

these rules that will accomplish the objectives of the proposed statutes while minimizing the adverse impact of the rules on small businesses.

Provider Impact Statement

The amendment of these rules is not anticipated to have any known or foreseeable impact on a provider as defined by House Concurrent Resolution No. 170 of the 2014 Regular Session of the Louisiana State Legislature.

Specifically:

1. The amendment of these rules does not have any known or foreseeable impact on the staffing level requirements or qualifications required to provide the same level of service.

2. The amendment of these rules does not have any known or foreseeable impact on the total direct and indirect effect on the cost to a provider to provide the same levels of service.

3. The amendment of these rules does not have any known or foreseeable impact on the overall effect on the ability of a provider to provide the same level of service.

Public Comments

Interested persons may submit written comments to Andrew Barry, General Counsel, Department of Transportation and Development, Office of General Counsel, P.O. Box 94245, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-9245. Mr. Barry is responsible for responding to inquiries regarding this proposed Rule. The deadline for submitting written comments is at 4:30 p.m. on August 9, 2026.

Public Hearing

Interested persons may submit a written request to conduct a public hearing by U.S. mail to the Office of General Counsel, ATTN: Andrew Barry, General Counsel, P.O. Box 94245, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-9245; however, such request must be received no later than 4:30 p.m. on August 9, 2026. If the criteria set forth in R.S. 49:961(B)(1) are satisfied, the Department of Transportation and Development will conduct a public hearing at 9:30 a.m. on August 27, 2026 in the Auditorium of the Department of Transportation and Development Headquarters, which is located at 1201 Capitol Access Road, Baton Rouge, LA. To confirm whether a public hearing will be held, interested persons should first call Andrew Barry at (225) 242-4665 after August 9, 2026. If a public hearing is to be held, all interested persons are invited to attend and present data, views, comments, or arguments, orally or in writing.

Glenn P. Ledet, Jr.
Secretary

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

RULE TITLE: Safety Requirements for Railroad Grade Crossings

I. ESTIMATED IMPLEMENTATION COSTS (SAVINGS) TO STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (Summary)

The proposed rule change is not anticipated to have any costs or savings to state or local government units.

The proposed rule change does the following:

- In 1301.B.5, replaces the word "accident" with "crash";

- In 1301.C.1, replaces the word "individuals" with "representatives of the parties of interest in a highway/rail crossing or group of crossings";
- In 1301.C.2 and 1301.C.3, replaces "department highway/rail safety unit" with "Department's Highway/Rail Safety Engineer";
- In 1301.D.3.b, adds "or electronic mail"; and
- Updates references of R.S. 48:390 and R.S. 48:390.1 to reflect the correct revised statute, R.S. 48:391.
- Makes various technical changes.

II. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

There is no anticipated effect on revenue collections of state or local governmental units.

III. ESTIMATED COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS, SMALL BUSINESSES, OR NONGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)

There are no anticipated costs or economic benefits to directly affected persons, small businesses, or non-governmental groups.

IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

Implementation of this proposed rule is not anticipated to have an effect on competition or employment.

Glenn Ledet, Jr.
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NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Transportation and Development Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board

Engineering and Land Surveying
(LAC 46:LXI.105, 903, 1103, 1301, 1311, 1505, 1701, 2101, 2103, 2301, 2305, 2307, 2309, 2911 and 3115)

Under the authority of the Louisiana professional engineering and land surveying licensure law, R.S. 37:681 et seq., and in accordance with the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., notice is hereby given that the Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board has initiated procedures to amend its rules contained in LAC 46:LXI.105, 903, 1103, 1301, 1311, 1505, 1701, 2101, 2103, 2301, 2305, 2307, 2309, 2911 and 3115.

This is a revision of existing rules under which LAPELS operates. The revision (a) adds a definition of subprofessional work, (b) clarifies the personal reference requirements for professional engineer licensure applicants who have obtained requisite engineering work experience outside of the United States, (c) modifies the required content of non-accredited engineering curricula, (d) eliminates an unnecessary provision related to language proficiency for examinations, (e) clarifies the procedure for taking an engineering examination for record purposes, (f) clarifies the supervision requirements for the requisite engineering work experience of professional engineer licensure applicants, (g) moves language regarding biennial licensure renewal forms from one section to another section, (h) clarifies the circumstances in which a license may be placed into expired status, (i) requires licensed firms to keep their certificate from the Louisiana Secretary of State active and in good standing, (j) clarifies the

responsibilities of firm supervising professionals and (k) updates references to another state agency which recently changed its name. The anticipated effective date of the proposed amendments is the date of promulgation.

Title 46

PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL STANDARDS

Part LXI. Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors

Chapter 1. General Provisions

§105. Definitions

A. The words and phrases defined in R.S. 37:682 shall apply to these rules. In addition, the following words and phrases shall have the following meanings, unless the content of the rules clearly states otherwise.

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Subprofessional Work—as it applies in R.S. 37:701(A) only, shall mean the following:

a. Subprofessional work in engineering includes drafting, plan preparation, surveying, inspection and technical data collection. Subprofessional work in engineering is typically performed by engineering technicians, surveyors, draftspersons, assistant field engineers, interns, junior engineers, inspectors, and clerk of the works. Subprofessional work in engineering is task-oriented, supporting professional staff rather than taking final responsibility for design, safety, or public welfare; and

b. Subprofessional work in land surveying includes field data collection, boundary and site staking, site preparation, office support, surveying calculations, research, and infrastructure location. Subprofessional work in land surveying is typically performed by survey technicians, rodman/chainman, instrument person/operator, field engineering aide, survey assistant, and survey crew chief in support of the professional land surveyor.

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AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:688.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Transportation and Development, Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Surveyors, LR 4:298 (August 1978), amended LR 5:110 (May 1979), LR 7:643 (December 1981), LR 14:449 (July 1988), LR 16:772 (September 1990), LR 17:804 (August 1991), LR 20:901 (August 1994), amended by the Department of Transportation and Development, Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board, LR 27:1020 (July 2001), LR 30:1704 (August 2004), LR 32:1618 (September 2006), LR 35:1908 (September 2009), LR 38:835 (March 2012), repromulgated LR 38:1030 (April 2012), amended LR 44:612 (March 2018), LR 45:75 (January 2019), LR 47:490 (April 2021), LR 49:335 (February 2023), LR 52:

Chapter 9. Requirements for Certification and Licensure of Individuals and Temporary Permit to Practice Engineering or Land Surveying

§903. Professional Engineer Licensure

A. The requirements for licensure as a professional engineer under the alternatives provided in the licensure law are as follows:

1. the applicant for licensure as a professional engineer shall be an engineer intern, or an individual who meets the qualifications to be an engineer intern, who has a verifiable record of four years or more of progressive experience obtained subsequent to meeting the educational and

applicable experience qualifications to be an engineer intern on engineering projects of a level and scope satisfactory to the board, who is of good character and reputation, who has passed the examination(s) required by the board in the principles and practice of engineering in the discipline(s) of engineering in which the applicant seeks to be listed, who was recommended for licensure by five personal references, who has submitted an application for licensure in accordance with the requirements of R.S. 37:694, and who was duly licensed as a professional engineer by the board; or

2. ...

3. the applicant for licensure as a professional engineer shall be a graduate of an accredited engineering curriculum of four years or more approved by the board as being of satisfactory standing who has a verifiable record of 20 years or more of progressive experience obtained subsequent to meeting the educational qualification on engineering projects of a level and scope satisfactory to the board, who is of good character and reputation, who has passed the examination(s) required by the board in the principles and practice of engineering in the discipline(s) of engineering in which the applicant seeks to be listed, who was recommended for licensure by five personal references, who has submitted an application for licensure in accordance with the requirements of R.S. 37:694, and who was duly licensed as a professional engineer by the board.

B. - M. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:51 et seq., 37:688, 37:1751, and 37:3651.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Transportation and Development, Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, LR 2:352 (November 1976), amended LR 5:114 (May 1979), LR 5:365 (November 1979), LR 6:735 (December 1980), LR 7:644 (December 1981), LR 10:804 (October 1984), LR 11:362 (April 1985), LR 19:56 (January 1993), amended by the Department of Transportation and Development, Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board, LR 27:1028 (July 2001), LR 30:1712 (August 2004), LR 32:1619 (September 2006), LR 37:2412 (August 2011), LR 38:2564 (October 2012), LR 39:1060 (April 2013), LR 39:2801 (October 2013), LR 43:538 (March 2017), LR 43:1419 (July 2017), LR 44:616 (March 2018), LR 47:491 (April 2021), LR 47:894 (July 2021), LR 48:2363 (September 2022), LR 51:550 (April 2025), repromulgated LR 51:687 (May 2025), LR 52:

Chapter 11. Curricula

§1103. Other Engineering Curricula

A. ...

B. Non-accredited engineering curricula shall be those curricula of four years or more which are found by the board to be equivalent in content to accredited engineering curricula, including a minimum of 48 semester credit hours of recognized engineering courses, 36 of which shall be advanced level courses usually offered in the junior and senior years.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:688.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Transportation and Development, Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, LR 5:113 (May 1979), amended 7:647 (December 1981), LR 10:805 (October 1984), LR 19:907 (July 1993), amended by the Department of Transportation and Development, Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board, LR 27:1029 (July 2001), LR 30:1713 (August 2004), LR 44:618 (March 2018), LR 52:

Chapter 13. Examinations

§1301. General

A.1. - D. ...

E. - E.2. Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:688.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Transportation and Development, Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, LR 5:113 (May 1979), amended LR 7:647 (December 1981), LR 11:363 (April 1985), LR 16:774 (September 1990), LR 19:57 (January 1993), amended by the Department of Transportation and Development, Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board, LR 27:1030 (July 2001), LR 30:1714 (August 2004), LR 35:1909 (September 2009), LR 37:2413 (August 2011), repromulgated 37:2752 (September 2011), amended LR 38:2565 (October 2012), LR 39:2282 (August 2013), LR 42:1104 (July 2016), LR 44:618 (March 2018), LR 47:894 (July 2021), LR 52:

§1311. Examination for Record Purposes

A. Professional engineers who were previously licensed in Louisiana have the opportunity to take the examination in the principles and practice of engineering in the discipline(s) of engineering in which they seek to be listed without affecting their current licensure status with the board. These examinations are offered at times and places designated by NCEES.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:688.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Transportation and Development, Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, LR 5:114 (May 1979), amended LR 7:647 (December 1981), amended by the Department of Transportation and Development, Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board, LR 27:1030 (July 2001), LR 30:1715 (August 2004), LR 44:619 (March 2018), LR 47:895 (July 2021), LR 52:

Chapter 15. Experience

§1505. Work Experience

A. ...

B. Engineering Work Experience. Any required engineering work experience should be obtained under the supervision of a professional engineer holding a valid license to engage in the practice of engineering issued to him/her by proper authority of a state, territory, or possession of the United States, or the District of Columbia, or, if not, an explanation shall be made showing why such experience should be considered acceptable.

C. - C.2. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:688.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Transportation and Development, Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, LR 5:112 (May 1979), amended LR 7:647 (December 1981), amended by the Department of Transportation and Development, Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board, LR 27:1031 (July 2001), LR 30:1716 (August 2004), LR 32:1620 (September 2006), LR 44:619 (March 2018), LR 49:336 (February 2023), LR 52:

Chapter 17. Applications and Fees

§1701. Applications

A. ...

B. Applications for licensure as a professional engineer or professional land surveyor shall be completed on the most current forms developed by the board. The application shall contain statements showing the applicant's qualifications, and the names and addresses of five personal references who

recommend the applicant for licensure. None of the five personal references can be an immediate family member or business associate of the applicant. For purposes of this §1701.B, immediate family member is defined as a spouse, child, spouse of a child, sibling, spouse of a sibling, sibling of a spouse, parent, parent of a spouse, stepparent or stepchild. For purposes of this §1701.B, business associate is defined as a subordinate of the applicant, or a consultant or contractor who provides goods or services to the applicant or to a business, entity or agency in which the applicant is an owner, member, officer, director, trustee, partner, principal, manager, employee, associate, consultant or contractor. For an applicant for licensure as a professional engineer who obtained all of his/her required engineering work experience in a state, territory, or possession of the United States, or the District of Columbia, three or more of the five personal references furnished by the applicant shall be professional engineers holding valid licenses to engage in the practice of engineering issued to them by proper authority of a state, territory, or possession of the United States, or the District of Columbia, who have personal knowledge of the applicant's engineering experience and character and ability. For an applicant for licensure as a professional engineer who obtained any of his/her required engineering work experience outside of a state, territory, or possession of the United States, or the District of Columbia, all five of the personal references furnished by the applicant shall be professional engineers holding valid licenses to engage in the practice of engineering issued to them by proper authority of a state, territory, or possession of the United States, or the District of Columbia, who have personal knowledge of the applicant's engineering experience and character and ability. Three or more of the five personal references furnished by an applicant for licensure as a professional land surveyor shall be professional land surveyors holding valid licenses to engage in the practice of land surveying issued to them by proper authority of a state, territory, or possession of the United States, or the District of Columbia. Applicants for licensure as a professional engineer or professional land surveyor must also successfully complete the board's Louisiana laws and rules quiz and Louisiana ethics and professionalism quiz prior to licensure. Additionally, applicants for licensure as a professional land surveyor must successfully complete the board's Louisiana standards of practice for boundary surveys quiz prior to licensure.

C. - H. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:688.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Transportation and Development, Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, LR 5:112 (May 1979), amended LR 5:365 (November 1979), LR 7:646 (December 1981), LR 11:362 (April 1985), LR 19:57 (January 1993), amended by the Department of Transportation and Development, Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board, LR 27:1032 (July 2001), LR 30:1717 (August 2004), LR 37:2414 (August 2011), LR 38:2565 (October 2012), LR 39:2283 (August 2013), LR 41:2690 (December 2015), LR 44:621 (March 2018), LR 52:

Chapter 21. Certificates of Licensure and Certification of Individuals or Firms

§2101. Expiration and Renewals

A. Licenses and certificates of individuals and firms shall expire on the date specified on the applicable biennial renewal form and/or as shown on the board's records and shall become

invalid after that date unless renewed within 120 days. All licensure renewals will require the completion and submission of a biennial licensure renewal form. By completing and submitting this form, the licensee is certifying that they have met all requirements for licensure renewal, including continuing professional development requirements for individual licensees. This form will also contain an affirmation which must be completed if the licensee desires to change their licensure status.

B. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:688.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Transportation and Development, Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, LR 7:648 (December 1981), amended LR 6:417 (June 1983), LR 11:363 (April 1985), amended by the Department of Transportation and Development, Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board, LR 27:1035 (July 2001), LR 30:1718 (August 2004), LR 44:622 (March 2018), LR 48:2364 (September 2022), LR 49:336 (February 2023), LR 52:

§2103. Licensure and Certification Status

A. The board has established the following licensure statuses for licensees.

Active Status—the licensure status which exists for a licensee of the board who has complied with all the licensure and licensure renewal requirements of the board and who has either elected to be in this status on their biennial licensure renewal form or otherwise received authorization from the board to be in this status.

Expired Status—the licensure status which exists for a licensee of the board who has failed to properly renew licensure as required in R.S. 37:697, has failed to properly comply with a continuing professional development audit as required in §3117.B (if the licensee is an individual), has failed to keep its certificate of incorporation, certificate of organization or certificate of authority active and in good standing with the Louisiana Secretary of State as required in §2301.E (if the licensee is a firm), has failed for more than 60 days to have a supervising professional who satisfies the requirements of §2305.A.1 and A.2 (if the licensee is a firm), or has otherwise received authorization from the board to be in this status. A licensee in an expired status cannot practice or offer to practice engineering or land surveying in Louisiana.

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B. ...

Active Status—the certification status which exists for a certificate holder of the board who has complied with all the certification and certification renewal requirements of the board and who has either elected to be in this status on his/her biennial certification renewal form or otherwise received authorization from the board to be in this status.

Expired Status—the certification status which exists for a certificate holder of the board who has either failed to properly renew certification as required in R.S. 37:697 or otherwise received authorization from the board to be in this status. A certificate holder in an expired status may apply to the board to reactivate the expired certification to active status.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:688.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Transportation and Development, Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, LR 24:2151 (November

1998), amended by the Department of Transportation and Development, Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board, LR 27:1035 (July 2001), LR 30:1719 (August 2004), LR 36:1034 (May 2010), LR 44:622 (March 2018), LR 47:896 (July 2021), LR 48:2365 (September 2022), LR 52:

Chapter 23. Firms

§2301. General

A. - D. ...

E. If the Louisiana Secretary of State has issued to a firm a certificate of incorporation, certificate of organization or certificate of authority, the firm must keep such certificate active and in good standing with the Louisiana Secretary of State.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:689.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Transportation and Development, Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, LR 3:502 (December 1977), amended LR 5:116 (May 1979), LR 8:191 (April 1982), LR 16:774 (September 1990), amended by the Department of Transportation and Development, Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board, LR 27:1035 (July 2001), LR 30:1719 (August 2004), LR 37:2414 (August 2011), LR 44:622 (March 2018), LR 47:897 (July 2021), LR 52:

§2305. Supervising Professional

A.1. Each firm licensed with the board shall designate one or more supervising professionals. Each supervising professional shall be a licensed professional in an active status:

a. ...

b. who is employed with the firm, provided the supervising professional has at least a 25 percent equity ownership interest in the firm.

2. ...

3. The responsibilities of a supervising professional include:

a. timely renewal of the firm's license;

b. notification to the board within five business days of any change in the firm's supervising professionals;

c. notification to the board within five business days when any of the firm's supervising professionals no longer satisfy the requirements of §2305.A.1 and A.2;

d. ensuring that the firm institutes and adheres to policies that are in accordance with the licensure law and the rules of the board;

e. ensuring that all professional services provided by the firm are performed by or under the responsible charge of licensed professionals in an active status; and

f. ensuring that the firm's certificate of incorporation, certificate of organization or certificate of authority is kept active and in good standing with the Louisiana Secretary of State (if applicable).

B. The supervising professionals of a firm which participate in a joint venture shall be responsible for assuring that all professional services performed by the joint venture are rendered in conformity with the licensure law and the rules of the board.

C. - D. ...

E. A licensed firm's failure to comply with any of the provisions of the licensure law and the rules of the board may subject both the licensed firm and the supervising professionals to disciplinary action by the board.

F. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:689.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Transportation and Development, Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, LR 5:115 (May 1979), amended LR 8:191 (April 1982), LR 10:343 (April 1984), LR 11:362 (April 1985), amended by the Department of Transportation and Development, Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board, LR 27:1036 (July 2001), LR 30:1719 (August 2004), LR 33:2789 (December 2007), LR 35:2856 (December 2009), LR 38:1418 (June, 2012), LR 44:623 (March 2018), LR 46:1398 (October 2020), repromulgated LR 46:1695 (December 2020), LR 47:897 (July 2021), LR 48:2365 (September 2022), LR 52:

§2307. Professional Identification

A. Letterhead, business cards, advertisements, promotional materials, websites and other identifying items issued or used by licensed firms in Louisiana shall reflect the exact firm name contained on the firm's certificate of licensure issued by the board.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:689.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Transportation and Development, Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, LR 5:116 (May 1979), amended LR 8:191 (April 1982), amended by the Department of Transportation and Development, Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board, LR 27:1036 (July 2001), LR 30:1720 (August 2004), LR 33:2789 (December 2007), LR 44:623 (March 2018), LR 52:

§2309. Enforcement

A. In the event that a firm shall fail to comply with the provisions of this Chapter, the board may take whatever action is necessary against such firm to require compliance or to enjoin further practice or offers to practice engineering or land surveying.

B. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:689.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Transportation and Development, Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, LR 3:502 (December 1977), amended LR 5:116 (May 1979), LR 8:191 (April 1982), LR 19:57 (January 1993), amended by the Department of Transportation and Development, Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board, LR 27:1036 (July 2001), LR 30:1720 (August 2004), LR 44:623 (March 2018), LR 52:

Chapter 29. Standards of Practice for Boundary Surveys

§2911. Mineral Unitization Survey

A. ...

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B. Scope and Product. A mineral unitization survey shall, as a minimum, consist of the following elements.

1. ...

2. The professional land surveyor shall determine, on the ground, the location of the unit well and the location of sufficient tract lines in order to determine the subsurface mineral tracts located inside the unit boundaries. Geologically significant wells, as identified by the Louisiana Department of Conservation and Energy field order or the client, will be located with respect to the unit boundaries. Installation of new monuments defining the limits of the unit, or of the tracts which comprise the unit, is not required.

3. The professional land surveyor shall prepare a unitization plat or map (Louisiana Department of

Conservation and Energy field order unit, voluntary unit or declared unit) showing the mineral participant(s) and limits of the tracts (or portions of tracts) which are included in the proposed mineral unit. These plats or maps shall be prepared in compliance with those requirements for property boundary survey plats or maps that are specifically contained in §2907.G.1, 2, 6, 7 and 14. These plats or maps shall contain bearings and distances around the perimeter of the unit boundary, but are not required to depict or list such calls for the individual tracts which comprise the unit. Final plats or maps issued to the client shall contain a statement by the professional land surveyor certifying its authenticity (that it represents his/her survey) and stating that the mineral unitization survey complies with the applicable standards of practice as stipulated in this Chapter. In addition, the plats or maps, when applicable, shall be in compliance with the Louisiana Department of Conservation and Energy's requirements governing unit plats and survey plats (LAC 43:XIX.Chapter 41).

4. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:688.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Transportation and Development, Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board, LR 37:2419 (August 2011), LR 51:554 (April 2025), LR 52:

Chapter 31. Continuing Professional Development (CPD)

§3115. Record Keeping

A. All licensees are required to obtain and maintain certificates, transcripts or other proof of attendance/completion substantiating any PDHs earned. Such certificates, transcripts or other proof should include, at a minimum, the dates and titles/descriptions of the courses/activities, the names of the sponsors/providers, the licensee's name, and the number of PDHs earned.

B. All licensees are required to maintain a board-approved professional development activity log outlining all PDHs claimed during a calendar year. Licensees must complete all sections of the log and be prepared to submit the completed log and any corresponding documentation to the board upon request. Blank log forms can be obtained from the board's website.

C. Maintaining records to be used to support PDHs claimed is the responsibility of the licensee. These records must be maintained for at least six consecutive calendar years and copies may be requested by the board at any time.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:697.1.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Transportation and Development, Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, LR 24:2154 (November 1998), amended by the Department of Transportation and Development, Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board, LR 27:1049 (July 2001), LR 30:1732 (August 2004), LR 42:1107 (July 2016), LR 44:632 (March 2018), LR 47:496 (April 2021), LR 47:897 (July 2021), LR 52:

Family Impact Statement

In accordance with R.S. 49:961(A)(2)(h)(i) and 972, the following Family Impact Statement is submitted with the Notice of Intent for publication in the *Louisiana Register*: The proposed Rule has no known impact on family formation, stability or autonomy.

Poverty Impact Statement

In accordance with R.S. 49:961(A)(2)(h)(ii) and 973, the following Poverty Impact Statement is submitted with the Notice of Intent for publication in the *Louisiana Register*: The proposed Rule has no known impact on child, individual or family poverty in relation to individual or community asset development.

Small Business Analysis

In accordance with R.S. 49:961(A)(2)(h)(iv) and 974.5, the following Small Business Regulatory Flexibility Analysis is submitted with the Notice of Intent for publication in the *Louisiana Register*: The impact of the proposed Rule on small businesses has been considered. LAPELS has, consistent with health, safety, environmental and economic welfare, considered utilizing regulatory methods that will accomplish the objectives of applicable statutes while minimizing adverse impact on small businesses. The proposed Rule is not anticipated to have an adverse impact on small businesses.

Provider Impact Statement

In accordance with HCR No. 170 of the 2014 Regular Session, the following Provider Impact Statement is submitted with the Notice of Intent for publication in the *Louisiana Register*: The proposed Rule has no known effect on the staffing level requirements or qualifications required to provide the same level of service, the cost to the provider to provide the same level of service or the ability of the provider to provide the same level of service.

Public Comments

Interested parties are invited to submit written comments on the proposed Rule through August 10, 2026 at 4:30 p.m., to Donna D. Sentell, Executive Director, Louisiana Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board, 8550 United Plaza Blvd., Suite 903, Baton Rouge, LA 70809-2296.

Donna D. Sentell
Executive Director

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RULE TITLE: Engineering and Land Surveying

I. ESTIMATED IMPLEMENTATION COSTS (SAVINGS) TO STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (Summary)

There are no anticipated implementation costs or savings to state or local governmental units resulting from this proposed rule change.

The proposed rule change does the following:

- a) Adds a definition of subprofessional work;
- b) Clarifies the personal reference requirements for professional engineer licensure applicants who have obtained requisite engineering work experience outside of the United States;

c) Modifies the required content of non-accredited engineering curricula;

d) Eliminates an unnecessary provision related to language proficiency for examinations;

e) Clarifies the procedure for taking an engineering examination for record purposes;

f) Clarifies the supervision requirements for the requisite engineering work experience of professional engineer licensure applicants;

g) Moves language regarding biennial licensure renewal forms from one section to another section;

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i) Requires licensed firms to keep their certificate from the Louisiana Secretary of State active and in good standing;

j) Clarifies the responsibilities of firm supervising professionals; and

k) Updates references to another state agency which recently changed its name.

II. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

Professional engineer licensure applicants who gain some of their requisite engineering work experience outside of the United States should find it easier to become licensed as professional engineers in Louisiana, since they will no longer be automatically required to have a portion of their foreign engineering work experience supervised by a United States-licensed professional engineer. Otherwise, the proposed rule change has no anticipated impact on costs and/or economic benefits (including increased workload or paperwork) to directly affected persons, small businesses, or non-governmental groups.

III. ESTIMATED COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS, SMALL BUSINESSES, OR NONGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)

There is no anticipated effect on revenue collections of state or local governmental units as a result of this proposed rule change.

IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

The proposed rule change should make it easier for professional engineer licensure applicants who gain some of their requisite engineering work experience outside of the United States to become licensed as professional engineers in Louisiana, since they will no longer be automatically required to have a portion of their foreign engineering work experience supervised by a United States-licensed professional engineer. This should improve their ability to obtain employment and to compete for engineering work in Louisiana. Otherwise, no impact on competition and employment in the public and private sectors is anticipated.

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