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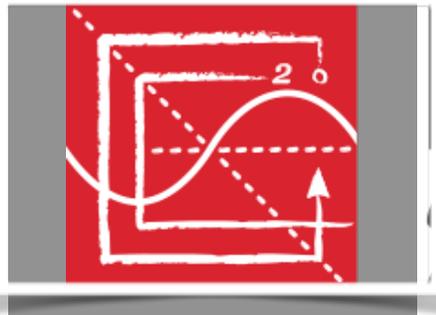


2017: New Traditions

Land surveying is a profession intertwined with some of Tennessee’s earliest recorded history. Today’s surveyors must preserve the traditions of the past in an age of rapid innovation and technological advancement. In that spirit, the Tennessee Board of Examiners for Land Surveyors has made several important changes to the licensing and renewal process that we believe will better situate today’s surveyors in the years to come. Please take a moment to familiarize yourself with these new procedures.

Changes to Qualifying Experience

The Board approves applicants via five approved licensure methods, each requiring a different combination of education and experience. In an effort to create a uniform standard across all paths and more consistent training environment for our candidates, certification as a



NCEES Computer Based Testing

The Fundamentals of Surveying (FS) and Principles & Practice of Surveying (PS) are now administered in computer-based testing (CBT) format with year-round testing windows at professional testing venues throughout the state.

- For the FS exam, candidates may register directly with the NCEES to schedule their exam.
- For the PS exam, candidates must be approved by the Board prior to registration with NCEES.

This allows candidates to select a time and location that better fits their schedule, and receive their score much faster than traditional methods. Typically results are posted within 7-10 days.

Professional Land Surveyor-In-Training (PLSIT) will now be required for progressive practical experience to qualify towards licensure. This represents a fundamental change to the application process. In the past, applicants submitted a record of their experience in order to qualify for the Fundamentals of Surveying (FS) exam. Now the order is reversed: applicants must first pass the FS exam and register as a PLSIT for their experience to count towards licensure.

PATH (iv): ASSOCIATE DEGREE + 30 CREDITS

As of July 1, 2016, applicants qualifying under path (iv) with an approved associate degree and 30 survey-specific credit hours must now submit six years of progressive practical experience **after** passing the FS exam.

PATH (v): HIGH SCHOOL + 10 YEARS

As of July 1, 2017, applicants qualifying under path (v) with a high school diploma and ten years of surveying experience must now complete six years of progressive practical experience **after** passing the FS exam. The Board has also added a coursework requirement... 12 survey-specific credit hours approved by the Board.

Refer to TCA 62-18-109 for a full description of the requirements.

In an effort to streamline this process, the Board has agreed to waive prior approval for the FS exam. Candidates may now register directly with the NCEES whenever they are ready to test. Once the candidate has successfully passed the exam, they'll submit their PLSIT application to the Board. Upon approval, qualifying experience can begin to accrue. Passing the FS beforehand ensures that all candidates have a consistent base of surveying knowledge they'll be able to apply to their work experience.

Worried about how the changes will affect you?

Remember: the new law is written so that candidates who have passed the FS exam prior to the date listed can continue under the original rules. Contact our office for more information.



Important Renewal Information

The Tennessee Department of Commerce & Insurance recently implemented a new licensing system, dubbed the Comprehensive Online Regulatory and Enforcement (CORE) system. One of the most exciting features of this new system is the new online licensing services system (<http://core.tn.gov>). CORE provides consumers with the capability to apply for licenses, renew licenses, change addresses, request duplicate licenses, among other features... a significant improvement over the old online renewal system.

The benefits of the new online system include:

- 24/7 service
- The system is more secure
- All major credit cards and e-checks are accepted
- There are no additional processing fees (say goodbye to the Internet convenience fee!)
- No more filling out paper course reporting forms! Now you'll be able to add and attest to your continuing education with a few simple clicks.

As a result of these enhancements, the Board will be discontinuing the mailing of paper renewal forms, registrants will now receive a letter notifying them that they are eligible to renew online. As in the past, renewal notices are mailed out approximately two (2) months prior to the expiration date. Your expiration date is printed at the top of your license, and as always you can verify your registration status online at <http://verify.tn.gov> anytime.

In order to renew online, you will first need to register an account. Once you have logged in to your account, choose the appropriate board or commission, and use the following information to access your license:

- License number
- Zip code on file
- Indiv/Org (“Entity”) Number or Social Security Number

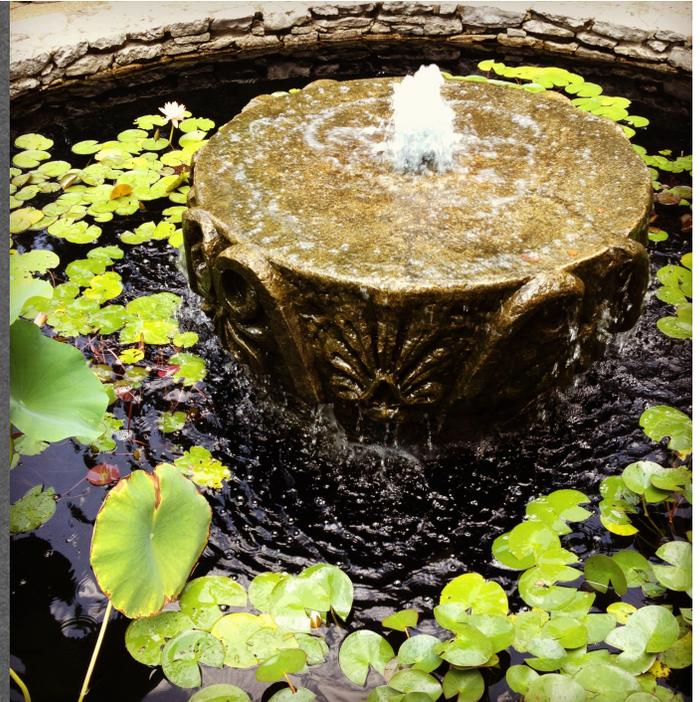
Remember that although the current renewal period ends on December 31, 2017, you can register an account at anytime. Don't wait until the last minute! Video tutorials are available on our website for those in need of more detailed instructions.

IN MEMORIAM

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:

Martha Louise Boardman
Michael F. Fouts
William Boyd Steelman
James Farrell Whalen, Sr.

If you are aware of a licensee's recent passing, please contact our office.



Earlier this year NCEES sponsored **Future City: Best Land Surveying Practices** competition. Pictured here is the winning team for the Tennessee Region. Board member Tim Lingerfelt served as a judge for the Tennessee region, along with Benny Moorman from Knoxville.

Congratulations to all newly licensed Professional Land Surveyors in Tennessee:

David Lewis Anderson, Jonathan Russell Boyatt, Timothy R. Durr, Robert Edward Farley, Byron Taylor Freeman, Timothy Paul Fontenot, Jason M. Gustafson, Derrick Scott Holland, David Alan Hulsmeyer, Christopher Ray Kenner, Bradley Glenn Luffman, Sandy Anne Melhorn, Kenneth Ray Shreeve, Derek Wayne Twente, Jeffrey Tyler Vick, Aaron Benjamin Wilson, Derek Scott Wagner, David A. Weirich