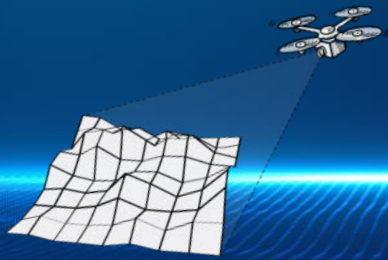




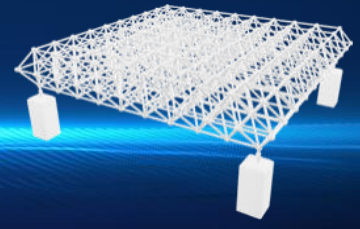
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ADMINISTRATIVE RULES UPDATE

In the Fall 2020 issue, it was shared that the Department submitted Emergency Rule changes to the Joint Committee on Administrative Review (JCAR) for the Land Surveyor and Structural Engineer professions to allow licensees to gain all required CE/PDHs online. As Emergency Rules are generally authorized for only 90-120 days, the Department subsequently submitted general Rule amendments for each of these professions to make the changes permanent.

The permanent Rule change for the Structural Engineer profession was adopted on January 29, 2021.

[Section 1480.185 Continuing Education](#)

The permanent Rule change for the Land Surveyor profession is scheduled to be adopted on April 9, 2021.

[Section 1270.65 Professional Development](#)

"YELLOW POSTCARD"

The Department has been made aware that a CE/PDH provider has mailed a yellow postcard to several professions reminding them about the Sexual Harassment Prevention Training CE/PDH requirement for all IDFPR profession renewals requiring CE/PDHs beginning January 1, 2020.

To clarify the requirement: All professions whose renewal requires CE/PDH as part of the renewal must take the required class from a provider or sponsor that is acceptable under the Act and Rules for the respective profession. As there are no *approved* providers for the Design Professions, the Administrative Rules for each Design Profession lists several *accepted* providers for you to obtain the required CE/PDH through.

We recommend that you check with the respective Illinois Association/Society for your profession about any course offering they may have. The provider who sent you the notice could be considered an *acceptable* provider if a certificate is issued showing the course name, date and duration of the course.

Additionally, if your company has an in-house training that meets the prescribed requirements and the certificate issued shows the course name, date and duration of the course, it could be accepted as well.

The profession specific Rules have not yet been updated to include this requirement (they are pending); however, it is listed in the Civil Administrative Rules as a general requirement. The Civil Administration Rules for IDFPR were adopted and effective as of May, 10, 2019. A link to the requirement is available below.

<http://www.ilga.gov/commission/jcar/admincode/068/068011300E04000R.html>

Please let us know how we can serve you better by emailing your comments and suggestions to us at: fpr.pfgroup02@illinois.gov

Sincerely,

Kyle Lazell

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RENEWAL REMINDER

The Professional Design Firm registration is currently in renewal and will expire on April 30, 2021. All active design firms were sent a courtesy renewal reminder email in February with the link and PIN number (listed in the email subject line) to renew the firm registration online.

If you do not have or cannot remember your firm's PIN number, you may enter your nine digit firm number (**184NNNNNN**) and then enter the nine digit firm FEIN number (**NNNNNNNN**) into the SSN field option in order to access your online renewal account for the respective firm registration.

Ready to renew online?

If you are familiar with our online license renewal process using your credit card, use the quick link here: [Online Credit Card Renewal](#)
To complete your renewal, follow the instructions which you will see on the screen.

Need to print and mail the renewal form?

You may access and print your firm's renewal form here:

<https://www.idfpr.com/Renewals/DesignFirmReg.asp>

MONTHLY ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS TAKEN

Information regarding disciplinary actions taken by IDFPR against unlicensed individuals and licensed professionals and businesses are public record and available on our website. Many of these actions are the final outcome of what began as a complaint submitted to the Department.

Recent Enforcement Reports are available below:

[October 2020](#)

[November 2020](#)

[December 2020](#)

[January 2021](#)

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

We invite the public to attend the open session of our Board Meetings to gain a better understanding of what current topics and issues are prevalent in the respective professions as well as how the Board is working to ensure the Health, Safety and welfare of the public are being protected.

Note: As unforeseen issues may occur, always check the Department website to ensure that the Board is meeting and at what location.

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Architect Board, 5/21/2021 (WEBEX)

Structural Engineering Board, 5/25/2021 (WEBEX)

Professional Engineering Board, 5/26/2021 (WEBEX)

Professional Land Surveyor Board, 5/27/2021 (WEBEX)

NEW FORMS

The Department added two standardized forms to use when making certain changes to a current Professional Design Firm registration. These forms are available on each of the design profession pages.

Forms added:

[**Add/Remove a profession from your Design Firm**](#)

[**Change of Managing Agent**](#)

Frequently Asked Questions:

To assist potential applicants for examinations and/or licensure, the Department created an F.A.Q. document for each design profession to address the most common questions the Department receives.

Architect: click [here](#)

Land Surveyor: click [here](#)

Prof. Engineer: click [here](#)

Str. Engineer: click [here](#)

CE/PDH CREDIT

Reading this newsletter provides credit toward your Illinois Design Profession license renewal requirement of Illinois state statutes and rules.

This shall serve notice and certify that the person named below has earned .25 CE/PDH by reading and comprehending this issue of the DesignTimes, Illinois DPR quarterly newsletter.

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