

LAND SURVEYOR-IN-TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

It's important to remember your certification as a PLSIT is not a license to practice; rather it is a special designation that allows you to perform land surveying duties while still under the direct supervision of a licensed professional land surveyor. Your supervisor remains in responsible charge of all work performed while you gain the progressive practical experience necessary to complete your licensure requirements.

PLSIT REQUIREMENTS

All potential registrants must have a high school education or its equivalent, must write and speak the English language, and must be of good character and repute. Three character references are required, one of whom must be a professional land surveyor. These references should each submit an approved reference form on behalf of the applicant so the Board can make a determination of that applicant's character.

The applicant must also attest that they meet one of the approved methods of licensure. The following five paths are excerpted from Tennessee Code Annotated § 62-18-109. Always refer directly to the TCA for a full and current listing of requirements.

(i): Obtain a baccalaureate degree from a surveying or surveying technology curriculum of four or more years, approved by the board.

(ii): Obtain a baccalaureate degree from a surveying-related field (science, engineering, or technology) of four or more years approved by the board, with a minimum of 24 semester hours of survey-specific coursework approved by the board.

(iii): Obtain a baccalaureate degree from a curriculum unrelated to surveying of four or more years, approved by the board, plus an addition 36 semester hours of survey-specific coursework approved by the board.



(iv): Obtain an associate degree in surveying technology or a related science, engineering, or a similar technical field, approved by the board, with a minimum of 30 semester hours of survey-specific coursework approved by the board.

(v): Obtain a high school education diploma or a general equivalency diploma (GED) with a record satisfactory to the board of ten (10) years of progressive practical experience, six (6) years of which shall have been under the direct supervision or a practicing professional land surveyor.

PLSIT APPLICATIONS:

Applicants must pass the Fundamentals of Surveying (FS) exam administered through the National Council of Examiners for Engineers & Surveyors (NCEES). The FS exam is currently offered year-round via computer-based testing at approved Pearson Vue testing centers throughout the state. A list of locations is available at <https://ncees.org> and an exam fee will be paid directly at the testing center.

Once the applicant has passed the FS examination, they should submit their PLSIT application in order to be reviewed by the Board. A \$25 application fee is required, make check payable to the State of Tennessee. Upon obtaining certification as a PLSIT, the applicant may obtain the progressive practical experience required by their licensure path and apply for their license as a Professional Land Surveyor.

Please contact the Board office with any questions about the process, you can find our contact information below.



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