

STATEMENT OF SCOPE

Examining Board of Architects, Landscape Architects, Professional Engineers, Designers, Professional Land Surveyors and Registered Interior Designers

Rule No.: A-E 6

Relating to: Education Requirements

Rule Type: Permanent

1. Finding/nature of emergency (Emergency Rule only): N/A

2. Detailed description of the objective of the proposed rule:

The objective of the proposed rule is to clarify the education requirements for professional land surveyor license applicants.

3. Description of the existing policies relevant to the rule, new policies proposed to be included in the rule, and an analysis of policy alternatives:

Education and experience requirements for those wishing to pursue a land surveyor license in the State of Wisconsin are detailed in A-E 6. Under A-E 6, education may be gained by completing an accredited four year land surveying program (or related field), plus two years of experience, or completing an associate degree in land surveying (or related field), plus four years of experience. Regardless of which path is pursued by the applicant, both methods require successful completion of two written examinations in the fundamentals of land surveying and the principals and practice of land surveying. The issues the Board would like to investigate are related fields of education and how these may be pursued by land surveyors wishing to achieve their credentials.

The alternative is to not revise the land surveyor education rules, which the Board believes will result in continued ambiguous interpretation of licensing requirements for those entering the profession.

4. Detailed explanation of statutory authority for the rule (including the statutory citation and language):

Section 15.08 (5) (b), Stats., provides examining boards, "shall promulgate rules for its own guidance and for the guidance of the trade or profession to which it pertains..."

Section 227.11 (2) (a), Stats., "[e]ach agency may promulgate rules interpreting the provisions of any statute enforced or administered by the agency, if the agency considers it necessary to effectuate the purpose of the statute..."

5. Estimate of amount of time that state employees will spend developing the rule and of other resources necessary to develop the rule:

80 hours

6. List with description of all entities that may be affected by the proposed rule:

Licensed land surveyors and individuals seeking to enter the profession as a licensed land surveyor in Wisconsin.

7. Summary and preliminary comparison with any existing or proposed federal regulation that is intended to address the activities to be regulated by the proposed rule :

None.

8. Anticipated economic impact of implementing the rule (note if the rule is likely to have a significant economic impact on small businesses):

The proposed rule is likely to have minimal to no economic impact on small businesses and the state's economy as a whole.

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