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Final Exam

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1) 61G15-18.020(2) states that members of the public shall be limited to _____ to provide comment during a public meeting:
a) ten (10) minutes
b) five (5) minutes
c) three (3) minutes
d) seven (7) minutes

2) The fine for unlicensed practice of engineering shall be a maximum of _____ as defined in subsection 61G15-19.0071(3)(e):
a) $10,000.00
b) $5,000.00
c) $25,000.00
d) $2,500.00

3) Under subsection (2) of 61G15-20.0010, there are two engineer intern applications from which to choose, the "Fundamentals of Engineering Application", and the:
a) "Application for Foreign Engineer Intern"
b) "Application for Engineer Intern"
c) "Application For Licensure By Examination"
d) "Fundamentals of Engineering Foreign Degree Application"

4) From 61G15-24.001, the fee for Verification of Licensure is:
a) nothing
b) $25.00
c) $35.00
d) $10.00

5) According to 61G15-30.009, at least one copy of all documents displaying the licensee's signature, seal, _____, date and all related calculations shall be retained by the licensee or the licensee's employer for a minimum of three years from the date the documents were sealed:
a) which is legible to the reader
b) which is in English
c) business address
d) which is a maximum of 3.5 inches in diameter

6) As per subsection (12) of 455.213, the department shall waive the initial licensing fee, the initial application fee, and the initial unlicensed activity fee for a military veteran if he or she applies to the department within _____ months after the veteran is discharged:
a) 60
b) 12

c) 24
d) 36

7) According to 471.007(2), members of the board shall be appointed by the Governor for terms of ____ years each:
a) 2
b) 4
c) 6
d) 1

8) Language was added only in Subsection (1)(e) of 471.013 to better define requirements when an applicant fails an exam ____ times:
a) 4
b) 3
c) 2
d) 5

9) The new continuing education requirements in 471.017(3)(a)(3) state that _____ hours must relate to the licensee's area of practice:
a) four
b) three
c) two
d) five

10) The new continuing education requirements in 471.017(3)(a)(2) state that _____ must relate to professional ethics:
a) four hours
b) three hours
c) two hours
d) one hour

Rule Changes During the Preceding Biennium

The following Rules from the Florida Administrative Code 61G15 were adopted, amended or repealed during the immediately preceding biennium (3/1/13 to 2/28/15). *Words stricken are deletions; words underlined are additions.*

Rules adopted, amended or repealed during the preceding biennium; (3/1/13 to 2/28/15)

Rule	Description	Effective Date
61G15-18.020	Public Comment	10/28/14
61G15-19.0051	Notice of Noncompliance	8/26/13
61G15-19.0071	Citations	8/26/13
61G15-20.0010	Application for Licensure by Examination	9/14/14
61G15-21.001	Written Examination Designated; General Requirements	9/25/13
61G15-24.001	Schedule of Fees	7/17/14
61G15-30.009	Retention of Engineering Documents	8/26/13
61G15-37.001	Performance Standards and Measurable Outcomes	8/25/14

Rule: 61G15-18.020 Public Comment

Purpose and Effect: The Board proposes to develop and adopt a new rule to establish procedures for public participation in public meetings.

Summary: The promulgation and adoption of the new rule to establish procedures for public participation in public meetings.

Full Text: The Board of Professional Engineers invites and encourages all members of the public to provide comment on matters or propositions before the Board or a committee of the Board. The opportunity to provide comment shall be subject to the following:

(1) Members of the public will be given an opportunity to provide comment on subject matters before the Board after an agenda item is introduced at a properly noticed board meeting.

(2) Members of the public shall be limited to five (5) minutes to provide comment. This time shall not include time spent by the presenter responding to questions posed by Board members, staff or board counsel. The chair of the Board may extend the time to provide comment if time permits.

(3) Members of the public shall notify board staff in writing of their interest to be heard on a proposition or matter before the Board. The notification shall identify the person or entity, indicate support, opposition, or neutrality, and identify who will speak on behalf of a group or faction of persons consisting of three (3) or more persons.

New 10-28-14.

Rule: 61G15-19.0051 Notice of Noncompliance

Purpose and Effect: The Board proposes the rule amendment to modify language for notice of noncompliance.

Summary: The rule amendment will modify language for notice of noncompliance.

Full Text: (1) As an alternative to investigation and prosecution, when a complaint is received, FEMC shall provide a licensee with a notice of noncompliance for an initial offense for the following violations:

(a) Failure to date documents when affixing signature and seal.

(b) Practice with an inactive or delinquent license less than one month.

(c) Firm practicing without a current certificate of authorization less than one month.

(d) Failing to report a criminal conviction or plea of nolo contendere, regardless of adjudication, pursuant to Section 455.227(1)(t), F.S., if the licensee self reports after 30 days from the date of conviction or plea but within one (1) year after the date of the conviction or plea. ~~if the conviction or plea occurred prior to July 1, 2009. This subparagraph shall remain in effect until July 1, 2012.~~

(2) A second offense shall result in issuance of a citation pursuant to Rule 61G15-19.0071, F.A.C.

Amended 8-26-13.

Rule: 61G15-19.0071 Citations

Purpose and Effect: The Board proposes the rule amendment to add new language to set the citations for unlicensed practice of engineering.

Summary: The rule amendment will delete unnecessary language and add new language to set the citations for unlicensed practice of engineering.

Full Text: (1) As used in this rule, "citation" means an instrument which meets the requirements set forth in Section 455.224, F.S., and which is served upon a licensee or certificateholder for the purpose of assessing a penalty in an amount established by this rule.

(2) In lieu of the disciplinary procedures contained in Section 455.225, F.S., FEMC is hereby authorized to dispose of any violation designated herein by issuing a citation to the subject within six months after the filing of the complaint that is the basis for the citation. If a violation for which a citation may be issued is discovered during the course of an investigation for an unrelated violation, the citation must be issued within 6 months from the discovery of the violation and filing of the uniform complaint form by the investigator.

(3) The following violations with accompanying fines may be disposed of by citation:

(a) An engineer who has practiced or offered to practice engineering through a corporation, partnership, or fictitious name which has not been duly certified. The fine shall be $100 for each month or fraction thereof of said activity, up to a maximum of $5,000. (See Sections 455.227(1)(j), 471.023, and 471.033(1)(a), F.S.)

(b) Practice with an inactive or delinquent license more than one month or if a Notice of Noncompliance has previously been issued for the same offense. The fine shall be $100 for each month or fraction thereof. (See Section 471.033(1)(i), F.S.)

(c) Firm practicing without a current certificate of authorization more than one month or if a Notice of Noncompliance has previously been issued for the same offense. The fine shall be $100 for each month or fraction thereof. (See Section 471.023, F.S.)

(d) Failure to notify the Board of a change in the principal officer of the corporation or partner in a partnership who is the qualifying professional engineer for said corporation or partnership within one month of such change. The fine shall be $500. (See Section 471.023(4), F.S.)

(e) Unlicensed practice of engineering. The fine shall be up to $250 for each month depending on the severity of the infraction practice, up to a maximum of $5,000.00. (See Section 455.228(3)(a), F.S.)

(4) If the subject does not dispute the matter in the citation in writing within 30 days after the citation is served by personal service or within 30 days after receipt by certified mail, the citation shall become a final order of the Board of Professional Engineers. The subject has 30 days from the date the citation becomes a final order to pay the fine and costs. Failure to pay the fine and costs within the prescribed time period constitutes a violation of Section 471.033(1)(k), F.S., which will result in further disciplinary action. All fines and costs are to be made payable to "Florida Engineers Management Corporation – Citation."

(5) Prior to issuance of the citation, the investigator must confirm that the violation has been corrected or is in the process of being corrected.

(6) Once the citation becomes a final order, the citation and complaint become a public record pursuant to Chapter 119, F.S., unless otherwise exempt from the provisions of Chapter 119, F.S. The citation and complaint may be considered as aggravating circumstances in future disciplinary actions pursuant to Rule 61G15-19.004, F.A.C.

(7) Subsequent violation(s) of the same rule or statute shall require the procedure of Section 455.225, F.S., to be followed. In addition, should the offense for which a citation could be issued occur in conjunction with violations not described herein, then the procedures of Section 455.255, F.S., shall apply.

Amended 8-26-13.

Rule: 61G15-20.0010 Application for Licensure by Examination

Purpose and Effect: The Board proposes the rule amendment in order to incorporate the revised "Application for Licensure by Examination," form FBPE/001, "Fundamentals of Engineering Application," form FBPE/003 and "Fundamentals of Engineering Foreign Degree Application," form FBPE/004, into the current rule.

Summary: The rule amendment will incorporate the revised "Application for Licensure by Examination," form FBPE/001, "Fundamentals of Engineering Application," form FBPE/003 and "Fundamentals of Engineering Foreign Degree Application," form FBPE/004, into the current rule.

Full Text: (1) Any person desiring to be licensed as a professional engineer shall submit a completed application to the Board. The instructions and application Form FBPE/001 (06-13 ~~06-01~~), entitled, "Application For Licensure By Examination", which is hereby incorporated by reference, ~~effective 9-27-01~~, copies of which may be obtained from the Board office at 2639 North Monroe Street, Suite B-112, Tallahassee, Florida 32303; from the Board's website at http://www.fbpe.org/licensure/application-process or at https://www.flrules.org/gateway/reference.asp?NO=Ref-04511. The Board shall certify as eligible to take the licensure examination only those applicants who have completed the application form, remitted the application and examination fee required by Chapter 61G15-24, F.A.C., and who have demonstrated to the Board that they:

(a) Are graduates of a "Board approved engineering program" as defined by subsection 61G15-20.001(2), F.A.C., and

(b) Have four (4) years of acceptable engineering experience as defined by Rule 61G15-20.002, F.A.C.

(2) Any person desiring to take ~~an~~ the fundamentals examination for the purpose of determining whether he or she is qualified to practice as an engineering intern in this state shall submit a completed application to the Board. There are two engineer intern applications from which to choose, the instructions and application Form FBPE/003 (06-13 ~~06-01~~), entitled, "Fundamentals of Engineering Application ~~Application for Engineer Intern~~", which is hereby incorporated by reference, ~~effective 9-27-01~~, or the instructions and application Form FBPE/004 (06-13 ~~06-01~~), entitled "~~Application for Foreign Engineer Intern~~ Fundamentals of Engineering Foreign Degree Application ", which is hereby incorporated by reference ~~effective 9-27-01~~ , copies of which may be obtained from the Board office at 2639 North Monroe Street, Suite B-112, Tallahassee, Florida 32303; or from the Board's website at http://www.fbpe.org/licensure/application-process or at https://www.flrules.org/gateway/reference.asp?NO=Ref-04512 and https://www.flrules.org/gateway/reference.asp?NO=Ref-04513. The Board shall certify as eligible to take the Fundamentals examination only those applicants who have completed the application form, remitted the application and examination fee required by Chapter 61G15-24, F.A.C., and who have demonstrated to the Board that they are in the final year of, or have graduated from, "a Board approved engineering program" as defined by subsection 61G15-20.001(2), F.A.C.

Amended 9-14-14.

Rule: 61G15-21.001 Written Examination Designated; General Requirements

Purpose and Effect: The Board proposes the rule amendment to delete unnecessary language and to add new language to clarify general requirements for written examinations.

Summary: The rule amendment will delete unnecessary language and to add new language to clarify general requirements for written examinations.

Full Text: (1) The Florida Board of Engineers hereby determines that a written examination shall be given and passed prior to any applicant receiving a license to practice as a professional engineer, or as an engineer intern in the State of Florida except as provided in Section 471.015, F.S. The examination shall be provided by the National Council of Examiners for Engineers and Surveyors (NCEES). The examination consists of two parts, Part I, or the fundamentals examination, and Part II, or the principles and practices examination. After January 1, 2014, the fundamentals examination will be a computer-based examination rather than written.

(a) Part ~~One~~ I of the examination provided by NCEES is the fundamentals examination. ~~and is eight (8) hours. The engineer intern examination is defined to be Part One of the written examination provided by the NCEES.~~

(b) Part II ~~Two~~ of the examination provided by NCEES for all disciplines other than structural is the principles and practice examination, ~~is eight (8) hours,~~ and is given by discipline. ~~The principles and practice examination for structural engineering, however, is sixteen (16) hours. Candidates are permitted to bring certain reference materials and calculators. A list of approved reference materials and calculators will be provided to all candidates prior to each examination.~~National examination security requirements as set forth by the NCEES shall be followed throughout the administration of the examination.

(c) For Part II of the examination for structural engineering, an applicant can take either the structural component of the civil engineering exam or can take the separate structural examination which is sixteen (16) hours, consisting of an eight (8) hour vertical forces component and eight (8) hour lateral forces component.

(2) Applicants for licensure by examination must be graduates of a Board-approved engineering program as defined in Rule 61G15-20.001, F.A.C.

Acceptance into the fundamentals examination, either in Florida or elsewhere, does not indicate automatic acceptance for the principles and practice examination, nor does it exempt said applicant from meeting the criteria set forth in Chapter 471, F.S. and Chapter 61G15, F.A.C.

Amended 9-25-13.

Rule: 61G15-24.001 Schedule of Fees

Purpose and Effect: The Board proposes the rule amendment to delete the $25.00 licensure verification fee.

Summary: The rule amendment will delete the $25.00 licensure verification fee.

Full Text: (1) Pursuant to Section 471.011, F.S., the Board hereby establishes the following fees for applications, licensing and renewal, temporary registration, late renewal, licensure by endorsement, reactivation fee, and replacement of certificate.

(2) Engineering licensure fees (individuals and firms):

(a) Application fee for licensure by examination or endorsement – $125.00 non-refundable.

(b) Initial license fee – $100.00.

(c) Biennial renewal fee – $125.00.

(d) Delinquency fee – $100.00.

(e) Temporary license (individual) – $25.00.

(f) Temporary Certificate of Authorization (firm) – $50.00.

(g) Application fee for a Certificate of Authorization (firm) – $125.00 non-refundable.

(h) Initial fee for Certificate of Authorization – $125.00.

(i) Biennial Renewal fee for Certificate of Authorization (firm) – $125.00.

(j) Inactive Status fee – $125.00.

(k) Reactivation fee – $150.00.

(l) Duplicate Certificate – $25.00.

~~(m) Verification of Licensure – $25.00.~~

(m)~~(n)~~ Special Inspector Certification fee – $100.00.

(n)~~(o)~~ Application fee for Special Inspector Certification – $125.00.

(o)~~(p)~~ Engineer Intern Endorsement fee – $100.00.

(3) Engineer Intern application fee – $30.00.

Amended 7-17-14.

Rule: 61G15-30.009 Retention of Engineering Documents

Purpose and Effect: The Board proposes the rule amendment to add new language to clarify the requirements for retention of engineering documents.

Summary: The rule amendment will add new language to clarify the requirements for retention of engineering documents.

Full Text: At least one copy of all documents displaying the licensee's signature, seal, which is legible to the reader, date and all related calculations shall be retained by the licensee or the licensee's employer for a minimum of three years from the date the documents were sealed. These documents shall be maintained in hardcopy or electronic format.

Amended 8-26-13.

Rule: 61G15-37.001 Performance Standards and Measurable Outcomes

Purpose and Effect: The Board proposes the rule amendment to modify the language to clarify procedures for performance standards and measurable outcomes.

Summary: The rule amendment will modify the language to clarify procedures for performance standards and measurable outcomes.

Full Text: In order to facilitate efficient and cost effective regulation by the Florida Engineers Management Corporation ("FEMC"), the following performance standards and measurable outcomes are adopted:

(1) FEMC shall make a determination of legal sufficiency within 30 days of receipt of a complaint. FEMC is authorized to seek an extension of an additional 30 days from the Chair of the Probable Cause Committee if the circumstances of a specific complaint justify such an extension.

(2) Within fifteen days of receiving a complaint that is determined to be legally sufficient, FEMC shall furnish to the subject or the subject's attorney a copy of the complaint or document that resulted in the initiation of the investigation.

(3) FEMC shall provide status reports to the Board regarding all outstanding disciplinary cases at every other regularly scheduled meeting of the Board.

The status report shall include all legally sufficient disciplinary cases until entry of a final order by the Board. Upon entry of a final order, FEMC shall notify the licensee's employer of the action taken by the Board.

(4) FEMC shall refer to the board any investigation or disciplinary proceeding not before the Division of Administrative Hearings pursuant to Chapter 120, F.S., or otherwise completed by FEMC within 1 year after the filing of a complaint.

(5) FEMC shall notify the person who filed the complaint of the status of the investigation every six months, including whether probable cause has been found, when the case is agendaed for consideration by the Board and the status of any administrative proceeding or appeal.

(6) At least 90 days before the end of a licensure cycle, FEMC shall forward a licensure renewal notification to active or inactive licensees at the licensee's last known address of record with FEMC.

(7) At least 90 days before the end of a licensure cycle, FEMC shall forward a notice of pending cancellation of licensure to a delinquent status licensee at the licensee's last known address of record with FEMC.

(8) Upon receipt of an application for a license, FEMC shall examine the application and, within 30 days after such receipt, notify the applicant of any apparent errors or omissions and request any additional information FEMC is permitted by law to require.

(9) Every application for a license shall be approved or denied within 90 days after receipt of a completed application.

(10) If an applicant seeks a license for an activity that is exempt from licensure, FEMC shall notify the applicant and return any tendered application fee within 30 days after receipt of the original application.

(11) FEMC shall maintain the Board's web site at www.fbpe.org. All final orders involving disciplinary cases shall be posted on the web site, until the terms of the final order are completed, or until the licensee becomes inactive, retires, relinquishes the license or permits the license to become null and void.

Amended 8-25-14.

Changes to Chapters 455 F.S. During Preceding Biennium

The following section from the Florida Statutes, Chapter 455, was amended as follows during the immediately preceding biennium (3/1/13 to 2/28/15). This is the only change to Chapter 455 F.S. between March 1, 2013 and February 28, 2015 that affects an engineer's professional practice. *Words stricken are deletions; words underlined are additions.*

455.213
General Licensing Provisions

Summary: Language was changed only in Subsection (12) of 455.213 to better define waivers for veterans

Partial Text: Subsection (12) The department shall waive the initial licensing fee, the initial application fee, and the initial unlicensed activity fee for a military veteran or his or her spouse at the time of discharge, if he or she ~~who~~ applies to the department for a license, in a format prescribed by the department, within 60 ~~24~~ months after the veteran is discharged ~~discharge~~ from any branch of the United States Armed Forces. To qualify for this waiver, the veteran must have been honorably discharged.

Effective 2014.

Changes to Chapters 471 F.S. During Preceding Biennium

The following sections from the Florida Statutes, Chapter 471, were amended as follows during the immediately preceding biennium (3/1/13 to 2/28/15). *Words stricken are deletions; words underlined are additions.*

471.007
Board of Professional Engineers

Summary: Language was added to better define eligibility requirements for board members

Full Text: (1) There is created in the department the Board of Professional Engineers. The board shall consist of 11 members, 9 of whom shall be licensed engineers and 2 of whom shall be laypersons who are not and have never been engineers or members of any closely related profession or occupation. A member of the board who is a licensed engineer must be selected and appointed based on his or her qualifications to provide expertise and experience to the board at all times in civil engineering, structural engineering, electrical or electronic engineering, mechanical engineering, or engineering education. ~~Of the members who are licensed engineers, three shall be civil engineers, one shall be a structural engineer, one shall be either an electrical or electronic engineer, one shall be a mechanical engineer, one shall be an industrial engineer, one shall be an engineering educator, and one shall be from any discipline of engineering other than civil engineering.~~

(2) Following expiration of the terms of members appointed to initiate staggered terms as set forth in subsection (3), members of the board shall be appointed by the Governor for terms of 4 years each. A professional or technical engineering society may submit a list of qualified nominees to be considered by the Governor for appointment.

(3) When the terms of members serving as of July 1, 2014, expire, the terms of their immediate successors shall be staggered so that three members are appointed for 2 years, four members are appointed for 3 years, and four members are appointed for 4 years, as determined by the Governor. Each member shall hold office until the expiration of his or her appointed term or until a successor has been appointed.

Effective 2014.

471.013 Examinations; prerequisites.

Summary: Language was added only in Subsection (1)(e) of 471.013 to better define requirements when an applicant fails an exam 3 times

Partial Text: (1)(e) Every applicant who is qualified to take the fundamentals examination or the principles and practice examination shall be allowed to take either examination three times, notwithstanding the number of times either examination has been previously failed. If an applicant fails either examination three times, the board shall require the applicant to complete additional college-level education courses or a board-approved relevant examination review course as a condition of future eligibility to take that examination. If the applicant is delayed in taking the examination due to reserve or active duty service in the United States Armed Forces or National Guard, the applicant is allowed an additional two attempts to take the examination before the board may require additional college-level education or review courses.

Effective 2014.

471.015 Licensure

Summary: Language was modified regarding licensure by endorsement

Full Text: (1) The management corporation shall issue a license to any applicant who the board certifies is qualified to practice engineering and who has passed the fundamentals examination and the principles and practice examination.

(2) The board shall certify for licensure any applicant who satisfies the requirements of s. 471.013. The board may refuse to certify any applicant who has violated any of the provisions of s. 471.031.

(3) The board shall certify as qualified for a license by endorsement an applicant who:

(a) Qualifies to take the fundamentals examination and the principles and practice examination as set forth in s. 471.013, has passed a United States national, regional, state, or territorial licensing examination that is substantially equivalent to the fundamentals examination and principles and practice examination required by s. 471.013, and has satisfied the experience requirements set forth in s. 471.013; or

(b) Holds a valid license to practice engineering issued by another state or territory of the United States, if the criteria for issuance of the license were substantially the same as the licensure criteria that existed in this state at the time the license was issued.

(4) The management corporation shall not issue a license by endorsement to any applicant who is under investigation in another state for any act that would constitute a violation of this chapter or of chapter 455 until such time as the investigation is complete and disciplinary proceedings have been terminated.

(5)(a) The board shall deem that an applicant who seeks licensure by endorsement has passed an examination substantially equivalent to the fundamentals examination when such applicant has:

~~(1) has~~ held a valid professional engineer's license in another state for 15 years and has had 20 years of continuous professional-level engineering experience~~;~~

~~2. Has received a doctorate degree in engineering from an institution that has an undergraduate engineering degree program which is accredited by the Accreditation Board for Engineering Technology; or~~

~~3. Has received a doctorate degree in engineering and has taught engineering full time for at least 3 years, at the baccalaureate level or higher, after receiving that degree.~~

(b) The board shall deem that an applicant who seeks licensure by endorsement has passed an examination substantially equivalent to the fundamentals examination and the principles and practices examination when such applicant has held a valid professional engineer's license in another state for 25 years and has had 30 years of continuous professional-level engineering experience.

(6) The board may require a personal appearance by any applicant for licensure under this chapter. Any applicant of whom a personal appearance is required must be given adequate notice of the time and place of the appearance and provided with a statement of the purpose of and reasons requiring the appearance.

(7) The board shall, by rule, establish qualifications for certification of licensees as special inspectors of threshold buildings, as defined in ss. 553.71 and 553.79, and shall compile a list of persons who are certified. A special inspector is not required to meet standards for certification other than those established by the board, and the fee owner of a threshold building may not be prohibited from selecting any person certified by the board to be a special inspector. The board shall develop minimum qualifications for the qualified representative of the special inspector who is authorized to perform inspections of threshold buildings on behalf of the special inspector under s. 553.79.

Effective 2014.

471.017 Renewal of license

Summary: Language was modified to define the new continuing education requirements

Full Text: (1) The management corporation shall renew a license upon receipt of the renewal application and fee.

(2) The board shall adopt rules establishing a procedure for the biennial renewal of licenses.

(3)(a) The board shall require a demonstration of continuing professional competency of engineers as a condition of license renewal or relicensure. Every licensee must complete 9 continuing education ~~4 professional development~~ hours~~,~~ for each year of the license renewal period, totaling 18 continuing education hours for the license renewal period. For each renewal period for such continuing education:~~, 4~~

1. One hour must ~~hours shall~~ relate to this chapter and the rules adopted under this chapter.

2. One hour must relate to professional ethics. ~~and the remaining 4~~

3. Four hours must ~~shall~~ relate to the licensee's area of practice.

4. The remaining hours may relate to any topic pertinent to the practice of engineering.

Continuing education hours may be earned by presenting or attending seminars, in-house or nonclassroom courses, workshops, or professional or technical presentations made at meetings, webinars, conventions, or conferences, including those presented by vendors with specific knowledge related to the licensee's area of practice. Up to 4 hours may be earned by serving as an officer or actively participating on a committee of a board-recognized professional or technical engineering society. The 2 required continuing education hours relating to this chapter, the rules adopted pursuant to this chapter, and ethics may be earned by serving as a member of the Legislature or as an elected state or local official. The hours required pursuant to s. 471.0195 may apply to any requirements of this section except for those required under subparagraph 1.

(b) The board shall adopt rules that are substantially consistent with the most recent published version of the Continuing Professional Competency Guidelines of the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying, ~~for multijurisdictional licensees for the purpose of avoiding proprietary continuing professional competency requirements~~ and shall allow nonclassroom hours to be credited. The board may, by rule, exempt from continuing professional competency requirements retired professional engineers who no longer sign and seal engineering documents and licensees in unique circumstances that severely limit opportunities to obtain the required continuing education ~~professional development~~ hours.

Effective 2014.

471.023
Certification of business organizations

Summary: An exception was added only to Subsection (3) of 471.023 to limit personal liability when practicing through a business organization

Partial Text: (3) Except as provided in s. 558.0035, the fact that a licensed engineer practices through a business organization does not relieve the licensee from personal liability for negligence, misconduct, or wrongful acts committed by him or her. Partnerships and all partners shall be jointly and severally liable for the negligence, misconduct, or wrongful acts committed by their agents, employees, or partners while acting in a professional capacity. Any officer, agent, or employee of a business organization other than a partnership shall be personally liable and accountable only for negligent acts, wrongful acts, or misconduct committed by him or her or committed by any person under his or her direct supervision and control, while rendering professional services on behalf of the business organization. The personal liability of a shareholder or owner of a business organization, in his or her capacity as shareholder or owner, shall be no greater than that of a shareholder-employee of a corporation incorporated under chapter 607. The business organization shall be liable up to the full value of its property for any negligent acts, wrongful acts, or misconduct committed by any of its officers, agents, or employees while they are engaged on its behalf in the rendering of professional services.

Effective 2013.

RESOURCES

Following is a list of resources used to develop the course content:

Florida Administrative Code, Chapter 61G15, Board of Professional Engineers.

Florida Statutes, Title XXXII, Chapter 455, "Business and Professional Regulation: General Provision".

Florida Statutes, Title XXXII, Chapter 471, Engineering.

https://legiscan.com/FL

http://www.leg.state.fl.us/STATUTES

https://www.flrules.org/gateway