



IDFPR
Illinois Department of
Financial and Professional Regulation
Division of Professional Regulation

License qualifications for: Professional Engineer (062)

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The Division of Professional Regulation hopes that you will find the below useful in successfully applying for a license in the State of Illinois. Carefully review this information as it will assist you in applying for your license and eliminate any processing delays.

Important Information:

- An application is active for three years from the date of receipt by the Department.
- Before contacting the Department, [please review our FAQs for answers to most questions](#).
- If your question is not addressed in our FAQ's or this document, please contact the department at 1-800-560-6420 or email us at [FPR Design Unit](#).

LICENSE QUALIFICATIONS

EDUCATION:

There are two (2) types of baccalaureate degrees that are accepted under the Professional Engineering Practice Act. Note, the educational requirement is based upon a baccalaureate degree, not a post-graduate degree.

One of the following must be satisfied:

- Approved Program: Baccalaureate degree from an EAC/ABET or CEAB program. (Refer to Section 1380.210 of the Administrative Rules)
- Non-Approved Program: Baccalaureate degree meeting the NCEES Engineering Education Standard. (Refer to Section 1380.220 of the Administrative Rules) Applicants applying under this option must submit an [NCEES Credential Evaluation](#) to the Illinois PE Board through their MyNCEES Dashboard.

EXAMINATION:

Pursuant to Section 1380.260 of the Administrative Rules, the NCEES - FE and PE examinations are required for licensure.

Note: As of April 2024, the NCEES PE Civil/Structural examination is not accepted for the professional engineer license in Illinois.

EXPERIENCE:

Review Section 1380.230 of the Administrative Rules for acceptable experience.

- Four (4) years of professional (non-structural) engineering experience is required.

REQUIRED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

NOTICE:

- If you are an Illinois Engineer Intern, an FE Exam certification or bachelor's degree transcripts are not required.
- If you are submitting an NCEES Record as supplemental documentation to your application, transcripts, exam certifications or experience forms are not required as they are contained within the Record.
- These items are not applicable for NCEES UK MRA applicants.

OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS:

- Applicants who graduated from an EAC/ABET bachelor's degree must upload official transcripts showing the conferral date for any degree you wish to claim.
- All other applicants must submit an NCEES evaluation through their MyNCEES account to the Illinois PE Board and upload a document indicating that the NCEES evaluation will be sent to the Illinois PE Board.

EXAM & LICENSE CERTIFICATION:

Applicants must certify they have sent FE & PE exam certifications to the Illinois Board through their MyNCEES account or have the state board use their respective electronic services to send the certification/verification directly to you and upload the PDF version. Unofficial copies are not accepted.

EXPERIENCE:

- Experience must be submitted on the VE-PNG form.
- [Verification Of Employment/Experience form](#)
- A separate form for each supervisor/place of employment must be completed by the supervisor and uploaded during the application process:
 - If you are applying via Endorsement and currently licensed in the U.S., the Board allows for self-verification of professional (non-structural) engineering experience under the applicant's own license. Complete the VE-PNG form as your own supervisor from the date of initial licensure.
 - Acceptable experience may be found in Section four (o) of the PE Act. All experience must be gained under the supervision of a licensed professional (non-structural) engineer or someone who is legally practicing professional engineering by means of one of the exemptions listed in Section three (e) of the Act.
 - If an exemption is being claimed, a letter citing the specific exemption must be submitted with the application.

UK MRA APPLICANTS

Applicants must submit an NCEES Record through their MyNCEES account to the Illinois PE Board. No additional supporting documents are necessary for initial review.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ONCE LICENSED

- Upon satisfying the applicable requirements, your application will be approved, and you will receive an email notification that your license has been issued and will include a link to download your license.
- All Professional Engineer licenses expire on November 30th of odd-numbered years, regardless of issuance date.
- It is your responsibility to update your contact information including email address with the Department to ensure that you receive all courtesy renewal email reminders and other notifications.
- We highly recommend that you review the Code Enforcement Manual as it will provide a sample of what your Illinois license seal/stamp should look like and other useful information regarding your profession
- Refer to the [Design Code Manual](#)

PROFESSIONAL DESIGN FIRM REQUIREMENT

- Any company that offers professional services in Illinois must be registered as a Professional Design Firm (PDF) with this Department.
- Professional services include Architecture, Professional Engineering, Structural Engineering, and/or Land Surveying.
- Offering services without a PDF registration is a violation of each of the four design profession Acts and subject to discipline by the Department.
- Applicants are encouraged to advise a company principal of this requirement.
- You may review the requirements of [Professional Engineering](#) and apply.