



## 2009 ASSEMBLY BILL 288

1     **AN ACT** *to repeal* 443.04 (1) (c), 443.04 (1) (d), 443.04 (2) and 443.09 (6); *to*  
2     *renumber and amend* 443.04 (1) (intro.), 443.04 (1) (a) and 443.04 (1) (b); *to*  
3     *amend* 443.09 (4) and 443.09 (5); and *to create* 443.04 (2m) (b) of the statutes;  
4     **relating to:** education and work experience requirements for registration as  
5     a professional engineer and examinations for professional engineering  
6     credentials.

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*Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

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*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

7     **SECTION 1.** 443.04 (1) (intro.) of the statutes is renumbered 443.04 (intro.) and  
8     amended to read:

9     **443.04 Registration requirements for professional engineers.** (intro.)  
10    An applicant for registration as a professional engineer shall submit satisfactory  
11    evidence to the examining board of ~~one~~ all of the following:

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1           **SECTION 2.** 443.04 (1) (a) of the statutes is renumbered 443.04 (1m) and  
2 amended to read:

3           443.04 **(1m)** A diploma of graduation, or a certificate, from an engineering  
4 school or college approved by the examining board as of satisfactory standing in an  
5 engineering course of not less than 4 years, ~~together with an additional 4 years of~~  
6 ~~experience in engineering work of a character satisfactory to the examining board~~  
7 ~~and indicating that the applicant is competent to be placed in responsible charge of~~  
8 ~~engineering work~~ or a diploma of graduation or degree from a technical college  
9 approved by the examining board as of satisfactory standing in an  
10 engineering-related course of study of not less than 2 years.

11           **SECTION 3.** 443.04 (1) (b) of the statutes is renumbered 443.04 (2m) (a) and  
12 amended to read:

13           443.04 **(2m)** (a) ~~A~~ For an applicant possessing a diploma or certificate from  
14 a course of study of not less than 4 years as specified in sub. (1m), a specific record  
15 of 8 4 or more years of experience in engineering work of a character satisfactory to  
16 the examining board and indicating that the applicant is competent to be placed in  
17 responsible charge of engineering work.

18           **SECTION 4.** 443.04 (1) (c) of the statutes is repealed.

19           **SECTION 5.** 443.04 (1) (d) of the statutes is repealed.

20           **SECTION 6.** 443.04 (2) of the statutes is repealed.

21           **SECTION 7.** 443.04 (2m) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

22           443.04 **(2m)** (b) For an applicant possessing a diploma or degree from a course  
23 of study of not less than 2 years as specified in sub. (1m), a specific record of 6 or more  
24 years of experience in engineering work of a character satisfactory to the examining

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1 board and indicating that the applicant is competent to be placed in responsible  
2 charge of engineering work.

3 **SECTION 8.** 443.09 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 443.09 (4) Written or written and oral examinations shall be required of every  
5 applicant for registration as an architect or a professional engineer ~~except an~~  
6 ~~applicant who satisfies s. 443.04 (1) (d). Except as provided in sub. (5), only.~~ Only one  
7 form of examination may be required for all applicants. The examination shall be  
8 reasonably related to the skills likely to be needed by an applicant practicing the  
9 profession at the time of examination and seek to determine the applicant's  
10 preparedness to exercise such skills. ~~Failure to pass an examination under this~~  
11 ~~section or under any order of the examining board shall not be a bar to registration~~  
12 ~~under s. 443.04 (1) (d).~~

13 **SECTION 9.** 443.09 (5) of the statutes is amended to read:

14 443.09 (5) Written or written and oral examinations shall be held at such time  
15 and place as the examining board determines. The scope of the examinations and  
16 the methods of procedure shall be prescribed by the examining board with special  
17 reference to the applicant's ability to design and supervise architectural, landscape  
18 architectural, or engineering work, which shall promote the public welfare and  
19 ensure the safety of life, health, and property. ~~The architect and professional~~  
20 ~~engineering examination or examinations shall include questions which require~~  
21 ~~applicants to demonstrate knowledge of the design needs of people with physical~~  
22 ~~disabilities and of the relevant statutes and codes. Such questions shall be developed~~  
23 ~~by the examining board in consultation with the department of commerce. The~~  
24 ~~examination for candidates under s. 443.04 (1) (c) shall be the principles and practice~~  
25 ~~examination which requires the applicant to demonstrate the ability to apply~~

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1 ~~engineering principles and judgment to problems in general engineering disciplines~~  
2 ~~and to demonstrate knowledge of the design needs of people with physical disabilities~~  
3 ~~and the relevant statutes, rules and regulations.~~ A candidate failing an examination  
4 may, upon application and payment of the required reexamination fee, be examined  
5 again by the examining board. No restrictions may be placed on the number of times  
6 an unsuccessful candidate may be reexamined, except that after failure of 3  
7 reexaminations, the examining board may require a one-year waiting period before  
8 further reexamination.

9 **SECTION 10.** 443.09 (6) of the statutes is repealed.

10 **SECTION 11. Initial applicability.**

11 (1) This act first applies to applications for registration as a professional  
12 engineer that are filed on the effective date of this subsection.

13 (END)