

South Carolina State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Surveyors

Statement of Policy

Temporary Certificate of Authorization for Out-of-State Corporation, Partnership, or Similar Entity

Statutory Authority: §40-22-260(B) Code of Laws of South Carolina

Upon approval by the Board and payment of the fee provided in regulation, the Board shall grant a temporary certificate of authorization to a firm for work on one specified project in this State for a period not to exceed one year.

This temporary certificate may be granted only to an out-of-state firm if at least one of the principle officers of the firm is licensed under this Chapter or has obtained a temporary registration license as provided in this Chapter.

The approval of a temporary certificate of authorization constitutes appointment of the Secretary of State as an agent of the applicant for service of process in an action or proceeding against the applicant arising out of any transaction or operation connected with or incidental to the practice of engineering or surveying.

Only one temporary permit will be issued during a three-year period to an individual. Only one Temporary Certificate of Authorization will be issued during a three-year period to a firm. For any other work, an applicant will be required to file an application, as appropriate, for registration as a Professional Engineer and/or an application for a Certificate of Authorization.

Written notification from the permit holder will be required at the time of completion of the project. For projects extending beyond the twelve month permit period, an application for registration by comity (in the case of individuals) and an application for a Certificate of Authorization (in the case of firms) must be submitted in sufficient time to avoid a lapse in the privilege to practice in this State.

While practicing under a temporary permit or a Temporary Certificate of Authorization in South Carolina, the holders thereof shall affix to all plans and documents for use in South Carolina, the seals or stamps required in the state of residence or employment with a notation "Practicing in the State of SC Under Temporary Permit No. " (in the case of individuals) and "Practicing in the State of SC Under Temporary Certificate of Authorization No. " (in the case of firms).