

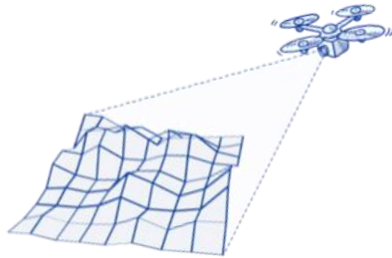


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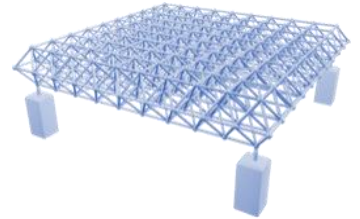
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WHO IS IDFPR?

The Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation ("IDFPR") serves as the regulatory backbone in the Land of Lincoln, licensing and regulating more than 1.2 million professionals across more than 100 various professions.

IDFPR is comprised of four Divisions. The Division of Professional Regulation, Division of Banking, Division of Financial Institutions, and Division of Real Estate.

The Design Unit of the Division of Professional Regulation is responsible for maintaining the public health, safety, and welfare and to be subject to regulation and control in the public interest. Each Profession is governed by its respective Act that merits the confidence of the public, and that only qualified persons shall be authorized to engage in the practice of that profession in the State of Illinois.

While most professionals may submit new applications and renewal applications by creating an account on our [online portal](#), some applications must be printed and mailed to IDFPR. Those applications and additional resources may be found on each profession's webpage. A complete list of those industry webpages may be found [here](#).

Applicants for licensure may also request to authorize individuals or companies to contact IDFPR on your behalf regarding your application. You may do so by completing and submitting [this form](#).

IDFPR may issue an Intent to Deny ("ITD") when an applicant discloses a criminal conviction or it shows up on their background. An ITD may also be issued if an applicant was disciplined by their profession in another state. Learn more about this process and the steps you should take if you receive an ITD or a letter requesting information about you background [here](#).

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BOARD UPDATES

Board Member Changes

IDFPR and the design boards thanked the following outgoing board members for their years of dedication & service to the Board and providing invaluable knowledge & expertise for the profession to IDFPR.

- Architect Board
Dina Griffin and Steven Pate
- Professional Engineer Board
Phil Kunz, Richard Ray, James Schlichting, and L. Duane Yockey
- Structural Engineer Board
David Carroll

The following members were added to their respective board and we look forward to each of their thoughts and insight on the profession and how best to ensure the continued protection of the public.

- Architect Board
Robert Anderson and Belinda O’Kelly were recently appointed & welcomed to the Board.
- Professional Engineer Board
Myles Alexander, Katherine Au, Jennifer Kuether, and Justan Mann were recently appointed & welcomed to the Board.
- Structural Engineer Board
Eric Wheeler was recently appointed & welcomed to the Board.

Professional Land Surveyor - Illinois Jurisdictional Examination

All applicants for licensure in this profession are required to pass the jurisdictional examination to determine the applicant's knowledge of the surveying tasks unique to the State of Illinois and the laws relating thereto.

IDFPR and the Professional Land Surveyor Board (“Board”) work together toward the goal of ensuring that applicants are being tested on relevant topics specific to Illinois. To that end, in November of 2022, an exam review committee was convened, which reviewed of about 40 questions from the test bank to increase the number of questions pertaining to boundary law & principles. As a standing principle going forward, an exam review committee will be convened every 3-5 years to review and update the exam content as necessary.

IDFPR is currently reviewing the contract with the exam vendor and researching methods to further enhance the ability to ensure the exam is testing on relevant topics as determined by the Board and the profession at large, and that sufficient opportunities for exam administration are available to applicants.

The current exam candidate guide is available here:

[Professional Land Surveyor - Candidate Exam Guide](#)

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Architecture Act Legislation

The text of the bill is available here: [SB 2919](#)

SB 2819 was passed in the Senate and the mirror bill HB 4416 is currently on the 3rd reading (as of April 10, 2024) These bills propose to retire the “five-year rolling clock” for the A.R.E. examination. Assuming the bill passes in the House and the Governor signs the bill, Illinois will then be alignment with the updated NCARB exam policy. *IDFPR supports this bill.*

Other legislation being tracked

The text of the bill is available here: [SB 3767](#)

SB 3767 was passed in the Senate and was introduced in the House on 4/15/2024. The bill proposes to make statutory changes to the Endorsement Section of each deign profession statute to allow for acceptance of applications for individuals who are licensed in a foreign country. Additionally, the bill proposes to modify language is many of the professions for language clean-up, change items to reflect current national standards, and remove unnecessary barriers of entry to the profession and noted that the Department submitted a few items for review and consideration. *IDFPR supports this bill.*

The text of the bill is available here: [HB 5608](#)

HB 5608 was introduced and had it’s first reading on 2/9/2024 and referred to the Rules committee on the same day. This bill is a Universal License bill which proposes to require IDFPR to issue a license to any Endorsement applicant who has been actively licensed in another jurisdiction without disciplinary action for at least one (1) year and prohibits the requirement of passing any national examinations. *IDFPR opposes this bill.*

DID YOU KNOW?

By law, all technical submissions prepared by the Professional Design Firm must contain the nine digit design firm registration number issued by the Division.

Failure to list this is a violation of each design profession statute.

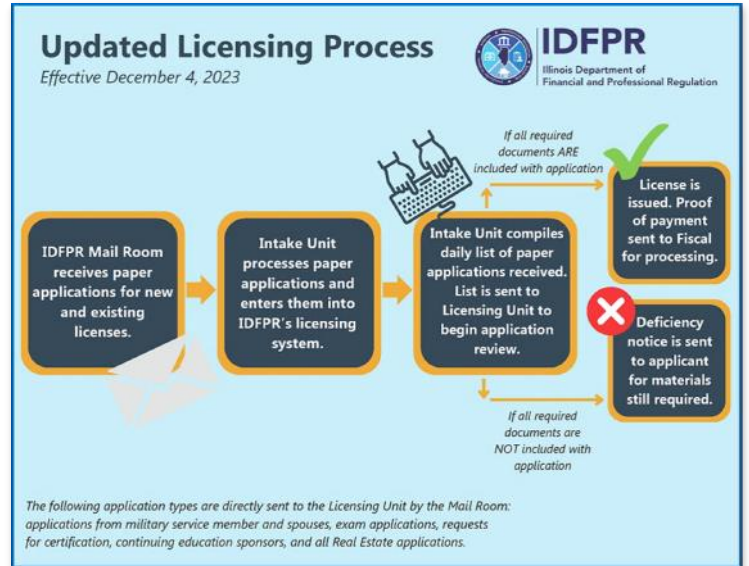
THIRD PARTY AUTHORIZATION CHANGE

The Department has a new Third Party Authorization (TPA) form for licensure applicants, which may be found [here](#). This is for applicants to authorize individuals or companies to contact IDFPR on your behalf regarding your application. All other versions of the form will no longer be accepted by the Department starting **May 1, 2024**. A TPA must be on file for IDFPR staff to speak to anyone other than the applicant.

UPDATED PROCESS & BY THE NUMBERS

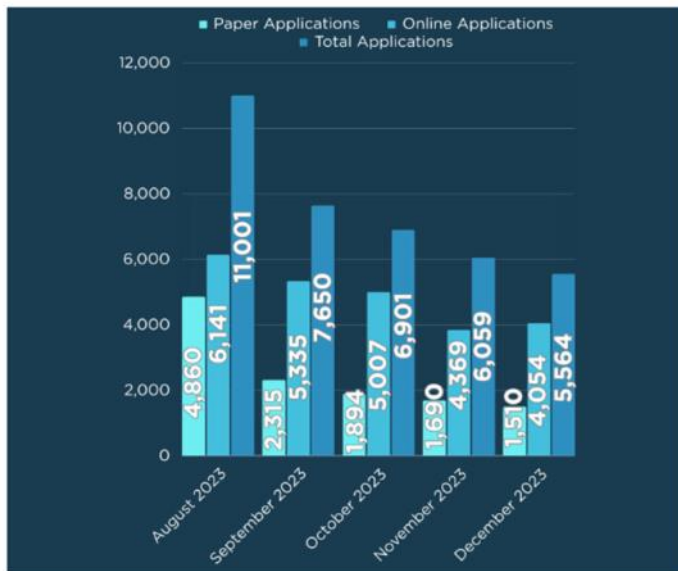
The chart to the right details the process for all paper based applications and reinstatement/restoration requests received by the Department as of December 4, 2023.

The charts below provide statistics of paper and electronic applications received since August 2023 for all professions regulated by IDFPR.



Licensing By the Numbers

Number of Applications Received



Number of Licenses Issued Each Month *



*It should be noted that, due to the limitations of the antiquated licensing system currently used by IDFPR, these totals are for all applications the Department has received and not just for the months referenced in the graph. The Department is currently working to identify, secure, and implement a modern licensing system to provide improved services to professionals and better metric tracking.

QUICK LINKS

To better serve applicants and licensees, several important functions may be found on the Department website. A list of these services is below for your convenience to ensure a quick and accurate interaction with the Department.

Apply for a license: <https://idfpr.illinois.gov/newapplications.html>

License Look-up: <https://online-dfpr.micropact.com/lookup/licenselookup.aspx>

Update your contact information: <https://online-dfpr.micropact.com/>

Download a license: <https://idfpr.illinois.gov/fpr-applications/getmylicense/loginprof.html>

Request a license and/or exam certification/verification:

<https://idfpr.illinois.gov/content/dam/soi/en/web/idfpr/forms/dpr/cert-req-design-2022.pdf>

Review the Code Enforcement Manual:

<https://idfpr.illinois.gov/content/dam/soi/en/web/idfpr/forms/dpr/design-code-manual.pdf>

Registration for a Professional Design Firm:

<https://idfpr.illinois.gov/content/dam/soi/en/web/idfpr/renewals/apply/forms/f1419lt.pdf>

Add or remove services from your firm:

<https://idfpr.illinois.gov/content/dam/soi/en/web/idfpr/renewals/apply/forms/f2309.pdf>

File a complaint: <https://idfpr.illinois.gov/admin/complaints.html>



UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS



Members of the public are invited to attend the open session of Board Meetings to gain a better understanding of the current topics and issues 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.

As unforeseen issues may occur, always check the Department website to ensure that the Board is meeting.

Note: members of the public wishing to attend a meeting in-person must request a guest pass to attend the meeting three days prior to the meeting and may do so by emailing fpr.boards@illinois.gov with your Full Name, Board Meeting Name and Meeting Date.

May

Architect Board, 5/24/2024

Structural Engineering Board, 5/29/2024

Professional Engineering Board, 5/30/2024

Professional Land Surveyor Board, 5/31/2024

July

Architect Board, 7/18/2024

Structural Engineering Board, 7/23/2024

Professional Engineering Board, 7/24/2024

Professional Land Surveyor Board, 7/25/2024

CE/PDH CREDIT

State of Illinois

Continuing Education / Professional Development Credit

Reading this newsletter is worth 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 0.25 Continuing Education for Architects and Structural Engineers and 0.25 Professional Development for Professional Engineers and Professional Land Surveyors.

To receive CE/PDH credit, you must complete and score 70% or higher on the online quiz, and maintain a copy of the quiz score notification.

Access the quiz here: <https://forms.office.com/g/qz0kkMMmYV>

DID YOU MOVE? CHANGE JOBS?

CHANGE EMAIL ACCOUNTS?

It is your responsibility as a professional to make sure that your contact information is up to date to receive all department notifications and courtesy renewal reminder notices.

Update your contact information by accessing your online account at <https://online-dfpr.micropact.com>
or by calling 1.800.560.6420



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In addition to the Division of Professional Regulation that oversees design professions, there are also the Division of Banking, Division of Financial Institutions, and Division of Real Estate.

Learn more about IDFPR – and the resources for licensees and consumers on our website idfpr.illinois.gov

*Please let us know how we can serve you better by
emailing your comments and suggestions to us at: FPR.DesignUnit@Illinois.gov*



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