

STATEMENT OF SCOPE

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

Rule No.: A-E 4 and 13

Relating to: Engineer in Training and Continuing 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 board is interested in reviewing the administrative rules relating to requirements to obtain the engineer-in-training credential. Particularly, the board is considering providing greater clarity as to the required education to receive the credential.

Additionally, the board will review its current rules relating to professional engineering continuing education. The board will consider whether the current provisions specifying acceptable credentialing agencies for continuing education programs should be updated to include additional agencies.

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:

The relevant policies include ensuring that stakeholders have clarity as to the education required to obtain the engineer-in-training credential. Additionally, the board wants to ensure that its approved continuing education accreditors accurately encompasses the array of continuing education options available to the profession. The alternative to promulgating rules would be to not update the rules. This would result in stakeholders continuing to lack clarity as to the requirements to obtain the engineer-in-training credential, as well as what constitutes acceptable continuing education courses.

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

Section 15.08 (5) (b), Stats., “[e]ach examining board...[s]hall promulgate rules for its own guidance and for the guidance of the trade or profession to which it pertains and define and enforce professional conduct and unethical practices not inconsistent with the law relating to the particular trade or profession.”

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...”

Section 443.015 (1), Stats. provides that “[e]ach section of the examining board may establish continuing education requirements for renewal of a credential issued by that section under this chapter.”

Section 443.05, Stats. provides authority to the professional engineer section to review and approve applicant education for the engineer-in-training credential.

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

Approximately 80 hours.

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

Applicants for the engineer-in-training credential, registered professional engineers, professional engineer continuing education accreditors and course providers.

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):

None to minimal.

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