

SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND SURVEYORS

Statement of Policy

Qualifying Acceptable Land Surveying Experience for Certification as Land Surveyor-in-Training and Licensure as Professional Land Surveyor

The Board has made the following interpretations for acceptable land surveying experience for certification as Land Surveyor-in-Training and licensure as a Professional Land Surveyor:

- (1) Qualifying experience approved by the Board is experience beyond elementary surveying duties such as chaining, rodman, and bush cutting duties. In order for work to be considered as qualifying experience, an advanced level of responsibility must have been placed on the applicant. Responsibility should involve mature judgment and expertise gained in such job assignments as instrument man, assistant crew chief, or crew chief. Work claimed as qualifying experience should demonstrate a sound working knowledge of surveying with respect to research (records and field), instrumentation, note keeping, calculations and mapping.
- (2) An applicant is expected to have at least one (1.0) year of field experience at the "crew chief" level at the time of filing.
- (3) An experience record in boundary and route surveying, topographical surveying, construction surveying, control/geodetic surveying, and rights of way delineation is beneficial to the applicant in the Board's evaluation of the application. Recognizing that boundary surveys are the types of surveys which more critically affect the public welfare, experience in boundary surveys should constitute a significant portion of the applicant's experience record and will be given more weight by the Board in considering an applicant's qualifications for licensure.
- (4) Experience must be obtained under the supervision of a registered professional surveyor and must be of a character satisfactory to the Board.
- (5) Applicants for the PS exam must send copies or prints of three (3) different plats of land surveys on which he/she has worked, signed by the licensed surveyor who supervises the work, and clearly indicating what the applicant did, i.e. field work, etc. If plats are not in compliance with the Minimum Standards Manual for the Practice of Land Surveying in South Carolina, Chapter 49, Code of Regulations, the Board will return them for correction. Applicants for licensure by comity must submit plats for surveys as if the property were located in South Carolina. These plats must meet minimum standards for surveying in South Carolina.
- (6) A combined certificate for a Professional Land Surveyor and a Professional Engineer will require a minimum of eight years experience, of which at least four years must be land surveying and at least four years must be engineering. Experience claimed on the application for Professional Engineer cannot be included in the Professional Land Surveyor application also.