

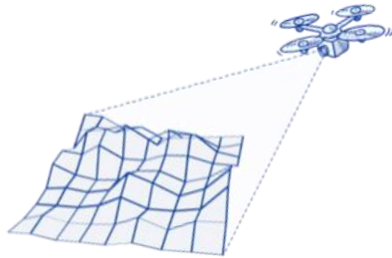


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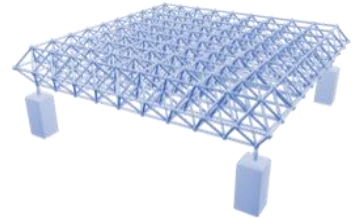
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NEW LICENSING SYSTEM SELECTED

Regulatory software vendor NIC Licensing Solutions, LLC selected as the new provider of online licensing services

The Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (“IDFPR”) announced, in addition to modernizing outdated processes, it has reached an agreement to secure a new professional licensing system for individuals whose careers require a license to work in Illinois. Through an approximately \$9 million investment over the next three years by the Pritzker Administration and the General Assembly, IDFPR will partner with NIC Licensing Solutions, LLC, an industry leading digital government service provider, to implement the new online system.

“This new system will elevate the State of Illinois as a national leader in professional licensing by providing state of the art technology for professionals looking to make a career in the Land of Lincoln,” said **IDFPR Secretary Mario Treto, Jr.** “Governor Pritzker and lawmakers provided invaluable support in ensuring we can move forward with this upgrade, and I thank them for their leadership and guidance as we continue our work to provide quality financial and professional regulation, licensure, and enforcement.

“Anyone who wants to earn a living in Illinois deserves the best resources possible to obtain the licensure needed to make that happen,” said **Acting Director of Professional Regulation Camile Lindsay.** “I’m excited for this new system to build on the successes we’ve achieved in making our processes more efficient for those who submit – and review – applications.”

IDFPR will announce next steps related to the new licensing system as they become available.

More information about professional licensing in Illinois may be found on IDFPR’s website: idfpr.illinois.gov.

To read the full press release, please click [here](#).

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BOARD UPDATES

Board Member Passing



IDFPR extends its condolences to the family of L. Duane Yockey, who passed away on October 14, 2024. He was an active member of the State Board of Professional Engineers for almost a decade, serving as a Board Member, Vice-Chair and Chair of the Board.

Duane was instrumental in advancing several key changes in Illinois to streamline the profession's licensure process. The professional engineering profession in Illinois is one of the best in the country because of Duane's hard work and service.

<https://calvertmemorial.com/obituaries/l-duane-yockey>

Board Officer Changes

Pursuant to the relevant Illinois Statute for the respective profession, each Board is required to elect a Chair and Vice-Chair annually. The following changes recently took place and are shared for public knowledge.

- At the scheduled November 14, 2024 meeting, the Architect Board re-appointed Ms. Michelle Gillette-Murphy as Chair of the Board, and re-elected Ms. Kimberly Kurtenbach as Vice-Chair.
- At the scheduled November 20, 2024 meeting, the Professional Engineer Board re-elected Mr. Brian Berg Jr. as the Chair and re-elected Ms. Christina Crites as Vice-Chair.
- At the scheduled November 21, 2024 Board Meeting, the Professional Land Surveyor Board re-elected Mr. Gale Hake as Chair and elected Rebecca Popeck as Vice-Chair.
- At the scheduled December 4, 2024 meeting, the Structural Engineer Board re-elected Mr. Chad Hodel as the Chair and re-elected Ms. Christine Freisinger as the Vice-Chair.

These individuals will generally preside over the meeting for the respective Board and may be tasked by the Division or Design Licensing Manager to provide a cursory review of unique items to determine if involvement of the Board is recommended.

Board Member Changes

- Jerilyn Hassard was added to the Structural Engineer board; and we look forward to hearing her thoughts and insight on the profession, and how best to ensure the continued protection of the public.



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The following statutory changes took effect on January 1, 2025 as a result of SB 3767.

The Rules for the administration of each profession will be updated to address & clarify these changes and should be completed by early Summer.

Architect:

- Removed the tenure requirement from the faculty member position on the Board.
- Removed the 5-year rolling clock language.
- Added several alternate options to satisfy the education requirement for licensure (to comply with language currently in the Rules).
- Removed the 2/3rds requirement for a professional design firm and changed it to one board member must be an Illinois licensed architect who will serve as a Managing Agent for the firm.
- Added language to the Endorsement section to allow applicants licensed in a foreign country to apply directly through the Endorsement method instead of through the Acceptance of Exam method.

Interior Design:

- Added language to the application requirements section that a foreign applicant may be required to submit an evaluation to verify the person meets Illinois requirements.
- Increased the application timeframe from two (2) years to three (3) years.
- Added language to the Endorsement section to allow applicants licensed in a foreign country to apply directly through the Endorsement method instead of through the Acceptance of Exam method.

Land Surveyor:

- Modified the experience requirement to begin after conferral of the bachelor's degree instead of after passage of the FS exam.
- Added language to the Endorsement section to allow applicants licensed in a foreign country to apply directly through the Endorsement method instead of through the Acceptance of Exam method.

Landscape Architect:

- Added language to the Endorsement section to allow applicants licensed in a foreign country to apply directly through the Endorsement method instead of through the Acceptance of Exam method.

Professional Engineer:

- Added language to the Endorsement section to allow applicants licensed in a foreign country to apply directly through the Endorsement method instead of through the Acceptance of Exam method.
- Removed the experience requirement for non-approved graduates to be enrolled as an Engineer Intern*.
- Reduced the experience requirement for non-approved graduates to be licensed from eight (8) years to four (4) years*.

**Based on previous Administrative Rule changes that took effect in 2023 that makes the non-approved education requirement substantially equivalent to an EAC/ABET bachelor's degree – which does not require experience for enrollment.*

Structural Engineer:

- Added language to the Endorsement section to allow applicants licensed in a foreign country to apply directly through the Endorsement method instead of through the Acceptance of Exam method.

MONTHLY ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS TAKEN

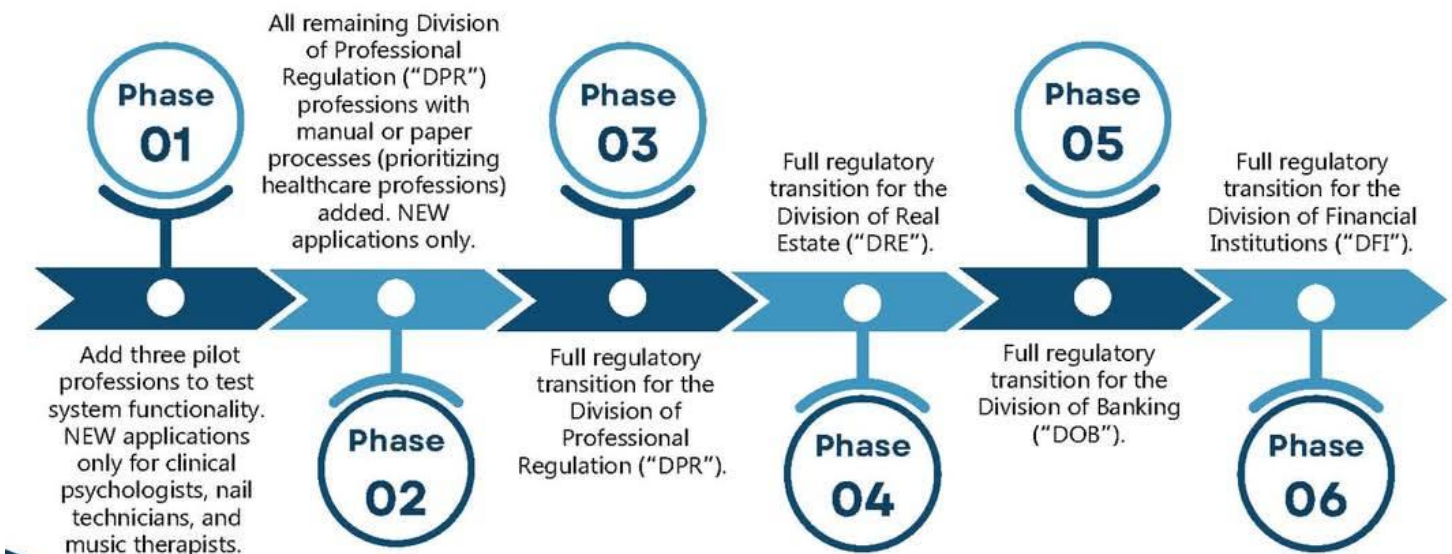
Information regarding disciplinary actions taken by IDFPR against unlicensed individuals and licensed professionals and businesses are public record and available on our website. Many of these actions are the final outcome of what began as a complaint submitted to the Department. Recent Enforcement actions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



- John Kachoyeanos - enrolled professional engineer intern license suspended for failure to file and/or pay Illinois state income taxes.
- David Lowery - enrolled professional engineer intern license suspended for being more than 30 days delinquent in the payment of child support.

CORE TRANSITION TIMELINE

Currently, we are working through Phase 2.



CORE
Comprehensive Online Regulatory Environment

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>

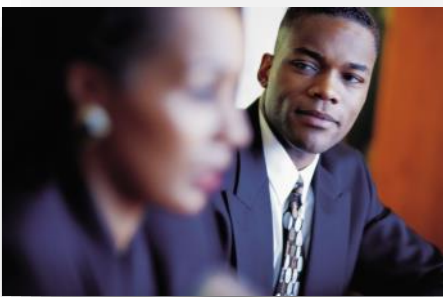
Add or remove services from your firm:

<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.

March

Architect Board, 3/20/2025

Structural Engineering Board, 3/25/2025

Professional Engineering Board, 3/26/2025

Professional Land Surveyor Board, 3/27/2025



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/FdiX5CFs3J>

NEWLY LICENSED?

We recommend that you review the code enforcement manual to ensure that you and your Professional Design Firm are in compliance with all applicable requirements as well as find an example to use when you purchase your Illinois seal. Illinois does not supply a seal or approve any vendors. You may purchase your seal at a vendor of your choice. As long as it is a reproducible seal (non-embossed) it will be accepted.

Code Enforcement Manual: [Manual for Code Enforcement Officials and Design Professionals](#)



Did you know IDFPR is comprised of four Divisions?

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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