

Request for Comments

Minnesota Board of Architecture, Engineering, Land Surveying, Landscape Architecture, Geoscience, and Interior Design

Possible Amendments to Rules Governing Architects, Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, Landscape Architects, Geoscientists, and Certified Interior Designers Licensure/Certification Requirements; and Housekeeping Updates, *Minnesota Rules*, Chapter 1800

Revisor's ID Number: R-04898

Subject of Rules. The Minnesota Board of Architecture, Engineering, Land Surveying, Landscape Architecture, Geoscience, and Interior Design requests comments on its possible rule amendments to the rules governing architects, professional engineers, land surveyors, landscape architects, geoscientists, and certified interior designers licensure/certification requirements, and housekeeping items. The Board is considering rule amendments to:

- Allow for direct registration for both the Fundamentals of Engineering and the Principles and Practice of Engineering examinations, with individuals applying to the Board for licensure after completion of the education, examination, and experience requirements;
- Allow for direct registration for the land surveying examinations taken through the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES);
- Modify the professional examination requirements for land surveying to reflect changes by NCEES to the examination structure and content;
- Allow for direct registration for the geoscience examinations;
- Allow comity/reciprocal applicants to be substantially equivalent to Minnesota's licensure/certification standard at the time of their initial licensure/certification if they have met all other requirements other than the timing requirements; and
- Make housekeeping modifications.

Persons Affected. The amendment to and repeal of the rules would likely affect examinees, applicants and licensees/certificate holders.

Statutory Authority. *Minnesota Statutes*, section 326.02, authorizes the Board to "make all rules, not inconsistent with law, needed in performing its duties."

Public Comment. Interested persons or groups may submit comments or information on these possible rules in writing or orally until further notice is published in the *State Register* that the Board intends to adopt or to withdraw the rules. The Board will not publish a notice of intent to adopt the rules until more than 60 days have elapsed from the date of this request for comments. The Board does not plan to appoint an advisory committee to comment on the possible rules.

Rules Drafts. The Board does not anticipate that a draft of the rule amendments will be available before the publication of the proposed rules.

Agency Contact Person. Written or oral comments, questions, requests to receive a draft of the rules when it has been prepared, and requests for more information on these possible rules should be directed to Kate Van Etta-Olson, Executive Director, at the Board of Architecture, Engineering, Land Surveying, Landscape Architecture, Geoscience and Interior Design, 85 East Seventh Place, Suite 160, St. Paul, MN 55101, phone: 651-757-1517, or email: ***kate.van.etta-olson@state.mn.us***. TTY users may call the Board at 8006273529.

Alternative Format. Upon request, this information can be made available in an alternative format, such as large print, braille, or audio. To make such a request, please contact the agency contact person at the address, email, or telephone number listed above.

NOTE: Comments received in response to this notice will not necessarily be included in the formal rulemaking record submitted to the administrative law judge if and when a proceeding to adopt rules is started. The agency is required to submit to the judge only those written comments received in response to the rules after they are proposed. If you submitted comments during the development of the rules and you want to ensure that the Administrative Law Judge reviews the comments, you should resubmit the comments after the rules are formally proposed. Also, please note this Request for Comments is replacing a previous Request for Comments published on September 16, 2024.

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