2016: A New Cycle Begins

Fall is a beautiful time of year in Tennessee. Across the state the leaves are falling, and so are the temperatures. Nature reminds us that our year will soon be over… and for the state’s licensed land surveyors, there’s been an extra ritual to go along with the bonfires and football games: continuing education reporting. For 2016, things are a little different.

2016-2017 is a new cycle, with new rules

In the past, Tennessee’s surveyors were required to submit 15 hours of continuing education by the end of each year. You are no longer required to do so. The Board has removed the annual reporting requirement, which means you’ll simply need to show your 30 total hours by the end of each two-year renewal cycle. The current cycle ends on December 31, 2017… you’ll have until that date to submit your total professional development hours to our office.
Annual Reporting vs. Biennial Reporting

**ANNUAL REPORTING**

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**BIENNIAL REPORTING**

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The total hours of instruction required to renew your license will not change, but the usual yearly reporting requirement has been removed. This move was designed to give you more freedom to choose when you’ll take your classes and how you want to submit them to our office.

**Thirty Hours, Every Two Years. Any Questions?**

**Q:** Can I still turn in hours as I complete them?

**A:** Yes! You can still submit your education at anytime.

**Q:** Can I keep reporting at the end of each year?

**A:** Yes! You don’t have to change if you don’t want to.

**Q:** Can I wait and take all my classes next year?

**A:** Yes! Just make sure we’ve received them by 12/31/17.

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**New Ethics Requirement**

Another change you should know: our new ethics requirement for education.

**Two (2) of your thirty (30) hours must relate to ethics and/or standards of practice.**

This is not necessarily a specific two-hour course, though plenty are available.

**65 years or older?**

It’s possible you’re exempt from most continuing education requirements based on your age and experience. You’ll still need the two hours described above. Contact our office to see if you qualify, or submit the exemption form available on our website at:

[www.tn.gov/commerce/section/land-surveyors](http://www.tn.gov/commerce/section/land-surveyors)

For more information about continuing education reporting, please visit our website.
Even if you can't quite place him, many of you came face-to-face with this eager young gentleman late last year when it came time to renew your license. This is the face of CORE, our new online licensing and renewal system. The Department of Commerce & Insurance went through a massive web-based transition last fall, and because of the timing of the upgrade land surveyors ended up being one of the very first programs to test the new system.

The process was a new experience for our licensees and our staff, but we are confident CORE will provide easier access and more control for our licensees in the years to come. Eventually you'll be able to create an account, edit your details, upload your latest education, and even print a copy of your license as the development team continues to roll out new features. For now CORE is still a work in progress, and you may experience incorrect or incomplete information as well as the occasional technical issue. As always contact the board office directly with any concerns.
IN MEMORIUM

The Board and its staff wish to extend our sympathies to the friends and families of those individuals who have honored the profession of surveying:

David A. Atwell
Samuel A. Armstrong
Aaron F. Edwards
William A. Goodwin
Richard L. King
Thomas W. King Jr.
Joseph P. Thomas

ANNUAL MEETING

INDIANAPOLIS ‘16

The NCEES Annual Meeting for 2016 was held August 24-27 in Indianapolis, IN. Board members Galyon Northcutt, Tim Lingerfelt, and Jay Caughman were on hand to represent Tennessee surveyors along with several members of board staff. The Council took several key actions related to exams. As you may know, the Principles & Practice of Surveying exam will now be administered via computer-based testing. More information on that process will be included in our next issue.

NCEES’ member licensing boards voted to amend its policy on exam charges to lower the price for the Fundamentals of Engineering (FE) and Fundamentals of Surveying (FS) exams by $50 to $175 beginning January 2018.
CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR NEWLY LICENSED TENNESSEE PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS!

Bruce Darius Beavers
Joshua Ray Butts
Timothy Wayne Caldwell
Bryan Scott Dean
Michael Ray Geiger
Neil Anders Grande
Dwayne Allen Hall
Louis Joseph Hanser
Michael Gordon High
David L. King
James Mearl Spearman
Gregory Allen Stirm
Charles A. Taylor
Christopher Mark Young

EXPIRED? Time is running out...
If you were unable to renew your license in 2015, please contact our office as soon as possible to make arrangements before the grace period ends. If there is any question about your status, visit http://verify.tn.gov to check your license.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!
We publish this newsletter as a service to our licensees, and it should be what you want to see! Please send your questions, comments, and ideas to cody.kemmer@tn.gov

The TN Department of Commerce & Insurance wishes you a safe and happy holiday season...

See you next year!