

Nebraska Board of Engineers and Architects

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23.01	PE Exam References Applicants for the PE Examination must submit three references indicating good reputation and ethical character. None of the references must be professional engineers. Applicants will provide contact information for the reference, including the reference's name, phone number, and email address.	2/16/2023
21.01	Renewing Licenses When CE Requirement Not Satisfied Licenses will not be renewed if the license holder has not completed the continuing education requirements. (The licensee will not be able to complete the online renewal process and paper renewals received marked that the CE requirement has not been completed will be returned to the licensee unprocessed.)	1/22/2021
20.01	January Board Meetings It is the desire of the Board to schedule its regular Board meeting in January on the first Friday immediately after the 10-day period for bill introduction in the Nebraska Legislature.	3/13/2020
16.03	Reference Forms for E.I. Enrollment and P.E. Exam Applications Policy deleted	6/23/2016 7/9/2021
16.02	CE Carryover from Initial Renewal Period Policy deleted, promulgated in Rule 9.6.11 (4/2016)	3/24/2016 12/15/2017
16.01	Renewal Disclosures Authorized to be Administratively Reviewed Policy deleted, promulgated in Rule 1.21 (4/2016)	3/24/2016 12/15/2017
15.01	Issuance of Temporary Permit with Certificate of Authorization Policy deleted	1/16/2015 6/23/2016
14.09	Web-based Continuing Education Policy deleted, promulgated in Rule 9.2.3 (4/2016)	12/12/2014 6/23/2016
14.08	Legal Services Evaluation Process The Board will form a Legal Services Committee every three years, at its first meeting of the then-current fiscal year, to evaluate the performance of the Board's Special Assistant Attorney General ("special counsel"), or at any time if requested by the Board. The Committee shall then make a recommendation to the Board at the earliest opportunity to either continue services with the current special counsel, or initiate a competitive selection process to procure legal services. If the Board votes to initiate a competitive selection process, the Board Chair will appoint a search committee of not less than three board members, which shall include at least one engineer and one architect. An open process in selecting consultants to provide assistance is important to the Board. The search committee will solicit qualifications from interested attorneys in a manner consistent with state law. After receiving qualifications, the search committee will consider the credentials of at least three candidates and recommend at least two candidates to the Board for its consideration. Selections are intended to be qualifications based. Prior to a meeting requesting Board action, the credentials of at least the top two candidates will be distributed to the full Board. Upon deliberation in a closed session, the Board will recommend a candidate to the Attorney General for appointment as special counsel. Upon such appointment, the Board will sign a formal contract for legal services with the appointee for a specific period not to exceed one year. After the term of the Special Assistant Attorney General is expired and before a new Special Assistant Attorney General is appointed, the Board may enter into a monthly contract for legal services with its last Special Assistant Attorney General until its new Special Assistant Attorney General is appointed by the Attorney General.	9/26/2014 8/10/2018
14.07	Contract Awards An open process in selecting consultants is important to the Board. Selections are intended to be qualifications based. The Board Chair will appoint an ad hoc committee to lead the announcement, requirements, and interview procedure used in recommending a contract award. Typically a minimum of three individuals/organizations will be identified as potential candidates by the committee. Requirements and/or specifications of the candidates will be established by the committee. Existing contractors may be included in the search list. Prior to the meeting requesting Board action, the credentials of at least the top two candidates will be distributed to the full Board. The Board may enter a closed session to discuss the observations and recommendation of the committee. The Board may move to award the contract or request additional information.	9/26/2014
14.06	Approval of Continuing Education Audit Submittals Policy deleted	8/15/2014 6/23/2016
14.05	Engineering Examination Definition Policy deleted	8/15/2014 6/23/2016

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14.04	Disclosure Updates for Applications If an application and its disclosure statements have been signed and dated more than three months before the board meeting at which the application is to be presented for approval, a new disclosure statement may be requested by the Board.	4/18/2014
14.03	Closure of Incomplete Applications Policy deleted, promulgated in Rule 1.19.1 (4/2016)	4/18/2014 12/15/2017
14.02	Forensic Engineering Licensing Jurisdiction for Testing Policy deleted, promulgated in Rule 10.5.11 (4/2016)	1/17/2014 12/15/2017
14.01	Applications Authorized to be Administratively Approved The following items have been authorized by the Board to be administratively approved and placed on the agenda in the Application section under "Administratively Approved" for regular Board meetings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Professional engineer license applications via comity, where applicants hold an NCEES Record in good standing and meet "Model Law Engineer" or "Model Law Structural Engineer" standards as designated on the applicant's NCEES Record; Architect license applications via comity, where applicants hold an NCARB Certificate in good standing; Temporary permit applications; Engineer Intern enrollment applications; PE Examination applications; and; Certificate of Authorization applications. 	1/17/2014 7/9/2021
13.05	Reapproval to Sit for the ARE after Test Authorization is Terminated Policy deleted, promulgated in Rule 3.4.2.2 (4/2016)	12/6/2013 6/23/2016
13.04	NCEES Credentials Evaluations Policy deleted, promulgated in Rule 2.2.5.6 (4/2016)	9/20/2013 12/15/2017
13.03	Engineering Examination Result Reporting Policy deleted, see Rule 2.4.1.3 (4/2016)	5/10/2013 6/23/2016
13.02	Professional Services Competitive Selection All service contracts for legal and legislative liaison services entered into by the Board shall go through a competitive selection process at least every three years.	5/10/2013
13.01	Consent Agenda Items The following items have been approved by the Board to be placed on the consent agenda during regular Board meetings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes from past meetings; and Noncontroversial action items at the discretion of the executive director and/or Board chair. 	4/12/2013 1/17/2014
12.06	2012 CE Waiver-Hurricane Sandy Policy not approved	7/12/2012
12.05	Expert Witness Policy deleted, promulgated in Rule 10.5.12 (11/2017)	12/07/2012 12/15/2017
12.04	Architect Experience Policy deleted, see Rule 3.3.1 (4/2016)	6/23/2016
12.03	Definition of "Advanced Level" Policy deleted, promulgated in Rule 2.3.12 (11/2017)	5/09/2012 12/15/2017
12.02	Organizations Practicing without a Certificate of Authorization Policy deleted, promulgated in Rule 8.6 (11/2017)	3/16/2012 12/15/2017
12.01	Licensure by Experience Policy deleted, see Rule 4.2.4.1 and 4.3.2.1 (8/2015)	2/10/2012 6/23/2016
11.06	CE Exemption for Military Active Duty Policy deleted, promulgated in Rule 9.6.12 (11/2017)	10/21/2011 12/15/2017
11.05	Per Diem for Continuing Education Audits As authorized by Neb. Rev. Stat. § 81-3429, Board members serving as reviewers for continuing education audits shall receive one per diem for such activity per year.	10/21/2011
11.04	Sealing "As-Built" Drawings Policy deleted, promulgated in Rule 6.1.9 (4/2019)	8/19/2011 5/17/2019

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11.03	Engineering Experience Prior to PPE for Licensure by Reciprocity Policy deleted, see Policy 09.08	4/22/2011 2/10/2012
11.02	Continuing Education Carryover Policy deleted, promulgated in Rule 9.4.2 (12/2011)	4/22/2011 1/13/2012
11.01	Refunds Policy deleted, promulgated in Rule 1.13.2 (12/2011)	4/22/2011 1/13/2012
10.09	Travel Policy The E&A Act, Section § 81-3429(2), states members of the Board shall be reimbursed for all necessary and authorized expenses incident to the performance of his or her duties under the Act as provided in Sections §§ 81-1174 to 81-1177 for state employees. The Board policy covers travel by board members and staff and is updated per DAS Accounting's notifications of changes to the State Policy.	1/8/2010 10/21/2011 8/16/2013 10/18/2019 1/22/2021
10.08	Structural Engineer by Equivalency Policy deleted, provision expired 12/31/2010	12/3/2010 9/23/2011
10.07	Structural Engineer by Equivalency Policy not approved, language incorporated into Policy 10.08	12/03/2010
10.06	Structural Exam retakes Policy deleted	12/03/2010 5/17/2019
10.05	Coordinating Professional Clarification Policy deleted, promulgated in Rule 6.3 (12/2011)	4/22/2011 1/13/2012
10.04	Continuing Education Credit for NRMCA participation Policy deleted	10/29/2010 2/24/2017
10.03	Board Agenda Deadline All material for the Board agenda must be submitted by the end of business at least 7 working days prior to the scheduled Board meeting.	8/13/2010 9/13/2019
10.02	Electrical and Computer Engineer Seal Policy not approved	8/13/2010
10.01	Elimination of pre-1984 Architect-in-Training certificates Individuals holding an "Architect in Training" certificate issued by the Board prior to July 1, 1983 shall not display or use the term "Architect in Training" in words, letters, figures, titles, sign, card, advertisement, or other symbol or device indicating or tending to indicate that he or she is certified as an architect or is authorized to practice architecture in Nebraska. These certificates have not been issued by the Board for more than 25 years. Their issuance was in recognition for achievement of a then current milestone toward becoming an architect and their issuance did not authorize the practice of architecture. The current requirements for becoming licensed and use of titles in architecture and engineering are specified in the E&A Act and Rule Section 5.6.	3/12/2010 7/9/2021
09.08	Engineering Experience for Licensure by Reciprocity Policy deleted, promulgated in Rule 4.1.3.1.6 (11/2017)	10/23/2009 8/13/2010 2/10/2012 12/15/2017
09.07	4 Strike Exam Requirement for Additional Learning Policy deleted, promulgated in Rule 2.4.1.7 (12/2011)	9/18/2009 1/13/2012
09.06	Engineering Examination Retake Policy Policy deleted, promulgated in Rule 2.4.1.2.1 (12/2011)	11/20/2009 1/13/2012
09.05	Remediation of Projects without Contract Documents Policy deleted, promulgated in Rule 8.6 (12/2011)	10/23/2009 1/13/2012
09.04	Fine Guideline Policy not approved	10/23/2009
09.03	Public Works Exemption Policy deleted	6/26/2009 9/23/2011

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09.02	Engineering Discipline for PPE Examination Policy deleted, promulgated in Rule 2.5.1.4 (5/2000)	6/26/2009 8/7/2009 9/23/2011 1/13/2012
09.01	Structural Equivalency Reviews Policy deleted, provision ended 12/2010	5/29/2009 9/23/2011
08.13	HSW Complaints Policy deleted, promulgated in Rule 8.1.4 (5/2000)	8/22/2008 12/15/2017
08.12	Reinstatement of Previous License Policy deleted, see Rule 1.12.4.3 (12/2011)	8/22/2008 1/13/2012
08.11	Engineer Exam Proctoring Policy deleted, promulgated in Rule 2.4.1.8 (12/2011)	8/22/2008 1/13/2012
08.10	Emeritus Board Members Policy deleted, promulgated in Rule 1.19.1 (11/2017)	7/11/2008 1/13/2012 12/15/2017
08.09	Non-Accredited Engineer Degrees Policy deleted, see Rule 2.2.1.3 (12/2011)	7/11/2008 9/19/2008 4/22/2011 1/13/2012
08.08	Cash Reserve Voided language moved to Policy 04.01	5/30/2008
08.07	Code Officials and the E&A Act Code officials may choose to make restrictions to the E&A Act more stringent; but may not make restrictions less stringent. Code officials should have policies that are clear and consistent, regularly followed and should be written in the form of policies or guidelines to ensure that enforcement is not arbitrary or capricious. (Legal Opinion 4/17/2008, Bartle & Geier Law Firm)	5/30/2008 7/11/2008
08.06	Engineering Discipline w/o Exam Results Policy deleted, promulgated in Rule 4.1.1.2.1 (3/16/2024)	5/30/2008 7/9/2021 4/19/2024
08.05	Structural Exam Equivalency Policy deleted, promulgated in Rule 4.1.1.5 (4/2019)	5/30/2008 2/10/2012 5/17/2019
08.04	Reimbursement for Rosters/Mailing Lists Policy deleted, see Public Records Statutes §§ 81-712 & 81-713	8/28/2008 11/21/2008 1/13/2012 4/18/2014
08.03	CEU Requirement for Reinstatement of Emeritus Policy deleted	1/11/2008 1/13/2012
08.02	Reinstatement Affidavit for Emeritus Policy deleted, promulgated in Rule 1.12.5.3 (12/2011)	1/11/2008 1/13/2012
08.01	Engineering Discipline with Passage of Structural I Exam Policy deleted, removed from Rule 2.5.2.4.2 (12/2011)	1/11/2008 1/13/2012
07.09	ARE Test Division Approval Policy deleted, see Rule 3.4 (12/2011)	10/19/2007 1/13/2012
07.08	SPCC Documents Policy deleted, promulgated in Rule 10.5.10 (11/2012)	9/14/2007 1/13/2012

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07.07	Filing Fee Waived for First Time Exam Applicants of the ARE Policy deleted	9/14/2007 8/07/2009 9/18/2009 1/17/2014 12/15/2017 7/9/2021
07.06	Construction Engineering Degree Acceptance Policy deleted	8/17/2007 5/20/2011
07.05	Architectural Engineer Experience for the PE Policy deleted, promulgated in Rule 2.3.4.1 (4/2016)	8/17/2007 6/23/2016
04.01	Target Reserve for the E&A Regulation Fund For the purpose of insuring the agency against loss due to breach of examination security, pending or ongoing litigation against the Board, and other unplanned expenditures; the Board shall strive to maintain a cash reserve, created in NRS Section 81-3432, in the amount of two times the annual budget.	9/17/2004 7/11/2008
03.05	Reimbursement of Educational Debt for Architectural Graduates Policy deleted, promulgated in Rule 3.7.1 (11/2017)	12/12/2003 7/23/2004 3/21/2008 12/07/2012 8/14/2015 12/15/2017
03.04	Reimbursement of Educational Debt for Engineering Graduates Policy deleted, promulgated in Rule 2.7.1 (11/2017)	12/12/2003 5/09/2012 1/11/2013 10/23/2015 12/15/2017
03.01	Review/Salary All board staff personnel will be evaluated annually prior to their consideration by the Salary Committee. The Executive Director will be evaluated by the Board; all other staff personnel by the Executive Director.	6/20/2003
02.03	Board Emergency Weather Policy The Board honors the State of Nebraska Emergency Weather Policy, with the following specifics: 1) The telephone answering device will be programmed and activated in anticipation of inclement weather. 2) No employee shall attempt to reach the office at risk of their own safety or that of others. 3) Any employee unable to reach the office will be on ready to work status unless the employee requests vacation leave or leave without pay; those choosing the latter option will be permitted to make up the missed work time within the work week.	12/12/2002
02.02	Recognition of Past Board Members An award/recognition may be presented to a departing Board member or any other person recognized for their years of service and significant contributions to the success of the Nebraska Board of Engineers and Architects. The award shall be a plaque; the cost shall not exceed \$200.00 per person, and shall be paid from Board funds. A Board member who has served ten or more years on the Board may be presented an additional gift not to exceed \$300. (As approved by DAS Personnel March 30, 2011)	9/13/2002 7/11/2008 9/23/2011
02.01	Retainage of Previous License Number for Reinstated Expired Certificate of Licensure Policy deleted, see Rule 1.13.3.3 (4/2016)	2/22/2002 6/23/2016
Procedure 02.01	Use of the Secretary's Signature The Board Secretary's Signature may be applied by computer to the following items: 1) Architectural and Engineering license pocket cards; 2) Engineer Intern Certificates; 3) Emeritus pocket cards. The signature may be applied by rubber stamp to the following items: 1) Receipts for payment of fees.	1/19/2001
01.02	Continuing Education Offerings On The Web Page The Board will permit placement of Continuing Education Offerings, including a description and/or a link to the offeror's web page, in a special section of the Board's web page. The section will have a disclaimer absolving the Board of all support for the offerings, including their qualifications for credit toward license renewal.	7/13/2001 8/17/2007

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01.01	Salary Committee A Salary Committee comprising the Chairperson, the Vice Chairperson, and the Secretary of the Board shall be formed for the purpose of preparing recommendations to the Board on staff salaries. The Committee will meet prior to the June Board Meeting to consider changes in salary for the Executive Director; the Chairperson will preside. The June meeting will correspond with the fiscal year end of June 30. Changes in salary of all but the Executive Director are generally mandated by the Legislature.	7/26/1991 7/13/2001 8/17/2007 9/14/2018
00.01	Election of Officers Regarding the election of Board officers per N.R.S. § 81-3431: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members cannot serve more than two consecutive years in any single office. • Not all three officers will be of the same profession. • In the event that a board officer will not or cannot serve in that capacity, an election will be held for that office for the remainder of that term. • An officer may be relieved from office by a majority vote of the Board. 	3/17/2000 9/09/2016