

Assembly Bill No. 270—Assemblymembers
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CHAPTER.....

AN ACT relating to professional regulation; revising provisions relating to a certificate of registration to practice architecture; revising provisions relating to certain examinations required for licensure as a professional engineer or professional land surveyor; revising the circumstances under which the State Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors may waive certain examinations for certain applicants for licensure; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law prohibits a person from practicing architecture in this State without a certificate of registration issued by the State Board of Architecture, Interior Design and Residential Design. (NRS 623.180) Before receiving a certificate of registration, existing law requires an applicant to pass an examination adopted by the Board. (NRS 623.200) **Section 1** of this bill requires the Board, through December 31, 2026, to accept evidence that the applicant is a laureate of the Pritzker Architecture Prize in lieu of an examination.

Existing law requires an applicant for licensure as a professional engineer to pass: (1) an examination on the fundamentals of engineering or receive a waiver of that requirement; and (2) an examination on the principles and practices of engineering that must cover the discipline of engineering in which the applicant is applying for licensure. Existing law prohibits an applicant from taking the examination on the principles and practices of engineering unless the applicant has passed the examination on the fundamentals of engineering or received a waiver of that requirement. Existing law authorizes the State Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors to waive the examination on the fundamentals of engineering if the applicant: (1) has graduated from an engineering curriculum that is approved by the Board; and (2) has 15 or more years of experience in engineering. (NRS 625.183, 625.193)

Sections 1.5 and 2 of this bill remove the requirement that an applicant must pass the examination on the fundamentals of engineering or receive a waiver of that requirement before taking the examination on the principles and practices of engineering. **Section 2** revises the years of experience required to waive the examination on the fundamentals of engineering from 15 years of experience in engineering to 10 years of active experience in engineering.

Existing law requires an applicant for licensure as a professional land surveyor to pass: (1) an examination on the fundamentals of land surveying or receive a waiver of that requirement; and (2) an examination on the principles and practices of land surveying. Existing law prohibits an applicant from taking the examination on the principles and practices of land surveying unless the applicant: (1) is a graduate of a land-surveying curriculum of 4 or more years that is approved by the Board; and (2) has passed the examination on the fundamentals of land surveying or received a waiver of that requirement. Existing law: (1) authorizes the Board to waive the examination on the fundamentals of land surveying if the applicant has 15 or more years of experience in land surveying; and (2) requires the Board to consider graduation from a land-surveying curriculum that is approved by the



Board to be equivalent to 4 years of experience for purposes of the waiver. (NRS 625.270, 625.280)

Sections 3 and 4 of this bill remove the requirements that an applicant must be a graduate of a land-surveying curriculum that is approved by the Board and pass the examination on the fundamentals of land surveying or receive a waiver of that requirement before taking the examination on the principles and practices of land surveying. **Section 4** revises the requirements to waive the examination on the fundamentals of land surveying by: (1) adding a requirement that an applicant be a graduate of a land-surveying curriculum that is approved by the Board; (2) revising the years of experience required from 15 years of experience in land surveying to 10 years of active experience in land surveying; and (3) removing the requirement for the Board to consider graduation from a land-surveying curriculum that is approved by the Board to be equivalent to 4 years of experience.

Existing law sets forth certain requirements for the content and administration of examinations on the fundamentals of engineering or land surveying and the principles and practices of engineering or land surveying. (NRS 625.193, 625.280) **Sections 2 and 4** remove those requirements and instead require applicants for licensure to pass an applicable examination administered by the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying or its successor organization or another equivalent examination that is approved by the Board.

EXPLANATION – Matter in ***bolded italics*** is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Chapter 623 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

The Board shall, in lieu of all examinations for a certificate of registration to practice architecture, accept satisfactory evidence that an applicant is a laureate of the Pritzker Architecture Prize.

Sec. 1.5. NRS 625.183 is hereby amended to read as follows:

625.183 1. A person who is 21 years of age or older may apply to the Board, in accordance with the provisions of this chapter and any regulations adopted by the Board, for licensure as a professional engineer.

2. An applicant for licensure as a professional engineer must:

(a) Be of good character and reputation; and

(b) Pass the examination on the:

(1) Fundamentals of engineering or receive a waiver of that requirement; and

(2) Principles and practices of engineering,

↪ pursuant to NRS 625.193.

3. An applicant for licensure as a professional engineer is not qualified for licensure unless the applicant is a graduate of an engineering curriculum of 4 years or more that is approved by the Board and has a record of 4 years or more of active experience in



engineering which is satisfactory to the Board and which indicates that the applicant is competent to be placed in responsible charge of engineering work. An applicant ~~[who is eligible to]~~ *may* take the examination on the principles and practices of engineering pursuant to *paragraph (b) of subsection [2] 1* of NRS 625.193 ~~[may take the examination on the principles and practices of engineering]~~ before the applicant meets the active experience requirements for licensure set forth in this subsection.

4. To determine whether an applicant for licensure as a professional engineer has an adequate record of active experience pursuant to subsection 3:

(a) Graduation from a college or university in a discipline of engineering with a master's or doctoral degree is equivalent to 2 years of active experience, except that, in the aggregate, not more than 2 years of active experience may be satisfied by graduation from a college or university with such degrees, regardless of the number of degrees earned.

(b) Two of the 4 years of active experience must have been completed by working under the direct supervision of a professional engineer who is licensed in the discipline in which the applicant is applying for licensure, unless that requirement is waived by the Board.

(c) The execution, as a contractor, of work designed by a professional engineer, or the supervision of the construction of that work as a foreman or superintendent, is not equivalent to active experience in engineering.

5. A person who is not working in the field of engineering when applying for licensure is eligible for licensure as a professional engineer if the person complies with the requirements for licensure prescribed in this chapter.

Sec. 2. NRS 625.193 is hereby amended to read as follows:

625.193 1. The examination for licensure as a professional engineer must consist of:

(a) An examination on the fundamentals of engineering ~~[that must cover the subject matter of a general education or training in engineering.]~~ *administered by the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying or its successor organization or another equivalent examination that is approved by the Board.* If the applicant for licensure as a professional engineer has graduated from an engineering curriculum that is approved by the Board and has ~~[45]~~ *10* years or more of *active* experience in engineering, the examination on the fundamentals of engineering may be waived by the Board.



(b) An examination on the principles and practices of engineering that must cover the discipline of engineering in which the applicant is applying for licensure ~~[.]~~, *administered by the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying or its successor organization or another equivalent examination that is approved by the Board.*

~~2. [An applicant for licensure as a professional engineer must pass the examination on the fundamentals of engineering or receive a waiver of that requirement before the applicant may take the examination on the principles and practices of engineering.]~~

~~—3. When determining the content of the examinations on the fundamentals of engineering and the principles and practices of engineering, the Board shall consider the recognized disciplines of engineering and may conform the examination to the particular qualifications of the applicant.~~

~~—4.]~~ The Board may require additional examinations for licensure in specialized areas of practice within one or more recognized disciplines of engineering.

~~[5. The Board may administer or authorize an accredited college or university that offers a program in engineering approved by the Board to administer the examination on the fundamentals of engineering to persons who are not applicants for licensure as professional engineers in this state.]~~

~~—6. The Board may prescribe or limit the use of notes, texts and reference materials by applicants who are taking the examinations.~~

~~—7.]~~ **3.** The Board may require the examinations or any portion of the examinations set forth in this section to be completed:

(a) In writing, with a pen or pencil of a type that has been approved by the Board;

(b) With a computer that has been provided or approved by the Board; or

(c) Orally, in the manner prescribed by the Board.

Sec. 3. NRS 625.270 is hereby amended to read as follows:

625.270 1. A person who is 21 years of age or older may apply to the Board, in accordance with the provisions of this chapter and any regulations adopted by the Board, for licensure as a professional land surveyor.

2. An applicant for licensure as a professional land surveyor must:

(a) Be of good character and reputation;

(b) Pass the examination on the fundamentals of land surveying required by paragraph (a) of subsection 1 of NRS 625.280 or receive a waiver of that requirement; *and*



(c) Pass the examination on the principles and practices of land surveying required by paragraph (b) of subsection 1 of NRS 625.280 ~~. [; and~~

~~—(d) Have a record of 4 or more years of active experience in land surveying that is satisfactory to the Board and indicates that the applicant is competent to be placed in responsible charge of land surveying work.]~~

3. An applicant for licensure as a professional land surveyor ~~[may]~~ *is* not ~~[take the examination on the principles and practices of land surveying required by paragraph (b) of subsection 1 of NRS 625.280]~~ *qualified for licensure* unless the applicant is a graduate of a land-surveying curriculum of 4 years or more that is approved by the Board ~~[; and has a record of 4 years or more of active experience in land surveying which is satisfactory to the Board and indicates that the applicant is competent to be placed in responsible charge of land surveying work. An applicant may take the examination on the principles and practices of land surveying required by paragraph (b) of subsection 1 of NRS 625.280 before the applicant meets the active experience requirements for licensure set forth in this subsection.]~~

4. To determine whether an applicant for licensure as a professional land surveyor has an adequate record of active experience pursuant to subsection ~~[2:]~~ *3*:

(a) Two of the 4 years of active experience must have been completed by working under the direct supervision of a professional land surveyor, unless that requirement is waived by the Board.

(b) The execution, as a contractor, of work designed by a professional land surveyor, or the supervision of the construction of that work as a foreman or superintendent, is not equivalent to active experience in land surveying.

5. A person who is not working in the field of land surveying when applying for licensure is eligible for licensure as a professional land surveyor if the person complies with the requirements for licensure prescribed in this chapter.

Sec. 4. NRS 625.280 is hereby amended to read as follows:

625.280 1. The examination for licensure as a professional land surveyor must consist of:

(a) An examination on the fundamentals of land surveying ~~[that must cover the subject matter of a general land surveying education or training.]~~ *administered by the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying or its successor organization or another equivalent examination that is approved by the Board.* If the applicant for licensure as a professional land surveyor has ~~[15]~~



graduated from a land-surveying curriculum that is approved by the Board and has 10 years or more of *active* experience in land surveying, the examination on the fundamentals of land surveying may be waived ~~[. For the purposes of determining the years of experience of an applicant for licensure as a professional land surveyor pursuant to this paragraph, the Board shall consider graduation from a land-surveying curriculum that is approved]~~ by the Board. ~~[to be equivalent to 4 years of experience.]~~

(b) An examination on the principles and practices of land surveying ~~[.]~~ *administered by the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying or its successor organization or another equivalent examination that is approved by the Board.*

2. ~~[An applicant for licensure as a professional land surveyor must pass the examination on the fundamentals of land surveying or receive a waiver of that requirement before the applicant may take the examination on the principles and practices of land surveying.]~~

~~— 3. — The Board may administer or authorize an accredited college or university that offers a program in land surveying approved by the Board to administer the examination on the fundamentals of land surveying to persons who are not applicants for licensure as professional land surveyors in this state.~~

~~— 4. — The Board may prescribe or limit the use of notes, texts and reference materials by applicants who are taking the examinations.~~

~~— 5.]~~ The Board may require the examinations or any portion of the examinations set forth in this section to be completed:

(a) In writing, with a pen or pencil of a type that has been approved by the Board;

(b) With a computer that has been provided or approved by the Board; or

(c) Orally, in the manner prescribed by the Board.

Sec. 5. 1. This section and section 1 of this act become effective upon passage and approval.

2. Sections 1.5 to 4, inclusive, of this act become effective on October 1, 2025.

3. Section 1 of this act expires by limitation on December 31, 2026.



