

# South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Surveyors

## Statement of Policy

### Qualifications for Temporary Permit To Practice Engineering

Statutory Authority: Code of Laws of South Carolina (1976, as amended) Title 40, Chapter 22, Section 260

#### **§40-22-260(A). Temporary Registration for Recent Resident or Non-resident:**

Upon application to and approval by the board and payment of the fee provided in regulation, the board shall grant a temporary license for engineering work on **one specified** project in this State for a period not to exceed **one year** to an engineer who has recently become a resident of this State, or is a nonresident having no established place of business in this State, who meets the qualification requirements for licensure in this State and who holds a valid license to practice in another state [comparable qualifications with requirements of South Carolina statutes—see requirements below]. An engineer may not renew a temporary certificate at its expiration date and may not apply for temporary licensure in connection with more than one specific project in any three-year period.

- (1) A Professional engineer applying for a temporary permit to practice in this State must meet the qualifications specified in the South Carolina Code of Laws for registration as a category A Professional Engineer, either (a) or (b) described below:
  - (a) Four-year degree in engineering accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (EAC/ABET) or the Canadian Engineering Accreditation Board (CEAB), **plus** four years of qualifying engineering experience after graduation, and the **required** sixteen (16) hours of written examinations. **Transcripts must be sent by the institution directly to the Board.**
  - (b) Four-year degree from a school or college in an engineering program equivalent to an EAC/ABET degree, **plus** eight years of qualifying experience after graduation, and the **required** sixteen (16) hours of written examinations. Education must be evaluated by the Board's Education Consultant (and approved by the Board prior to issuance of the permit). The education evaluation requires an additional fee and the process may take two to three weeks. **Transcripts are required to be sent to the Board by schools/institutions; certified-true copies of first-hand documents showing courses and grades will be accepted for foreign degrees.**
- (2) No right to practice engineering in this State shall accrue to an engineer holding a temporary permit with respect to any work not set forth in the permit. **The Board must be notified in writing following termination of the project. The applicant must apply for registration as a Professional Engineer if it is anticipated that the project will not be completed within the twelve-month period.**
- (3) Verification of education and registration will be required before issuance of a temporary permit to practice professional engineering in the State. **Verification of registration must be sent by State Board (state of residence and state in which examinations were taken, if different) directly to this Board.**
- (4) A temporary permit to practice engineering in this State must be applied for and granted prior to the assumption of responsible charge for the engineering services to be furnished under the permit. **Applicant will be required to complete an Affidavit of Certification of Responsible Charge for an Engineering Design Project (form attached). Application will not be accepted without certification.**