



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2009 Wisconsin Act 350
[2009 Assembly Bill 288]

Professional Engineers

2009 Wisconsin Act 350 modifies the education and experience requirements for registration as a professional engineer under current law by requiring that an applicant for registration as a professional engineer submit satisfactory evidence to the Examining Board of Architects, Landscape Architects, Professional Engineers, Designers, and Land Surveyors of one of the following:

- A diploma of graduation or a certificate from an engineering school or college approved by the examining board as of satisfactory standing in an engineering course of not less than four years *and* a specific record of four or more years of experience in engineering work of a character satisfactory to the examining board and indicating that the applicant is competent to be placed in responsible charge of engineering work.
- A diploma of graduation or degree from a technical college approved by the examining board as of satisfactory standing in an engineering-related course of study of not less than two years *and* a specific record of six or more years of experience in engineering work of a character satisfactory to the examining board and indicating that the applicant is competent to be placed in responsible charge of engineering work.

The Act requires that *all* applicants pass an examination and removes a requirement under current law that the examination include questions that require applicants to demonstrate knowledge of the design needs of people with physical disabilities and of the relevant statutes and codes. Lastly, the Act removes requirements under current law that relate to retention and review of examinations.

Effective date: The Act takes effect on May 28, 2010, and first applies to applications for registration as a professional engineer that are filed on the effective date.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/>.