

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

The amendments to the existing Rules of the Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Professional Surveyors comply and incorporate statutory amendments passed during the 2021 legislative session by the 93 General Assembly. Pursuant to A.C.A. §17-30-101 (Engineers) and A.C.A. §17-48-101 (Surveyors) the Board has the authority to promulgate rules regarding the licensure of engineers and surveyors.

The proposed amendments to the Rules of the Board would amend Article 8.1 Military Licensure pursuant to Act 135 of 2021. The Board proposes to clarify that an Engineer Intern (E.I.), Professional Engineer (P.E.) and/or Surveyor Intern (S.I.) licenses be “automatically” awarded to comity (reciprocity) applicants who comply with the rule; whereas the Professional Surveyor (P.S.) comity (reciprocity) applicant licensure be “expedited” due to the requirement of passing the Arkansas State Specific Exam. The proposed amendment also clarifies the rule to include “uniformed service member”, “Uniformed Services” and “uniformed service veteran” and adds Article 8.3.ii Military Temporary License.

The proposed amendments to the Rules of the Board would amend Article 21 Pre-Licensure Criminal Background Check Waiver Request pursuant to Act 748 of 2021. The Board proposes to clarify and amend the rule by removing the “previous permanently disqualifying offenses found in A.C.A §17-3-102(e).”

The proposed amendments to the Rules of the Board would create Article 9.B.d Fee Waiver pursuant to Act 748 of 2021. The proposed rule details the eligibility of an applicant for a fee waiver and informs the applicant of the necessary documents required to determine if an applicant is low income. The new rule will have a financial impact on the Board due to the initial application/licensure fee being waived; however, the exact amount cannot be determined at this time. The Board believes that if there is any impact, it would be minimal.