

**Purpose and Summary of Proposed Amendments To The Board Rule for
Arkansas State Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers
and Professional Surveyors
Department of Labor and Licensing**

The amendments are the result of a comprehensive review of the Board's laws, rules, policies, and practices and are intended to make the Board's rules more consistent with national model rules and to incorporate statutory amendments during the 2019 legislative session.

The proposed amendments to the existing Rules of the Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Professional Surveyors will delete Board duties that will be performed by the Secretary of Labor and Licensing, pursuant to the Transformation Act 910 and delete character requirements such as "good moral character" and "moral turpitude" in compliance with Act 990. The Board seeks to amend reciprocity (which is referred to in the industry as comity) for all applicants who hold substantially similar licenses in other states, pursuant to Act 1011 and amend temporary license, in compliance with Act 426 and Act 1011. The amendment expedites licensure for military and their spouses pursuant to Act 820. The amendment seeks to clarify and expedite the licensure process by allowing the Board 's Director to conditionally approve, subject to Board ratification, all qualified reciprocity (comity) and intern licensure applications. The amendment would enable the Board to issue license to a qualified original applicant if the applicant has passed exams. The amendment seeks to remove specific college course and hour curriculum requirements for original Surveyor Intern and Professional Surveyor applicants. The amendment clarifies that all licenses are renewed biennially. The Continuing Professional Competency (CPC) requirements for Professional Surveyors are amended to include at least 2 hours of Standards of Practice No.1 for Property Boundary Surveys and Plats for each biennial renewal period. The amendment specifies when and where the seal of an individual and/or firm must be used. The amendments also include moving all licensure-related provisions under Article 8; deleting obsolete fees; deleting duplicative and unnecessary provisions; and updating and clarifying terminology.