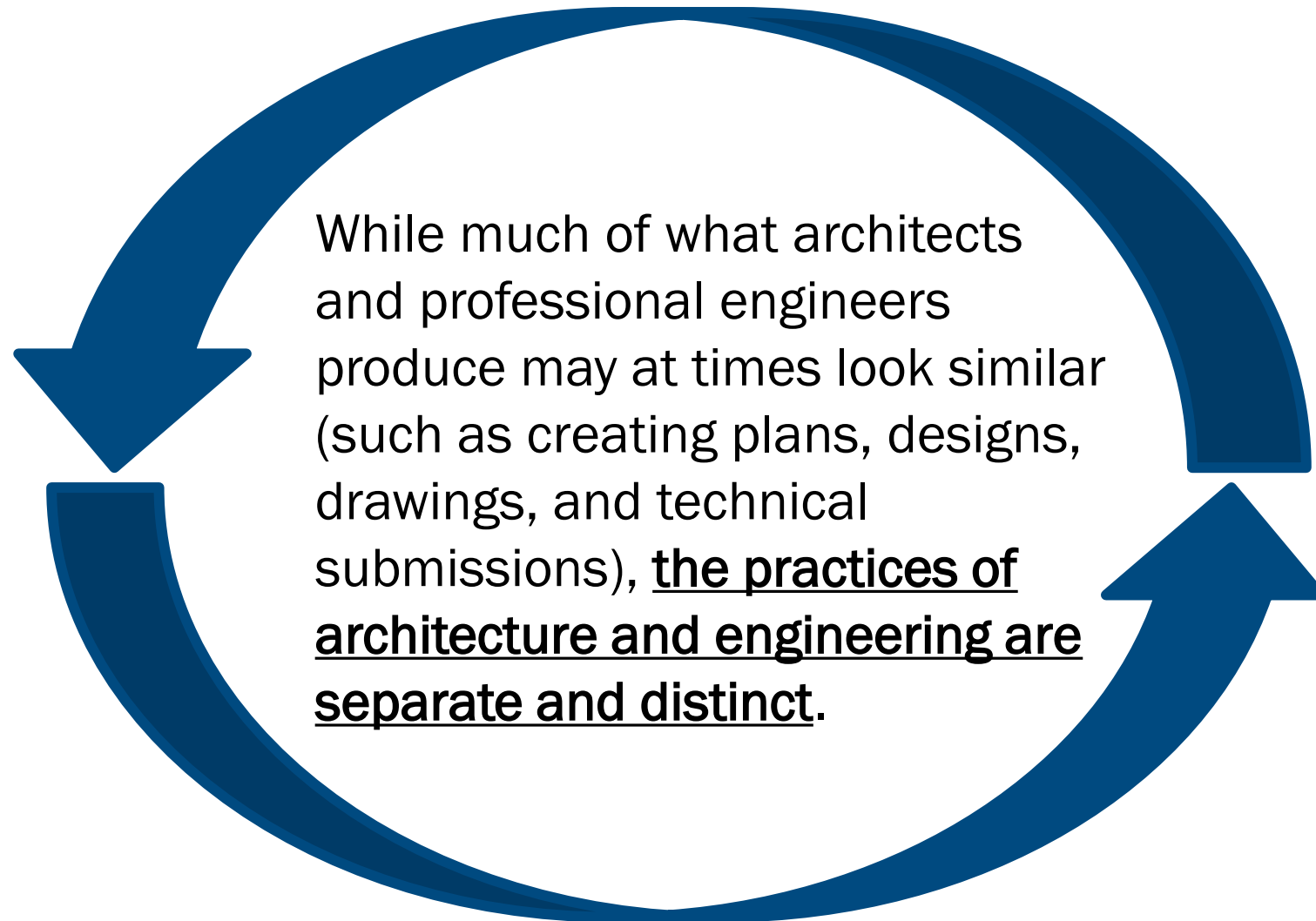


Practice of Engineering

Any service or creative work that requires engineering education, training, and experience in the application of special knowledge of the mathematical, physical, and engineering sciences. (*Neb. Rev. Stat. § 81-3421(1)*)



Are Architects and Engineers Interchangeable?



When Is a Design Professional Required on a Project?



Exempt Project

What does it mean if a building project is “exempt”?

- Notwithstanding other provisions of the Act, persons who are not licensed architects or professional engineers may perform planning and design services in connection with any building, structure, or work.
- Not all building projects require a Nebraska-licensed architect and/or professional engineer.



Occupancy Classifications

Occupancy Classification

- Occupancy Classification categorizes structures based on their primary usage, such as a home's main purpose is residential, or a hospital's main purpose is healthcare.
- Knowing a project's Occupancy Classification is a vital first step toward determining if a Nebraska-licensed architect or professional engineer is required.

	NEBRASKA STATE FIRE MARSHAL PLANS DIVISION	
Code Review		
6/23/2026	Code Review Number: [REDACTED]	
Submitting Party	Location	Owner
[REDACTED]		
Your items have been reviewed for compliance with the Nebraska State Fire Marshal Act.		
* Approval is conditional upon conformance with comments listed in remarks.		
Building - Final Plans		
REMARKS:		
Review applies to a single story 60' x 90' modification as shown only. The on-site inspector shall determine compliance of existing conditions beyond the scope of this code review.		
Occupancy Type - New Assembly Occupancy		
Auditorium (101) Estimated Occupant Load - 225 @ 15 sq. ft. per person		
Codes Referenced - 2012 NFPA 1 / 2012 Life Safety Code (LSC) / 2009 NFPA 241		
Fire Protection Features Provided – Total Sprinkler		
Site Plan Submitted? - NO (on-site inspector shall determine compliance of existing conditions)		
Construction Type – II (000)		

Occupancy Classification (Rule 10.3)

Occupancy Classification	Maximum Building Area (square feet)
Assembly (A)	Less than 1,000
Business (B)	Less than 3,000
Educational (E)	Less than 1,000
Factory (F)	Less than 5,000
Hazardous (H-1, H-2, H-3, H-4)	Less than 2,000
Hazardous (H-5)	Less than 4,000
Institutional, Personal Care (I-1)	Less than 3,000
Institutional, Healthcare (I-2)	Less than 5,000
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Residential (R-3 single family through four-plex)	Less than 10,000
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New Project Example – Single Occupancy

Gretchen has submitted technical documents to her local building official for a new 4,000-square-foot grocery store in her town. She is informed that the occupancy classification is Mercantile (M).

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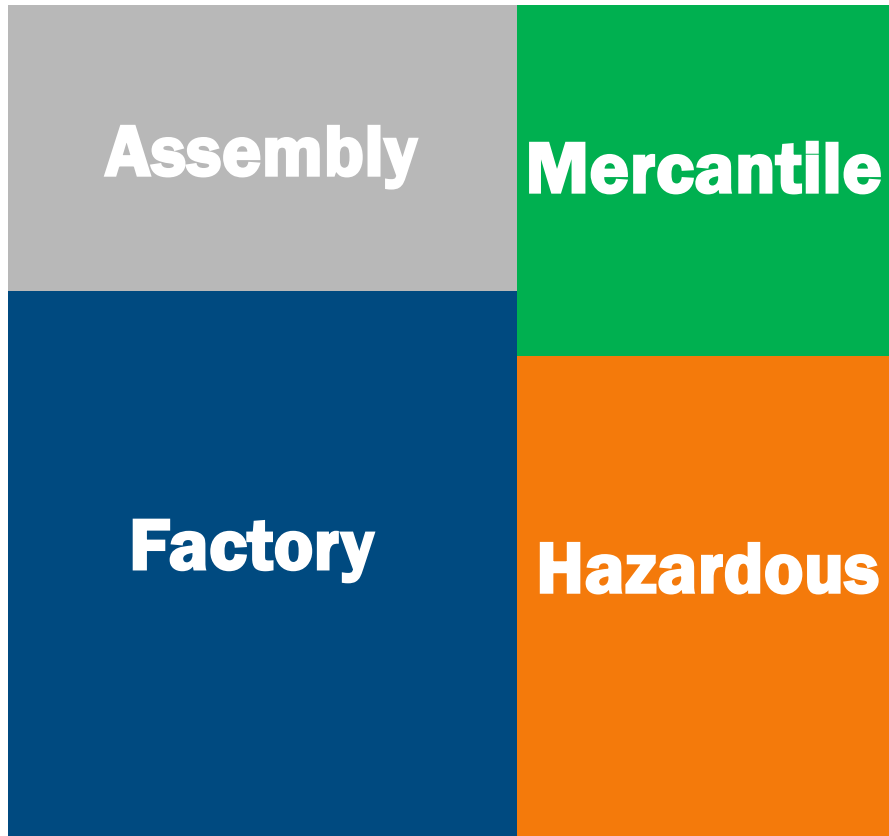
Question #1

Does Gretchen's 4,000-square-foot grocery store, with an occupancy classification of Mercantile (M), require a Nebraska-licensed architect and/or professional engineer?

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New Project Example – Multiple Occupancies (Rule 10.3.11)

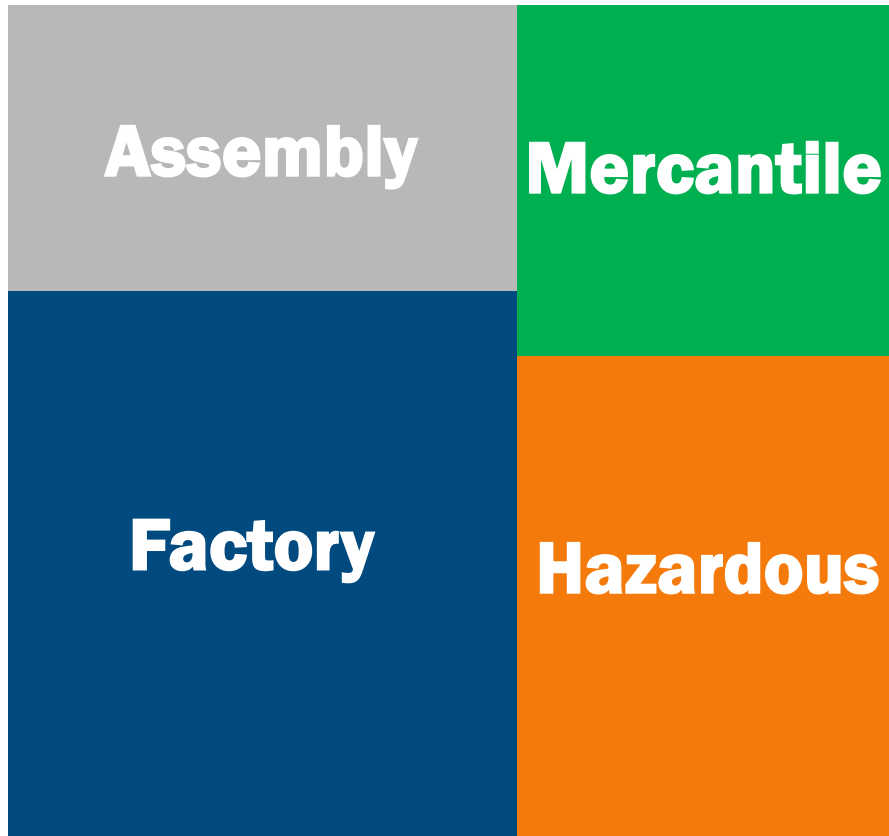
Any structure which contains two or more occupancies is governed by the most restrictive occupancy for the purpose of utilizing Rule 10.3.



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Question #2

Which occupancy classification is the most restrictive occupancy and would be the occupancy classification for the entire structure?



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Business

Storage

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Renovations and Additions (Rule 10.4)

Renovations and one-level additions to an existing building, structure, or work are exempt from the E&A Act if:

1. Total impacted area is less than the occupancy classification; and
2. The area of renovation or addition does not adversely impact the mechanical system; the electrical system; the structural integrity; the means of egress; and does not change or come into conflict with the occupancy classification of the existing or adjacent tenant space, building, structure, or work.



Renovation Project Example

- 5,000 square foot Business (B) occupancy
- Owner wants to renovate half of the building, adding two offices and one restroom.
- Is the renovation space over the occupancy square footage maximum?
 - Maximum square footage for Business (B) occupancy is less than 3,000 square feet.
- Are the mechanical, electrical, or structural systems adversely impacted? Is the egress changing?
 - Exterior doors and windows are staying the same.
 - The structural beam within the 2,500 square feet that supports the entire 5,000 square foot building is being moved.

Existing Area
2,500 sq ft

Renovation Area
2,500 sq ft



Question #4

Based on the information, does a Nebraska-licensed architect and/or architect need to be engaged on this renovation?

- Reminders:
 - 5,000 square foot Business (B) occupancy
 - Renovation area is 2,500 square feet.
 - Maximum square footage for Business (B) occupancy is less than 3,000 square feet.
 - Are the mechanical, electrical, or structural systems adversely impacted? Is the egress changing?
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Addition Project Example

- Is the additional space over the occupancy square footage maximum?
 - Maximum square footage for Business (B) occupancy is less than 3,000 square feet.
- Are the mechanical, electrical, or structural systems adversely impacted? Is the egress changing?
 - This is being built with its own structural supports in mind, has separate mechanical and electrical, and no changes to egress.



Question #5

Based on the information, does a Nebraska-licensed architect and/or architect need to be engaged on this addition?

- Reminders:
 - 5,000 square foot Business (B) occupancy
 - Addition area is 2,500 square feet.
 - Maximum square footage for Business (B) occupancy is less than 3,000 square feet.
 - Are the mechanical, electrical, or structural systems adversely impacted? Is the egress changing?
 - This is being built with its own structural supports in mind, has separate mechanical and electrical, and no changes to egress.



Exemption – Farm Buildings

Neb. Rev. Stat. § 81-3449(3), 81-3453(3)

- The provisions of the E&A Act regulating the practice of architecture and engineering do not apply to the construction, remodeling, alteration, or renovation of farm buildings.

Board Rule 10.2.5

- Farm buildings shall be defined as an agricultural building is defined in the state building code:

*“A structure designed and constructed to house farm implements, hay, grain, poultry, livestock or other horticultural products. **This structure shall not be a place of human habitation or a place of employment where agricultural products are processed, treated, or packaged, nor shall it be a place used by the public.**”*



Exemption – Trades

Neb. Rev. Stat. § 81-3449(11), 81-3453(8)

- The practice by a qualified member of another legally recognized profession who is otherwise licensed or certified by this state or any political subdivision to perform services consistent with the laws of this state, the training, and the code of ethics of such profession, if such qualified member does not represent himself or herself to be practicing architecture/engineering and does not represent himself or herself to be an architect/professional engineer.



Responsible Building Officials (Rule 10.6)

- Notwithstanding these exemptions, responsible building officials may require plans and specifications to be designed and prepared by a licensee.
- Local jurisdictions can be stricter than the E&A Act.

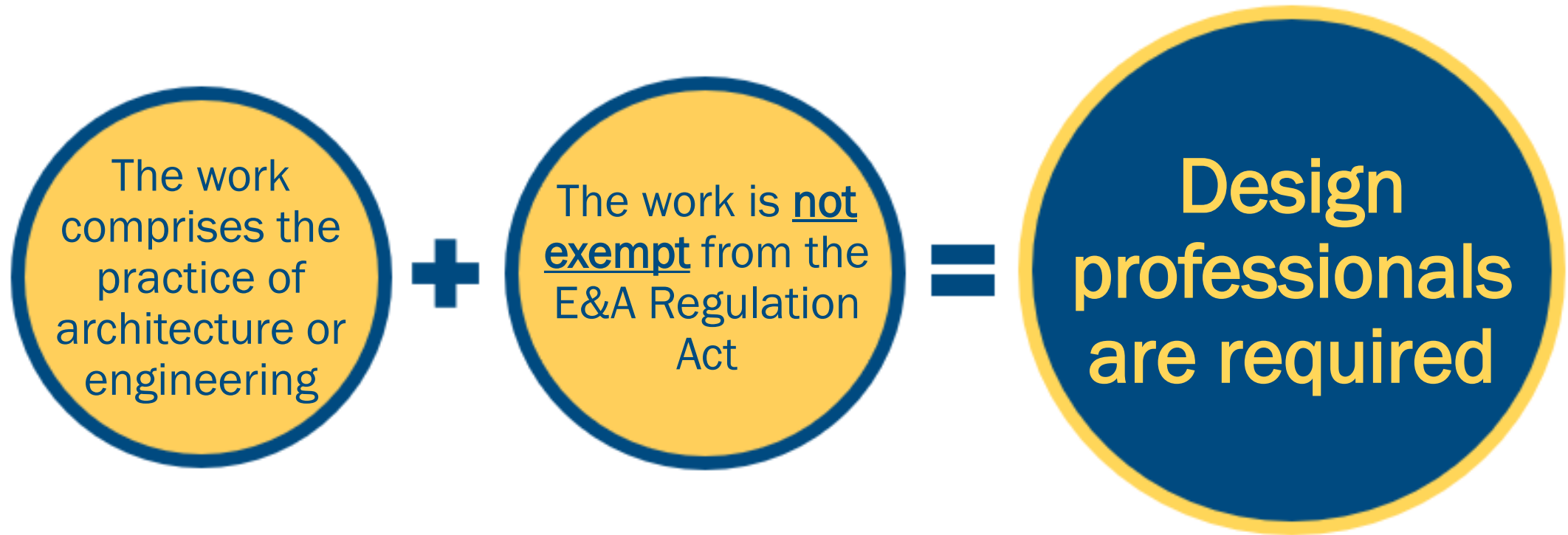


In Conclusion

- Projects subject to the Act require involvement of a licensed architect or professional engineer.
- Allowing construction to proceed without required professional involvement may constitute the unlawful practice of architecture or engineering.
- Property owners are no longer practicing architecture or engineering when:
 - A licensed architect or professional engineer (or persons under their direct supervision) provides minimum construction phase services, or
 - The project is exempt from the Act.



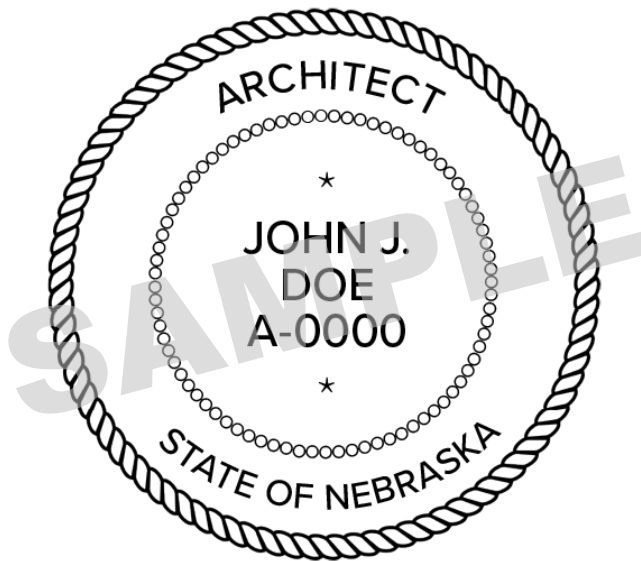
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Design Professional Seals

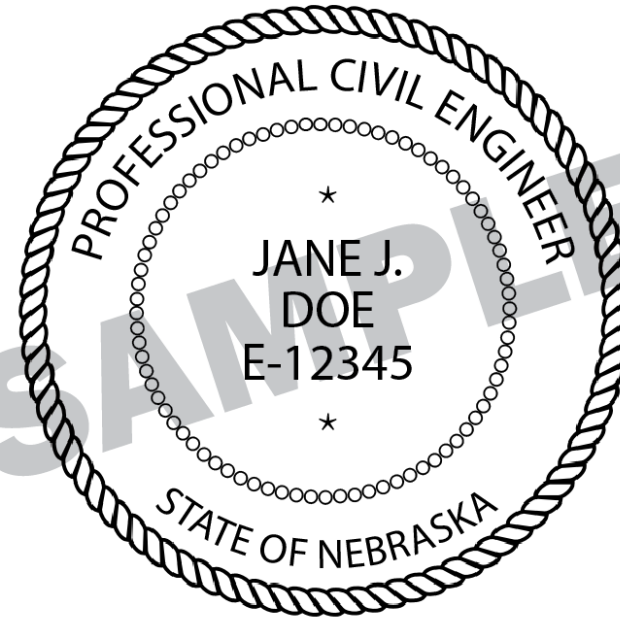
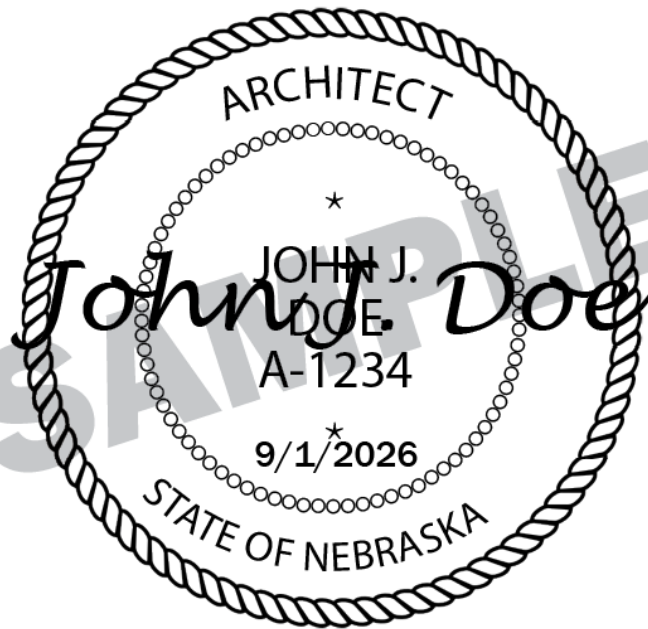
Design Professional Seals

- The seal identifies the licensee responsible for the work.
- All seals must be:
 - Legible, whether embossed, computer-generated, or otherwise
 - Signed and dated across or adjacent to the face of the stamp
 - The date must be on which the material was signed



Design Professional Seals

Licensee's signature and the date of the seal's application must be placed across or adjacent to the seal in a manner that does not obscure the licensee's name or the license number on the seal.

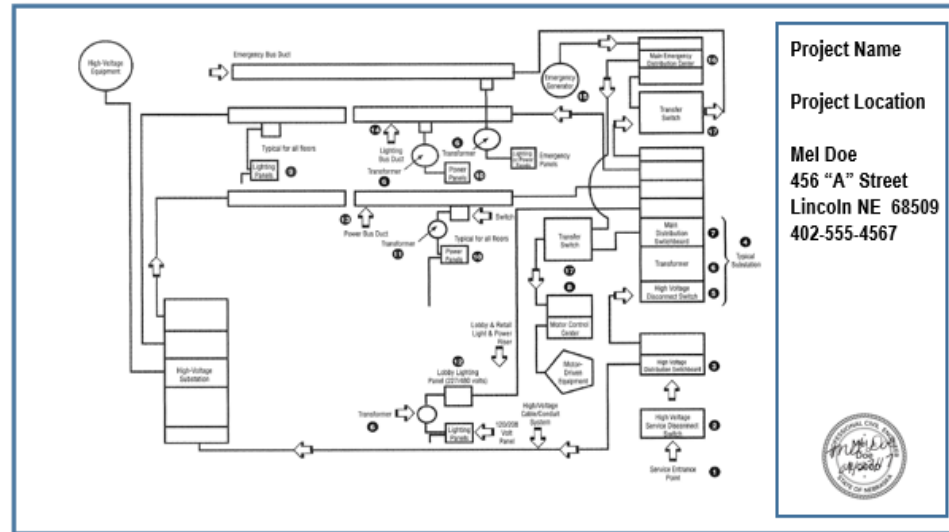


Jane J. Doe
9/1/2026



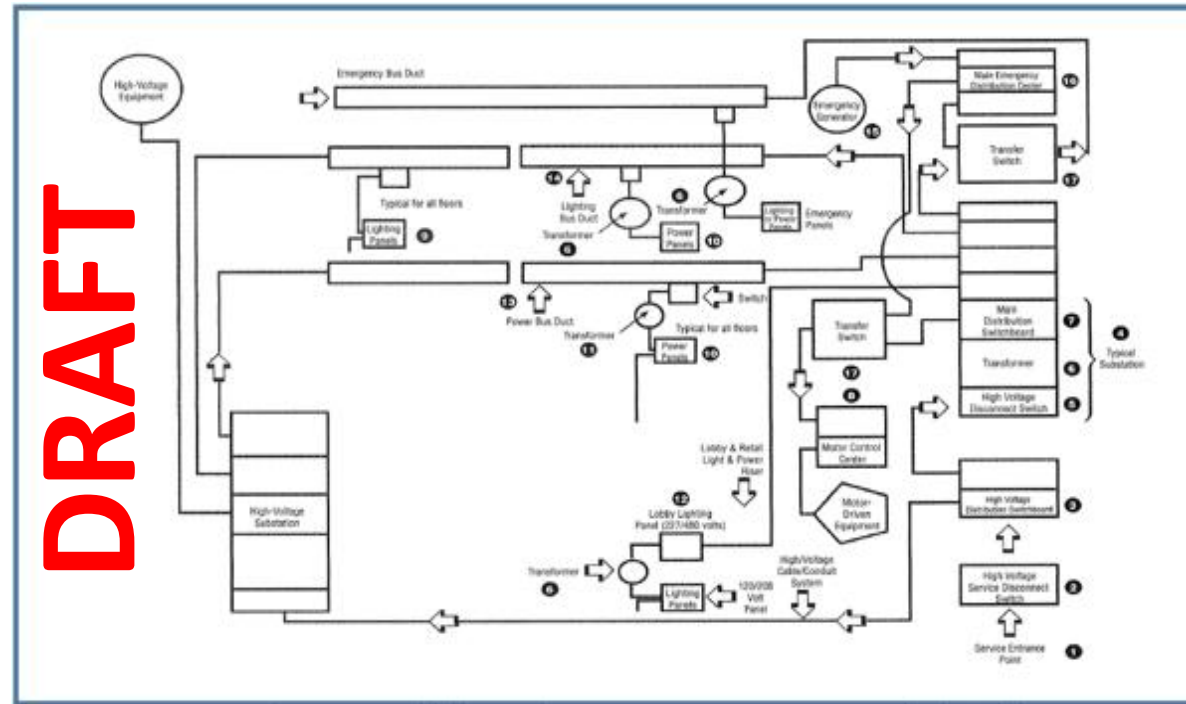
When Should Plans Be Sealed?

- When presented to a client, the public or governmental agency, including when submitting for a permit
- On all originals, copies, tracings, or reproducible drawings
- First and last page of specifications, reports, and studies
- For **large specifications**, licensees can affix their seal and indicate the page number(s) they are responsible for on a separate sheet of paper. This sheet must then be placed on **both the front and back of the specification book.** (New Rule 6.1.5.1 from latest Rules revision)



Plans Marked “Draft” (Rule 6.1.7)

Documents clearly marked “Draft” prepared for preliminary submission and review do not require the professional’s seal, signature, and date, including documents prepared for a client or governmental agency, unless otherwise required by that entity. Below is an **EXAMPLE** of a document clearly marked “Draft.”



Seals – Temporary Permits

- Allows out-of-state design professionals to work on one project (not to exceed two years) in Nebraska.
 - Must obtain a Nebraska license if the project lasts longer than two years.
- Permit holders use their out-of-state seal.
- Must also provide permit information below the seal wherever the seal appears.



Name: John Doe
Permit Number: T-2026
Expiration Date: December 28, 2026
Project Name: 123 Office Park
Project Location: 123 Colorado Ave, Minden, NE



Seals – Coordinating Professional

- Required for projects with more than one design professional involved.
- Must be a licensed professional engineer, architect, or landscape architect recognized as such by the project owner.
- 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.”
- Signifies the main point of contact for code officials or other professionals.
- Seal, signature, and language must be on the cover sheet of all technical documents.



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

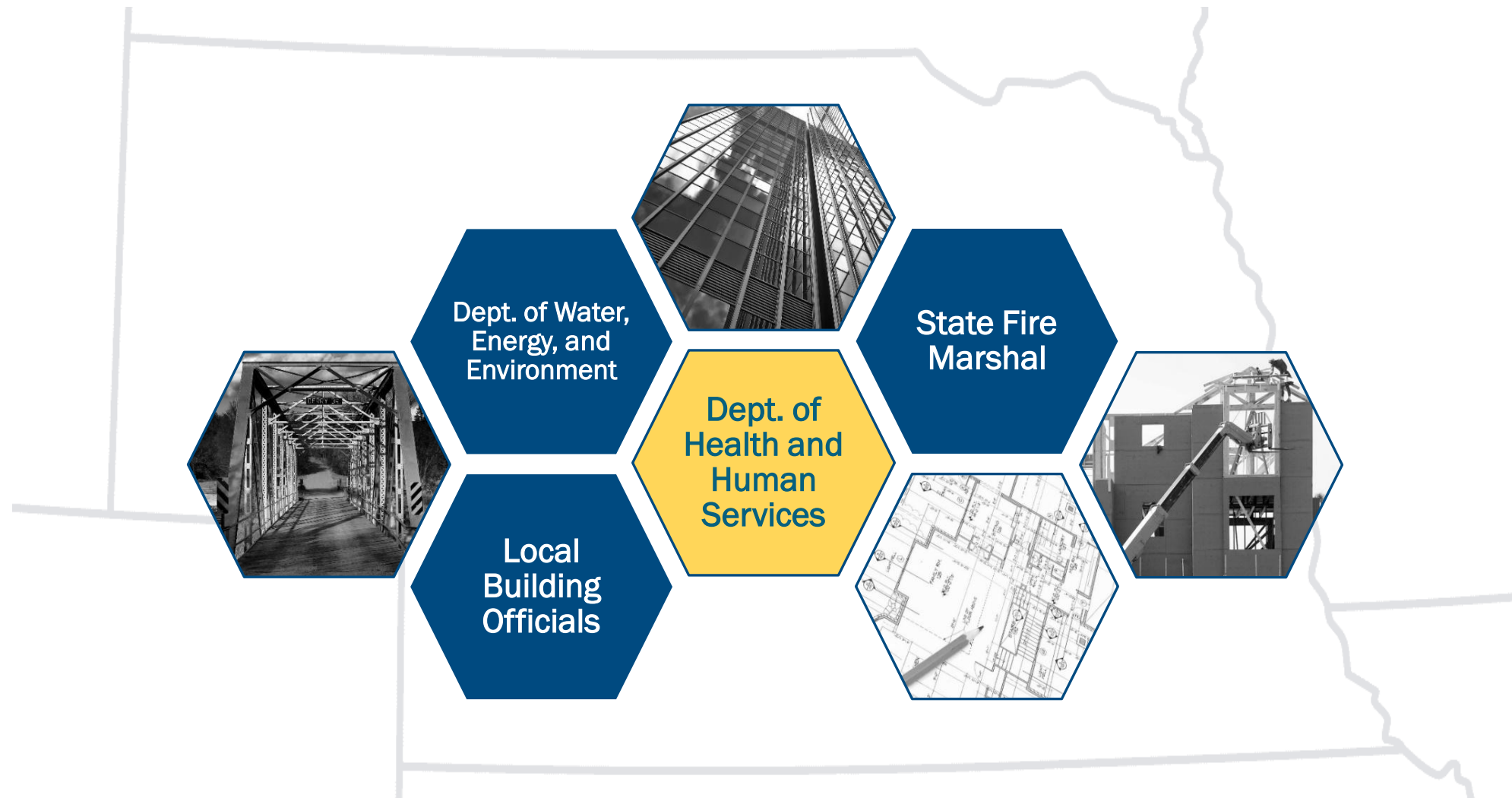
Seals – Professional Engineers

- Nebraska is one of the few states that licenses professional engineers in specific disciplines.
- However, one can practice in any discipline of engineering in which they are competent to practice through training, education, and experience.
- Commons overlaps are civil/structural, civil/environmental, and architectural/mechanical/electrical.



Complaint Process and Investigations

Board Partner Agencies



How to File a Complaint

- Anyone can file a complaint with the Board for any potential violation of the Act and/or Board Rules.
- The Board has received complaints from:
 - Members of the public
 - Building industry professionals
 - Other state agencies
 - Professional societies
 - Organizations



Enforcement / Complaints

Filing a Complaint

Anyone can submit a complaint against architects, professional engineers, organizations, or other entities regulated by the Board of [the Nebraska Engineers and Architects Regulation Act](#) (Title 110 of the Nebraska Administrative Code), please complete and submit a [Complaint Form](#). You will need to submit a written account of the alleged violation, who was involved, and the project address (if applicable). Any contracts, technical documents or other evidence supporting your complaint can also be submitted with the Complaint Form. Providing as much information as possible is helpful to the Board. Board staff will typically contact you within one week of receiving the complaint to verify the information and gather any additional information that may be required.

Board staff will review the allegations and the Board will decide if there is probable cause that a violation has occurred.

Complaints are summarized in the Board's electronic newsletter, [The Nebraska Professional](#). The identity of the Respondent is only published when the Board takes disciplinary action. In instances where the Board has taken disciplinary action, the resulting Order of Disciplinary Action or Settlement Agreement is considered public record and available upon written request. Investigative records of the Board may be withheld upon a public records request, per Nebraska statutes regarding [public records](#).

Remediation

Remediation is an informal process used by the Board to involve licensees on building projects in Nebraska subject to [the Nebraska Engineers and Architects Regulation Act](#). While remediation may cause delays and added expense, it ensures that the health, safety and welfare of the public is protected through the involvement of licensed professionals.

Respondents

The respondent is the person or firm alleged to have violated the Nebraska E&A Regulation Act and/or Board Rules. Respondents can be an architect, professional engineer, organization or member of the public.

When the Board authorizes remediation, the Board will specify whether the project involves the practices of architecture, engineering, or both. The owner will receive a letter from the Board detailing whether an architect, a professional engineer(s), or both will need to be involved. Typically, the project will require an architect if the project involves the practice of architecture, and a professional engineer if the project involves the practice of engineering. The Board does not select, assign, or recommend licensed professionals to remediate a project. It is up to the owner to find the required licensed professionals. To find a licensed professional, use our [Licensee Lookup](#) feature.

While reviewing a project, one professional might observe components of the project that are outside their area of competency. This may necessitate other licensed design professionals becoming involved in the remediation process, including but not limited to an architect; professional engineer; professional engineer of a specific discipline; or a licensed or certified tradesman such an electrician, mason, HVAC technician, or plumber.

A complaint and the associated remediation process is not an order to stop construction. The licensed remediation professional(s) will review any existing plans and the structure itself to identify any deficiencies. If the remediation professional identifies immediate concerns of public safety, it is the licensed professional's responsibility to notify appropriate

- The Nebraska Engineers and Architects Regulation Act
- Disciplinary Actions
- Board Policies
- Coordinating Professional
- Licensee Seals and Technical Submissions
- Enforcement / Complaints
- Guidance Documents

How to File a Complaint

- Complete the [Complaint Form](#).
- Detail the alleged violation, who was involved, and the project address (if applicable).
- Include as much information as possible, including contracts and technical documents if available.
- Information is not public.
- Complainant cannot take over the project they are making the complaint against.



Mail to:
Phone: 402-471-2021
Fax: 402-471-0787

PO Box 95165
Lincoln, NE 68509

Delivery: 215 Centennial Mall S, Suite 400
Lincoln, NE 68508

Questions? Contact us at nbea.office@nebraska.gov or ea.nebraska.gov

COMPLAINT FORM

1. RESPONDENT (The person against whom the complaint is being made):

Name _____ License Number (if known) _____

Company _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

Email _____ Other Information _____

2. COMPLAINANT (The person making the complaint):

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

Email _____ Best time to contact you _____

3. Project Address (if applicable):

Street _____

City _____ Parcel No. (if known) _____

4. Do you have design plans prepared by the Respondent? ☐ Yes ☐ No

5. Did you and the Respondent sign a written contract or letter of agreement? ☐ Yes ☐ No

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Investigations

- Contact the Complainant.
- Contact the Respondent.
- Gathers more information about the complaint.
- Visit project sites, if necessary.
- Present investigative findings to the Board.
 - Close the complaint
 - Initiate a case



Remediation (Rule 8.4)

- Informal process used by the Board to involve a Nebraska-licensed architect and/or professional engineer on a building project in Nebraska, subject to the Act.
- If deficiencies are identified, the remediation professional(s) must recommend design solutions to the project owner to remedy the issue(s).
- Project owner **must** correct the deficiencies identified by the remediation professional(s).
- Once the project has been remediated, the remediation professional will complete a final letter to the Board stating so.
- If no deficiencies are found, the remediation professional will inform the Board, and the complaint is typically closed.



Common Remediation Questions

Q: Do new building plans and technical documents need to be produced during remediation?

A: Not for every project. There are three general conclusions of a remediation review:

1. The remediation professional did not identify any deficiencies. When there are no deficiencies, there is no need to produce technical documents.
2. Deficiencies were identified, but they can be corrected without new technical documents. In this situation, the deficiencies can be corrected through a detailed written description.
 - If building plans already exist, the remediation professional may be able to make corrections through annotations, clouding, and deltas.
 - If existing documents are revised, the revisions must be attributed to the individual responsible for the revisions.
3. Deficiencies were identified that will require design corrections detailed in technical documents. In this case, technical documents will be produced by the remediation professional in addition to the remediation letter.



Common Remediation Questions

Q: My project is already under construction. Must construction stop during remediation?

A: Not necessarily. A complaint and remediation process is not an order to stop construction.

It may be appropriate to stop construction if the remediation professional identifies an immediate health, safety, or welfare concern. Stopping construction allows deficiencies to be corrected and can deter additional potential deficiencies created during construction.



Common Remediation Questions

Q: Do technical documents need to be submitted to the local building official and state fire marshal again?

A: It depends. If the deficiencies require design corrections or revisions to existing documents, these officials may require another submission of technical documents.

A copy of the remediation letter should be included with any new submission of technical documents.



81-3444. Disciplinary actions authorized; civil penalties.

- Issue a censure or reprimand
- Suspend judgment
- Place the individual on probation
- Impose license limitations (scope, duration, or conditions of practice)
- Assess a civil penalty (up to \$10,000 per offense, based on severity)
- Revoke, suspend, or cancel licensure
- Issue a cease-and-desist order
- Assess costs and fees, including attorney, hearing officer, and investigative expenses
- Dismiss the action



Cost of Non-Compliance

- Following the Act can help Nebraska citizens and licensees:
 - Comply with state law
 - Protect property
 - Protect persons on and using said property, and
 - Prevent damage or liability from improperly constructed buildings
- Failure to comply with the Act may result in:
 - Property owners and developers may be liable if a structure was in violation of the act when built.
 - Projects may encounter extensive delays and cost over-runs.
 - Fines, civil penalties, remediation costs, and compliance enforcement expenses for property owners.



Board Education, Outreach, and Support

NEW Monthly Q&A Webinar Sessions

- All are welcome to join and ask any questions they have regarding licensure, Board Rules, and the Act.
- Held on the second Thursday of every month at 12 PM CT using the same Microsoft Teams [link](#).
- You may also dial in by phone. Call +1 402-257-5560 and enter the phone conference ID: 796 558 53#.
- **Important Reminders:**
 - Board staff are not speaking on behalf of Board members.
 - These sessions are for general informational purposes only and do not constitute legal advice.
 - Please keep questions general and avoid sharing project-specific, personal, or identifying information.
 - It is anticipated that the Board will not give CE credit for these sessions. As a result, Board staff WILL NOT provide attendance verification for continuing education credits.



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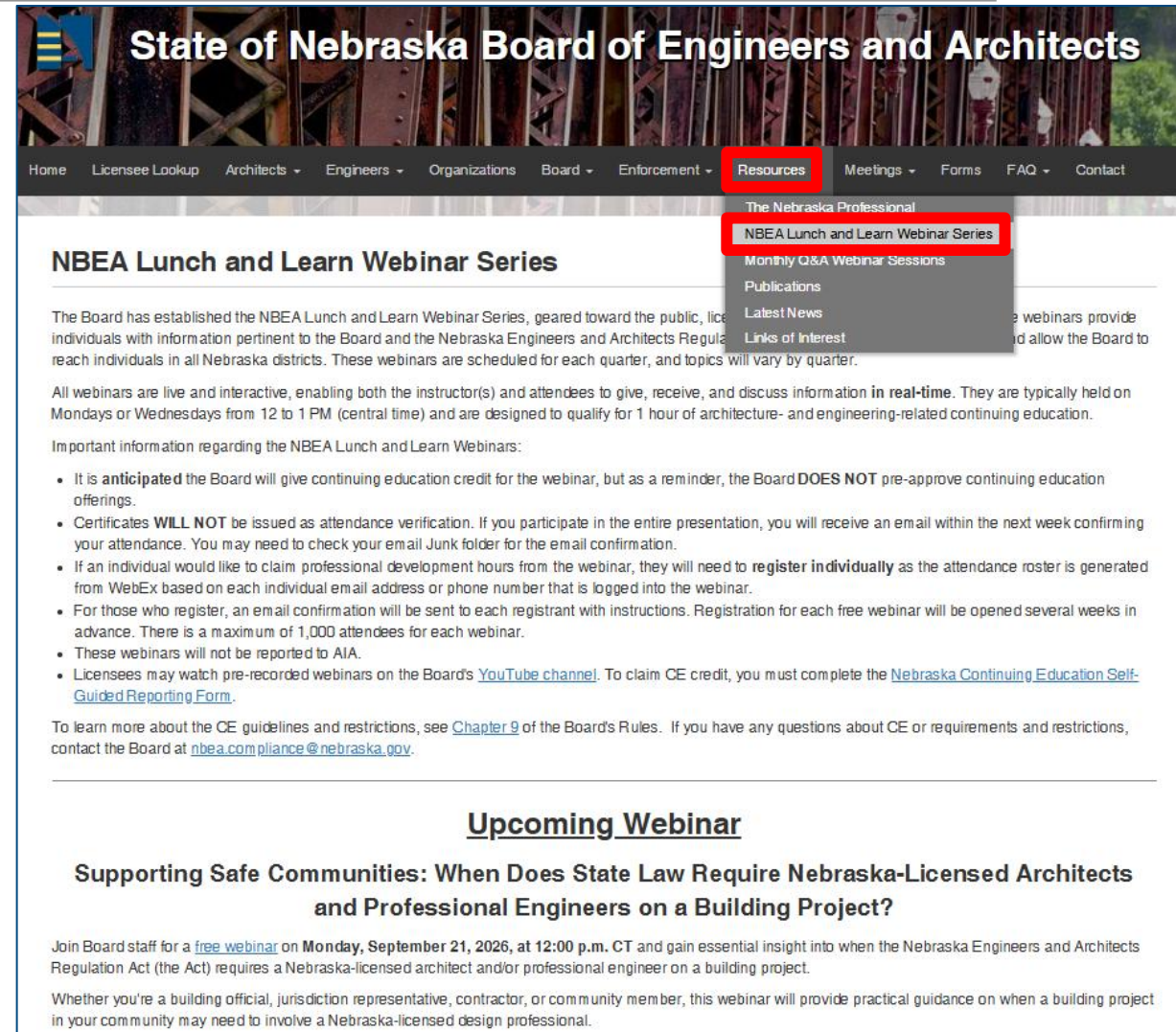
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NBEA Lunch and Learn Webinar Series

- Free quarterly webinars for the public, licensees, and local jurisdiction officials.
- Learn more about the Board and the Act.
- Topics vary each quarter and cover a variety of issues, to include the design professions and building project compliance issues.
- All webinars are live and interactive, enabling both the instructor(s) and attendees to give, receive, and discuss information in real-time.
- Typically held Mondays or Wednesdays from 12:00–1:00 PM CT.
- Designed to qualify for one hour of architecture- and engineering-related continuing education.



The screenshot shows the website of the State of Nebraska Board of Engineers and Architects. The header includes the board's name and a navigation menu with links to Home, Licensee Lookup, Architects, Engineers, Organizations, Board, Enforcement, Resources, Meetings, Forms, FAQ, and Contact. The 'Resources' link is highlighted with a red box. A dropdown menu is open under 'Resources', showing 'The Nebraska Professional', 'NBEA Lunch and Learn Webinar Series' (highlighted with a red box), 'Monthly Q&A Webinar Sessions', 'Publications', 'Latest News', and 'Links of Interest'. The main content area is titled 'NBEA Lunch and Learn Webinar Series'. It describes the series as geared toward the public, licensees, and local jurisdiction officials, providing information pertinent to the Board and the Nebraska Engineers and Architects Regulation Act. It states that webinars are scheduled quarterly and topics vary. All webinars are live and interactive, enabling both the instructor(s) and attendees to give, receive, and discuss information in real-time. They are typically held on Mondays or Wednesdays from 12 to 1 PM (central time) and are designed to qualify for 1 hour of architecture- and engineering-related continuing education. Important information regarding the NBEA Lunch and Learn Webinars is listed in a bulleted format:

- It is **anticipated** the Board will give continuing education credit for the webinar, but as a reminder, the Board **DOES NOT** pre-approve continuing education offerings.
- Certificates **WILL NOT** be issued as attendance verification. If you participate in the entire presentation, you will receive an email within the next week confirming your attendance. You may need to check your email Junk folder for the email confirmation.
- If an individual would like to claim professional development hours from the webinar, they will need to **register individually** as the attendance roster is generated from WebEx based on each individual email address or phone number that is logged into the webinar.
- For those who register, an email confirmation will be sent to each registrant with instructions. Registration for each free webinar will be opened several weeks in advance. There is a maximum of 1,000 attendees for each webinar.
- These webinars will not be reported to AIA.
- Licensees may watch pre-recorded webinars on the Board's [YouTube channel](#). To claim CE credit, you must complete the [Nebraska Continuing Education Self-Guided Reporting Form](#).

To learn more about the CE guidelines and restrictions, see [Chapter 9](#) of the Board's Rules. If you have any questions about CE or requirements and restrictions, contact the Board at nbea.compliance@nebraska.gov.

Upcoming Webinar

Supporting Safe Communities: When Does State Law Require Nebraska-Licensed Architects and Professional Engineers on a Building Project?

Join Board staff for a [free webinar](#) on **Monday, September 21, 2026, at 12:00 p.m. CT** and gain essential insight into when the Nebraska Engineers and Architects Regulation Act (the Act) requires a Nebraska-licensed architect and/or professional engineer on a building project.

Whether you're a building official, jurisdiction representative, contractor, or community member, this webinar will provide practical guidance on when a building project in your community may need to involve a Nebraska-licensed design professional.

The Nebraska Professional

- Monthly digital newsletter sent via email and available on the Board's website.
- Includes updates to the following areas:
 - The Board
 - Legislation
 - The Act and Board rules
 - Recently resolved compliance cases
 - Other important issues relevant to the licensees and the public
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Suelter Elected NCEES President-Elected

At the NCEES annual meeting, Council delegates elected Board Member Jason Suelter, P.E., S.E., as NCEES President-Elect for the 2026-27 term. Suelter will serve as NCEES President in 2027-28.

For over 15 years, Suelter has been part of the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES) examination program; specifically, he has served on the NCEES structural exams committee, tasked with item writing and structural exam development. Additionally, he has served on several NCEES committees, demonstrating his dedication to the profession and its advancement.

Suelter is a licensed civil and structural professional engineer with more than 25 years of professional structural engineering experience. He was appointed to the Nebraska Board in 2020. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Physics from Benedictine College and a Master of Civil Engineering from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. In addition to his Nebraska license, Suelter is licensed in more than 30 other jurisdictions.

Executive Director Wilbeck Receives NCEES Meritorious Service Award

Jon Wilbeck, executive director of the Nebraska Board of Engineers and Architects, was awarded the NCEES Meritorious Service Award by NCEES President Elizabeth Beckett, P.E., for his dedicated service to NCEES and the engineering profession. Wilbeck was recognized on August 20, 2026, during NCEES' 105th annual meeting in Henderson, Nevada.

Wilbeck has served the Nebraska board since 2008, first as the compliance officer and then as the executive director. He oversees board staff, including compliance, public information, licensing, and administrative staff. Wilbeck has demonstrated leadership through service as a member of the NCEES Committee on Member Board Administrators, Committee on Uniform Procedures and Legislative Guidelines (UPLG), and Special Committee on Bylaws. During his time on the UPLG Committee, the committee completed a successful five-year review of the

advancing licensure for engineers and surveyors

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- Digital publications are available on the Board's website.
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THE NEBRASKA ENGINEERS AND ARCHITECTS REGULATION ACT HANDBOOK 2026

BEFORE YOU BUILD
A Guide to Knowing When Architects & Professional Engineers are Required in Nebraska

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Before You Build (Español)

COORDINATING PROFESSIONALS
A Guide to Coordinating a Project

THE LICENSEE SEAL
A Guide to Sealing Technical Documents in Nebraska

BECOMING AN ARCHITECT
A Guide to Becoming a Licensed Architect

BECOMING A PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER
A Guide to Becoming a Licensed Professional Engineer

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Developed by David Powers and Catherine D. Ringling, NEBEA's Remediation Program Board, this Guidebook will help Engineers with the Remediation Act.

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Licensee Lookup Feature

- Allows the public to search for licensees and organizations.
- Will show active, expired, emeritus, probation, and revoked licenses.
- For security purposes, individual license numbers for architects and professional engineers are not available or searchable.

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For a list of all final disciplinary actions taken by the Board since 2015, please see the [Board disciplinary actions](#). All orders are public record and not subject to withholding from the public under Neb. Rev. Stat. §84-712.05. For disciplinary actions taken by the Board prior to 2015, please contact nbea.compliance@nebraska.gov.

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To confirm an individual architect or professional engineer license number, contact the board at nbea.office@nebraska.gov or 402-471-2021.

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Thu, 08/13/2026 - 08:45 [Next NBEA Webinar: When Does State Law Require Nebraska-Licensed Architects to Seal Building Project?](#)

Tue, 07/14/2026 - 08:41 [E&A Act Updated; Effective July 17, 2026](#)

Mon, 06/29/2026 - 14:34 [Individual License Numbers Removed from Licensee Lookup](#)

Wed, 06/24/2026 - 10:25 [Board Staff Hosts New Monthly Q&A Webinar Sessions](#)

Tue, 06/02/2026 - 14:21 [Latest NBEA Lunch and Learn Webinar Series Posted to Board's YouTube Channel](#)

Tue, 04/21/2026 - 10:38 [NBEA Lunch and Learn Webinar: When Does a Lumber Estimate Become a Design? Know the Line.](#)

Tue, 04/07/2026 - 09:49 [Press Release - Board Sees Increase in Fraudulent Seal Use](#)

Mon, 02/23/2026 - 07:37 [NBEA Lunch and Learn Webinar Series: Professional Practice and Ethics](#)

Fri, 02/20/2026 - 07:05 [Board Meeting for February 20, 2026 Canceled](#)

Wed, 11/26/2025 - 08:23 [Board Rules Updated; Effective November 25, 2025](#)

Thu, 10/02/2025 - 16:09 [NBEA Lunch and Learn Webinar - License Renewals, Continuing Education Requirements, and Continuing Education Audits](#)

Wed, 10/01/2025 - 07:41 [Online Licensee Renewals Now Open](#)

Tue, 05/06/2025 - 13:59 [Position Open: Office Specialist](#)

Thu, 03/27/2025 - 08:00 [Latest NBEA Lunch and Learn Webinar Series Posted to Board's YouTube Channel](#)

Wed, 03/19/2025 - 08:37 [NBEA Lunch and Learn Webinar Rescheduled](#)

Tue, 03/18/2025 - 10:32 [Position Open: Office Specialist](#)

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