

## Chapter A-E 2

### GENERAL REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES

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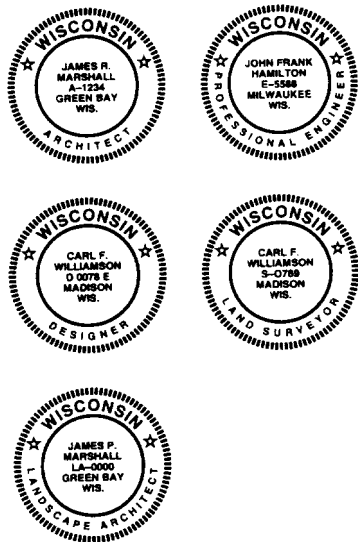
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**A-E 2.01 Purpose.** The purpose of rules in this chapter is to specify general requirements and procedures which apply to persons credentialed by any section of the board. Requirements specific to architects, landscape architects, professional engineers, designers or land surveyors are specified in chs. A-E 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13. Rules of professional conduct for all registrants or permit holders are specified in ch. A-E 8.

**History:** Cr. Register, February, 1987, No. 374, eff. 3-1-87; am. Register, June, 1995, No. 474, eff. 7-1-95; am. Register, January, 1999, No. 517, eff. 2-1-99; am. Register, February, 2000, No. 530, eff. 3-1-00; CR 11-014: am. Register December 2011 No. 672, eff. 1-1-12.

**A-E 2.02 Registration seals. (1)** Each architect, landscape architect, professional engineer, designer and land surveyor shall obtain a seal that complies with board specifications for registration seals. The overall diameter may not be less than 1<sup>5</sup>/<sub>8</sub> inches nor more than 2 inches. Each seal shall include the registrant's name, registration or permit number and city.

**(2)** The following designs for registration seals have been approved:



**(3)** A rubber stamp, identical in size, design and content to a board-approved seal, may be used as a substitute for a registration seal.

**(4)** Each sheet of plans, drawings, documents, specifications and reports for architectural, landscape architectural, professional engineering, design or land surveying practice shall be signed, sealed and dated by the registrant or permit holder who prepared, or directed and controlled preparation of, the written material, except as specified in sub. (5).

**(5)** If more than one sheet is bound together in a volume, the registrant or permit holder who prepared or directed and controlled the preparation of the volume, may sign, seal and date only the title or index sheet if the signed sheet identifies clearly all other sheets comprising the bound volume and if any other sheets which

are prepared by or under the direction and control of another registrant or permit holder are signed, sealed and dated by the other registrant or permit holder.

**(6)** Any addition, deletion or other revision to each sheet of plans, drawings, documents, specifications and reports for architectural, landscape architectural, professional engineering, design or land surveying practice which affects public health and safety or any state or local code requirements may not be made unless signed, sealed and dated by the registrant or permit holder who made or directed and controlled the making of the revision.

**(7) (a)** All seals or stamps affixed to plans, drawings, documents, specifications, and reports to be filed as public documents shall be original. No stickers shall be allowed. Seals or stamps may be applied by crimp type, rubber stamp or by electronic means provided the electronic seal or stamp meets the requirements of subch. II of ch. 137, Stats., a security procedure is used, and electronic submissions are permitted by the governmental unit that is to receive the plans, drawings, documents, specifications, and reports.

1. The stamp authorized by the Board must be one of crimp type, rubber stamp type, or computer generated.

**(b)** All seals and stamps on plans, drawings, documents, specifications, and reports to be filed as public documents shall be signed and dated by the registered professional in one of the following manners:

1. In a permanent ink contrasting with the seal and the background.

2. Utilizing an electronic signature, meeting the requirements of subch. II ch. 137, Stats., a security procedure is used and if permitted by the governmental unit that is to receive the plans, drawings, documents, specifications, and reports. A scanned image of an original signature shall not be used in lieu of an electronic signature with a security procedure as found in s. 137.11 (13), Stats.

**Note:** Section 137.11 (13), Stats., of the statutes reads as follows: "Security procedure" means a procedure employed for the purpose of verifying that an electronic signature, record or performance is that of a specific person or for detecting changes or errors in the information in an electronic record. The term includes a procedure that requires the use of algorithms or other codes identifying words or numbers, encryption, callback, or other acknowledging procedures.

**(c)** If other standards for signatures or seals are prescribed by statute, the statutes shall govern.

**(8)** Plans, specifications and calculations for buildings and structures not exempt under s. 443.15, Stats., which have been prepared by an architect or professional engineer other than the Wisconsin registered architect or engineer who is submitting the plans, specifications and calculations for filing as public documents, may be submitted if all of the following conditions are satisfied:

**(a)** The plans, specifications and calculations shall have been prepared by or under the supervision of an architect or professional engineer licensed in some state of the United States, and shall bear the signature and seal or stamp of the architect or professional engineer who prepared them or under whose supervision and control they were prepared.

**(b)** A certificate, dated, signed and sealed by the Wisconsin registered architect or professional engineer who is submitting the plans, specifications and calculations for filing as public documents,

ments, shall be attached to the plans, specifications and calculations. The certificate shall indicate that the plans, specifications and calculations were prepared by an architect or professional engineer other than the submitting registered architect or professional engineer; shall describe the work performed by the submitting registered architect or professional engineer; and shall include statements to the effect that the plans and specifications have been reviewed and comply with all applicable local and state building codes, and that the reviewing registered architect or professional engineer will be responsible for the supervision of construction in accordance with the requirements of the state, and of the county and municipality where the building or structure is to be erected. If the registered architect or professional engineer who originally prepared the plans, specifications and calculations was registered in Wisconsin at the time they were prepared, the certificate shall also specify why the original architect or professional engineer is not submitting the plans, specifications and calculations for approval.

**History:** Cr. Register, February, 1987, No. 374, eff. 3-1-87; cr. (7), Register, January, 1993, No. 445, eff. 2-1-93; am. (1), (2), (4) and (6), Register, June, 1995, No. 474, eff. 7-1-95; am. (1), (2), (4) and (6), Register, February, 2000, No. 530, eff. 3-1-00; cr. (8), Register, November, 2000, No. 539, eff. 12-1-00; CR 01-034; r. and rec. (7), Register December 2001 No. 552, eff. 1-1-02; **CR 13-020: am. (7) (a) (intro.), cr. (7) (a) 1., am. (7) (b) (intro.), 2. Register May 2015 No. 713.**

**A-E 2.03 Branch offices. (1) DEFINITIONS.** In this section,

(a) "Firm" means any sole proprietorship, partnership or corporation located in Wisconsin which provides or offers to provide architectural, landscape architectural, professional engineering, design or land surveying services to the public.

(b) "Resident" means a currently-registered architect, landscape architect, professional engineer, designer or land surveyor who spends the majority of his or her working schedule in one firm location and who is in charge of and responsible for the type of services offered or provided from that location.

**(2) RESIDENT REQUIRED; RESPONSIBILITIES.** Every firm maintaining one or more places of business in Wisconsin shall have:

(a) A resident architect in each separate business location which provides or offers to provide architectural services.

(b) A resident professional engineer in each separate business location which provides or offers to provide professional engineering services.

(c) A resident designer in each separate business location which provides or offers to provide designing services.

(d) A resident land surveyor in each separate business location which provides or offers to provide land surveying services.

(e) A resident landscape architect in each separate business location which provides or offers to provide landscape architectural services.

**(3) NOTICE.** Every firm shall notify the board of at least one resident who is in charge of and responsible for each separate business location.

**(4) RESIDENT LIMITATION.** A resident may not be in charge of or responsible for services offered or provided from more than one business location.

**History:** Cr. Register, February, 1987, No. 374, eff. 3-1-87; am. (1) (a) and (b), cr. (2) (e) and (f), Register, June, 1995, No. 474, eff. 7-1-95; am. (2) (intro.), Register, January, 1999, No. 517, eff. 2-1-99; am. (1) (a) and (b), r. (2) (f), Register, February, 2000, No. 530, eff. 3-1-00.

**A-E 2.04 Change of address.** Every registrant or permit holder shall notify the board in writing of a change of address within 30 days of the change. The notice shall include the person's or firm's former and new addresses and each registration or permit number held.

**History:** Cr. Register, February, 1987, No. 374, eff. 3-1-87.

**A-E 2.05 Failure to be registered. (1)** If a licensee who fails to renew his or her credential by the established renewal date applies for renewal of the credential less than 5 years after its expiration, the credential shall be renewed upon payment of the renewal fee specified in s. 440.08, Stats.

**(2) (a)** If a licensee applies for renewal of his or her credential more than 5 years after its expiration, the board shall determine whether the applicant is competent to practice under the credential in this state. The inquiry shall include a review of the applicant's practice within the previous 5 years, if any, in other licensing jurisdictions.

**(b)** After inquiry, the board shall impose any reasonable conditions on reinstatement of the credential as the board deems appropriate, including a requirement that the applicant complete any current requirement for original licensure.

**History:** Cr. Register, March, 1996, No. 483, eff. 4-1-96.