

The Tennessee Board of Land Surveying Examiners

FIELD NOTES

Tennessee Department of Commerce and Insurance

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TENNESSEE BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR LAND SURVEYORS

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July 31 - August 1, 2014

October 23-24 2014

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Update from the Chairman of the Professional Land Surveyors Board

Tim Lingerfelt

Public Chapter No. 714 was signed by Governor Haslam on April 16, 2014. This will change how applicants are considered and evaluated by the Board in order to sit for examinations.

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 714

SENATE BILL NO. 1931

By Yager, Bowling, Green, McNally, Overbey

Substituted for: House Bill No. 2234

By Calfee, Dale Carr, Ragan, Timothy Hill, Rogers

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 62, Chapter 18, Part 1, relative to land surveyors.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 62-18-109, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(a)(1) The board shall consider and evaluate a land surveyor applicant's qualifications based upon:

(A) The applicant's education, technical, and land surveying experience;

(B) Exhibits of land surveying projects with which the applicant has been associated;

(C) Recommendations and character references; and

(D) The payment by the applicant of a fee set by the board in accordance with § 62-18-125 with the approval of the commissioner of commerce and insurance.

(2) The board shall, in proper cases as authorized in this chapter, issue a certificate of registration as a land surveyor to any person who submits evidence satisfactory to the board that the person is fully qualified to practice land surveying.

(3) A land surveyor applicant's qualifications may be reviewed at an interview if the board determines it necessary.

(4) Educational credit for institute courses, correspondence courses, or other courses shall be determined by the board

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(5) No person shall be eligible for registration who:

- (A) Does not have a high school education diploma or a general equivalency diploma (GED®);
- (B) Does not speak and write the English language; or
- (C) Is not of good character and repute.

(b) The following shall be considered as the minimum evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant meets the qualifications of a professional land surveyor:

- (1) To be certified as a land surveyor intern (PLSIT), an applicant shall:
 - (A) Make a complete application to the board;
 - (B) Be of good character and reputation;
 - (C) Submit three (3) character references to the board, one (1) of whom is a professional land surveyor;
 - (D) Comply with the requirements of this chapter;
 - (E) Pass the Fundamentals of Land Surveying examination; and
 - (F) Satisfy one (1) of the following requirements related to education and experience:
 - (i) Obtain a baccalaureate degree from a surveying or surveying technology curriculum of four (4) or more years, approved by the board;
 - (ii) Obtain a baccalaureate degree from a science, engineering or technology curriculum of four (4) or more years related to the practice of land surveying, approved by the board, with a minimum of twenty-four (24) semester hours of board-approved coursework in the surveying sciences;
 - (iii) Obtain a baccalaureate degree from a non-surveying related curriculum of four (4) or more years, approved by the board, plus an additional thirty-six (36) semester hours of board-approved coursework in the surveying sciences;
 - (iv) Obtain an associate degree in surveying technology or a related science, engineering or technical field, approved by the board, with a minimum of thirty (30) semester hours of board-approved coursework in the

surveying sciences, a record of four (4) years of progressive practical experience, two (2) years of which shall have been under the direct supervision of a practicing professional land surveyor; or

- (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 of a practicing professional land surveyor.

(2) To be licensed as a professional land surveyor, an applicant shall:

- (A) Make a complete application to the board;
- (B) Be of good character and reputation;
- (C) Submit five (5) character references to the board, three (3) of whom are professional land surveyors or individuals acceptable to the board and who have personal knowledge of the applicant's land surveying experience;
- (D) Comply with the requirements of this chapter; and
- (E) Satisfy one (1) of the following requirements:
 - (i) Obtain a baccalaureate degree from a surveying or surveying technology curriculum of four (4) or more years, approved by the board, and a record satisfactory to the board of two (2) years of progressive practical experience after the applicant passes the Fundamentals of Land Surveying examination, one (1) year of which shall have been in responsible charge of duties performed under a practicing professional land surveyor. An applicant who passes the Principles and Practice of Land Surveying examination and the Tennessee State Jurisdictional examination shall be granted licensure as a professional land surveyor;
 - (ii) Obtain a baccalaureate degree from a science, engineering or technology curriculum of four (4) or more years related to the practice of land surveying, approved by the board, with a minimum of twenty-four (24) semester hours of board-approved coursework in the surveying sciences, and a record satisfactory to the board of two (2) years of

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progressive practical experience after the applicant passes the Fundamentals of Land Surveying examination, one (1) year of which shall have been in responsible charge of duties performed under a practicing professional land surveyor. An applicant who passes the Principles and Practice of Land Surveying examination and the Tennessee State Jurisdictional examination shall be granted licensure as a professional land surveyor;

(iii) Obtain a baccalaureate degree from a non-surveying related curriculum of four (4) or more years, approved by the board, plus an additional thirty-six (36) semester hours of board-approved coursework in the surveying sciences, and a record satisfactory to the board of two (2) years of progressive practical experience after the applicant passes the Fundamentals of Land Surveying examination, one (1) year of which shall have been in responsible charge of duties under a practicing professional land surveyor. An applicant who passes the Principles and Practice of Land Surveying examination and the Tennessee State Jurisdictional examination shall be granted licensure as a professional land surveyor;

(iv) Obtain an associate degree in surveying technology or a related science, engineering or technical field approved by the board with a minimum of thirty (30) semester hours of board-approved coursework in the surveying sciences, and a record satisfactory to the board of four (4) years of progressive practical experience, three (3) years of which shall have been in responsible charge of duties performed under a practicing professional land surveyor if the applicant passes the Fundamentals of Land Surveying examination on or before June 30, 2016, or if the applicant does not pass the Fundamentals of Land Surveying on or before June 30, 2016, a record satisfactory to the board of six (6) years of progressive practical experience after the applicant passes the Fundamentals of Land Surveying examination, four (4) years of which shall have been in responsible charge of duties under a practicing professional land surveyor. An applicant who passes the Principles and Practice of Land Surveying examination and the Tennessee State Jurisdictional examination shall be granted licensure as a professional

land surveyor; or

(v) Comply with the requirements of subdivision (b)(1)(F)(v) as approved by the board and pass the Fundamentals of Land Surveying examination on or before June 30, 2017, or if the applicant does not pass the Fundamentals of Land Surveying examination on or before June 30, 2017, obtain six (6) years of progressive practical experience which shall have been in responsible charge of the duties performed under a professional land surveyor after the applicant passes the Fundamentals of Land Surveying examination, plus an additional twelve (12) hours of board-approved coursework in the surveying sciences. An applicant who passes the Principles and Practice of Land Surveying examination and the Tennessee State Jurisdictional examination shall be granted licensure as a professional land surveyor.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to any person seeking to become a certified land surveyor intern or a registered or licensed land surveyor on or after the effective date of this act.

Notification Options Are Now Available

You can now get notification from your licensing board or commission related to the following:

New or Amended Statutes – New or Updated Rules Changes to Fees – Rulemaking Hearings related to Fees Significant Changes Impacting Your License – Changes to Policies

To sign up, go to our website at www.tn.gov/regboards/surveyors

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE BOARD

Respondent: Myron L. Tipton
Violation: Unlicensed practice.
Action: \$1000.00 civil penalty.

Notice from NCEES:

OCTOBER 2013 examinees:
Registration for the October 2014 exams opened on June 16, 2014. You will be able to register with NCEES until **August 28, 2014** when the registration closes. Select your state licensing board from the drop-down list on the right to view instructions for getting approved to take an exam. Contact your licensing board if you have questions about the approval process before then.

EXAM DATES

- 1) October 24-25, 2014 - Deadline to have applications (new AND retakes) in to the board office: **July 15.** ABSOLUTELY NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE.
- 2) April 17-18, 2015 - Deadline to have PS and TS applications (new AND retakes) in to the board office: **January 15.** ABSOLUTELY NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE.
- 3) Deadlines to have FS applications (new AND retakes) in to the board office: September 15, January 15, March 15 and July 15. ABSOLUTELY NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE

IN MEMORIAM

Andrew B. Dimartino, #2141
Julian Bell, #1148 William Ingram, #484
Danny Nolan, #948 Truman Sherrill, #724
John D. Bruce, #644 George T. Lucas II, #571

The Board and Staff wish to extend our sympathies to the families and friends of these individuals who have honored their profession.

If you have a name that should be recognized in this section, please contact the Board office.

CANDIDATES WHO PASSED THE OCTOBER 2013 EXAM

Nolan Randall Carmack
Jeffrey Dewayne Elliott
Benton Harris Barnes
Jonathan Cory George
Aaron Daniel Stewart
Jeffrey Scott Evans
Myron L. Tipton
Michael Ravon Maness
Jonathan Lee Dodd
Christopher Lyle Goetz
Mack Rains Ashburn
Craig Michael Richt

EXPIRED (12/31/2013) LICENSEES per TCA § 62-18-114(c)

BOND, JOHN W
BURGESON, RICKARD W
CAGLE, DAVID B
DRERUP, BENJAMIN L
FOSTER, ADAM D
HALE, SAMUEL D
HOLBROOK, TONY F
HULSART, BRUCE W
KENDALL, WILLIAM G
KUCHENBECKER,
VAUGHN R
LLOYD, ALFRED J
MARTIN, CHARLES E
REID, JACK P
SIMMONS, STEVEN M
SKEEN, CHRISTOPHER S
TAYLOR, ROGER W
TRAWICK, JOSHUA W
WILLIAMS, WILLIAM C
WILSON, JESSE R
WILSON, JOE C
YOUNG, DAVID R
ZEIGLER, BRYAN C

CANDIDATES WHO PASSED THE APRIL 2014 EXAMS

Jason Wayne Britt
Michael Trevor Gorman
Wayne Evans Shanks
Brian Bradford Clark
Wesley E. Griggs
William Logan McCraw
Collin Joseph Moyers
Bryan Timothy Sauceman
Joseph Edward Ahler
William Russell Blackwell
Clinton Tony Head
Mark Edward Patterson
Jacob Daniel Schnaffner