

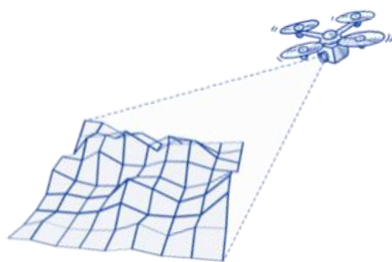


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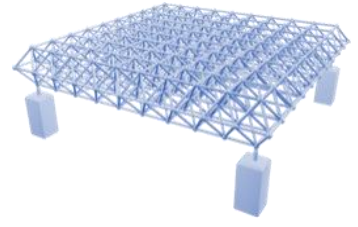
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IDFPR FINISHES PHASE 2 IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW LICENSING SYSTEM

"Today, we celebrate the completion of CORE's Phase 2, and we remain dedicated to building a more efficient and accessible regulatory environment for professionals seeking to work in Illinois," said **IDFPR Secretary Mario Treto, Jr.** "By embracing technology, we are empowering our workforce, enhancing public safety, and ensuring everyone can thrive in Illinois."

In total, 95 license types are now available on CORE for professionals to apply for their first professional license in Illinois. Phase 2 focused on adding license types to CORE that were only available as paper applications, which required a longer processing review time.

Individuals seeking their first license and whose license types are now available on CORE should utilize [IDFPR's new licensing system to apply for licensure](#). IDFPR will add all other license types and all other application methods (including renewals, reinstatements, and restorations) to CORE across four additional phases, with full implementation set for August 2026.

Currently, the Surveyor Intern application has been converted to the new CORE system.

The Architect, Land Surveyor license, Professional Engineer, Structural Engineer and Professional Design Firm registration are scheduled to be converted in early 2026.

Thank you in advance for your continued patience and understanding during this conversion.

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ADMINISTRATIVE RULE AMENDMENTS

The Rules for the Administration of the Architect, Land Surveyor, Professional Engineer and Structural Engineer professions have recently been updated. There were profession-specific changes for each one and additional changes made by DPR as part of universal changes made to the Administrative Rules when a profession is being updated. The changes are effective as of July 23, 2025; however, they will not be listed on the Illinois General Assembly website until they are published in the Illinois Register which may take several weeks.

The following pages outline the changes that took place.

ARCHITECT

The comprehensive packet of rule changes is available here: [Administrative Rule Amendments Effective As Of July 23, 2025](#)

Numerous changes took place; however, several were non-substantive. The major changes are listed below for your reference and those with whom you work with or mentor.

- Removed the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL iBT) exam as a requirement
- Updates exam acceptance timeframe (no more rolling clock)
- Clarifies accepted alternate pathways for Endorsement applicants
- Allows a professional design firm to request inactive status
- License application fee increases to \$175
- License renewal fee increases to \$125
- Design Firm application fee increases to \$150
- Design Firm renewal fee increases to \$150
- Restoration fee is capped at \$425 for architect license and \$500 for professional design firm
- Exam/License Certification fee increases to \$25
- Fee to change a design firm registration from one entity type to another (Inc to PLLC for example) is \$25
- Fee to change the listed managing agent is \$25
- Fee to add or remove a profession from an existing professional design firm is \$25
- Clarifies that a Limited Liability Company is not an option for registration as a professional design firm
- Rewords the CE requirements for greater ease and understanding



ADMINISTRATIVE RULE AMENDMENTS - CONT.

LAND SURVEYOR

The comprehensive packet of rule changes is available here: [Administrative Rule Amendments effective as of July 23, 2025](#)

Numerous changes took place; however, several were non-substantive. The major changes are listed below for your reference and those with whom you work with or mentor.

- Removes the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL-iBT) exam as a requirement
- Adds new approved land surveying programs
 - Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville, Land Surveying and Geomatics
 - University of Maine, Surveying Engineering Technology
- Adds a requirement that applicants for licensure and restoration must certify they have read and understand the Act and Rules
- Clarifies that the basic sciences requirement includes Chemistry and/or Physics
- Adds clarifying language to the Endorsement section for those applying from outside the United States
- Allows a professional design firm to request inactive status
- License application fee increases to \$175
- License renewal fee increases to \$125
- Design Firm application fee increases to \$150
- Design Firm renewal fee increases to \$150
- Restoration fee is capped at \$425 for architect license and \$500 for professional design firm
- Exam/License Certification fee increases to \$25
- Fee to change a design firm registration from one entity type to another (Inc to PLLC for example) is \$25
- Fee to change the listed managing agent is \$25
- Fee to add or remove a profession from an existing professional design firm is \$25
- Clarifies that a Limited Liability Company is not an option for registration as a design firm
- Updates the standard of professional conduct section to address successor surveyors



ADMINISTRATIVE RULE AMENDMENTS - CONT.

PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER

The comprehensive packet of rule changes is available here: [Administrative Rule Amendments effective as of July 23, 2025](#)

Numerous changes took place; however, several were non-substantive. The major changes are listed below for your reference and those with whom you work with or mentor.

- Clarifies the experience requirement for accepting experience gained outside the United States
- Removes the experience requirement for enrollment as an engineer intern
- Caps the experience requirement for licensure to four years, regardless if the applicant has an approved or non-approved degree
- Removes the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL-iBT) exam as a requirement
- Adds a requirement that applicants for licensure and restoration must certify they have read and understand the Act and Rules
- Adds language clarifying that structural exams & the PE civil/structural exam are not accepted for licensure
- License application fee increases to \$175
- License renewal fee increases to \$125
- Design Firm application fee increases to \$150
- Design Firm renewal fee increases to \$150
- Restoration fee is capped at \$425 for PE license and \$500 for professional design firm
- Exam/License Certification fee increases to \$25
- Fee to change a design firm registration from one entity type to another (Inc to PLLC for example) is \$25
- Fee to change the listed managing agent is \$25
- Fee to add or remove a profession from an existing professional design firm is \$25
- Updates the standard of professional conduct section to address successor engineers
- Adds clarifying language to the Endorsement section pertaining to those applying from outside the United States
- Adds language about accepting Endorsement applicants through the NCEES UK Mutual Recognition Agreement
- Allows a design firm to request inactive status
- Clarifies that a Limited Liability Company is not an option for registration as a design firm
- Rewords the PDH requirements for greater ease and understanding



ADMINISTRATIVE RULE AMENDMENTS - CONT.

STRUCTURAL ENGINEER

The comprehensive packet of rule changes is available here: [Administrative Rule Amendments effective as of July 23, 2025](#)

Numerous changes took place; however, several were non-substantive. The major changes are listed below for your reference and those with whom you work with or mentor.

- Removes the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL-iBT) exam as a requirement
- Adds a requirement that applicants for licensure and restoration must certify they have read and understand the Act and Rules
- Allows a professional design firm to request inactive status
- Updates the name for the structural exam accepted for licensure
- Clarifies the exams not accepted for licensure
- Rewords the CE requirements for greater ease and understanding
- Clarifies that a Limited Liability Company is not an option for registration as a professional design firm
- Updates the standard of professional conduct section to address successor engineers
- *Note – a second set of Rule revisions are pending and will address fee increases and acceptance of internationally chartered structural engineers through the NCEES UK Mutual Recognition Agreement*

MONTHLY ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS TAKEN

Information regarding disciplinary actions taken by IDFPD 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.

- Olanrewaju Adeniyi - enrolled professional engineer intern license suspended for being more than 30 days delinquent in the payment of child support.
- Curtis Watkins - enrolled professional engineer intern license suspended for failure to file and/or pay Illinois state income taxes.
- Tunisia Riley - enrolled professional engineer intern license suspended for failure to file and/or pay Illinois state income taxes.



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>

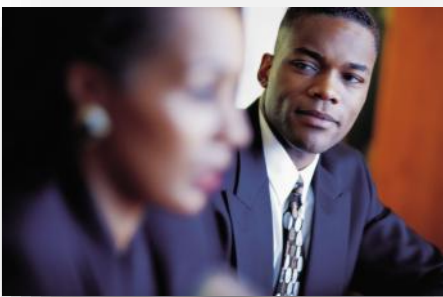
Add or remove services from your firm:

<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.

September

Architect Board, 9/17/2025

Structural Engineering Board, 9/23/2025

Professional Land Surveyor Board, 9/24/2025

Professional Engineering Board, 9/25/2025



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/aHvtqHrumQ>

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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