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**CERTIFICATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE RULES
FILED WITH THE LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY
OTHNI LATHRAM, DIRECTOR**

(Pursuant to Code of Alabama 1975, §41-22-6, as amended).

I certify that the attached is/are correct copy/copies of rule/s as promulgated and adopted on Tuesday, December 10, 2024, and filed with the agency secretary on Tuesday, December 10, 2024.

AGENCY NAME: Alabama State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors

INTENDED ACTION: Amend

RULE NO.: 330-X-6-.01

(If amended rule, give specific paragraph, subparagraphs, etc., being amended) **330-X-6-.01 (b), (c), (p), and (q)**

RULE TITLE: Qualifying Experience

ACTION TAKEN: State whether the rule was adopted with or without changes from the proposal due to written or oral comments:

Adopted without changes. N/A

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(NOTE: In accordance with §41-22-6(b), as amended, a proposed rule is required to be certified within 90 days after completion of the notice.)

330-X-6-.01 Qualifying Experience.

In evaluating experience offered as qualifying experience under Code of Ala. 1975, §34-11-4(1), (2), (3), the Board will take into consideration the following:

(a) Experience must be progressive and of an increasing standard of quality and responsibility and usually follows graduation.

(b) Professional land surveyor applicants will usually gain experience by working under the direct supervision of a licensed professional land surveyor, or by working with a licensed professional land surveyor who closely observed the applicant's work as an associate within the same company and the same location. Verification of experience must be by the licensed professional land surveyor supervisor, the licensed professional land surveyor associate, or in some other relationship that assures the Board that the experience received is substantially equivalent to supervision under a licensed professional land surveyor. It is the responsibility of the applicant to have the verification forms provided in the application completed. See Rule 330-X-3-.01(4).

(c) Professional engineer applicants will usually gain experience by working under the direct supervision of a licensed professional engineer, or by working with a licensed professional engineer who closely observed the applicant's work as an associate within the same company and the same location. Verification of experience must be by the licensed professional engineer supervisor, the licensed professional engineer associate, or in some other relationship that assures the Board that the experience received is substantially equivalent to supervision under a licensed professional engineer. It is the responsibility of the applicant to have the verification forms provided in the application completed. See Rule 330-X-3-.01(4).

(d) Concurrent time, that is time spent in engineering work, while attending school, can only be credited as education experience or work experience but not as both.

(e) Experience credited on the engineer intern or professional engineer application as engineering experience cannot be claimed as land surveying experience on the land surveyor intern or professional land surveyor application. Experience credited on the land surveyor intern or professional land surveyor application as land surveying experience cannot be claimed as engineering experience on the engineer intern or professional engineer application.

(f) Military experience, to be creditable, must have been spent in engineering work or land surveying work and be of a character equivalent to that required in the civilian sector in like work. Normally, it would be expected that the

applicant while in the armed services, served in an engineering, engineering-related, or surveying group.

(g) For sales experience to be creditable, it must be demonstrated conclusively that engineering principles and engineering knowledge were actually employed. The mere selection of data or equipment from a company catalog or a similar publication will not be considered engineering experience.

(h) Successful completion of graduate study in an engineering curriculum leading to a master's degree in engineering in a program whose undergraduate or graduate degree is accredited by EAC/ABET may be credited as one year of engineering experience. Successful completion of a Ph.D. in engineering after completion of a master's degree may be credited for an additional year of experience. Successful completion of graduate study in a land surveying curriculum leading to a master's degree in land surveying in a program whose undergraduate or graduate degree is accredited by ABET may be credited as one year of surveying experience. Successful completion of a Ph.D. in land surveying after completion of a master's degree may be credited for an additional year of experience. If the Ph.D. in engineering or land surveying is obtained without the master's degree, the credit for experience will be two years. If the awarding of the master's or higher degree has been used to change the category of curricula for which the applicant is accepted as identified in Section 330-X-5-.01, it cannot be used for experience credit.

(i) For teaching experience to be creditable, the engineer applicant must have taught engineering or engineering-related courses at an advanced level in a four-year engineering or engineering technology curriculum accredited by ABET and must have been under the supervision of a licensed professional engineer. For teaching experience to be creditable as land surveying experience, the land surveyor applicant must have taught surveying or surveying-related courses at an advanced level in a land surveying or land surveying technology curriculum accredited by ABET and must have been under the supervision of a licensed professional land surveyor.

(j) Engineering experience leading to licensure as a licensed professional engineer should be directed toward the identification and solution of practical problems in the applicant's area of engineering specialization. This experience should include engineering analysis of existing systems or structures or the design of new systems or structures and be under the supervision of a licensed professional engineer.

(k) Experience in construction supervision in order to be qualifying must include use of engineering skills in assuring compliance with specifications and design as approved by the Board.

(l) Experience must not be anticipated. The experience must have been gained before the time the application is submitted.

(m) Land surveying experience must be progressive and must include experience in property conveyance/boundary line determination, field work, office work, and legal/courthouse research. A substantial portion of the experience must be spent in charge of work related to property conveyance and/or boundary line determination.

(n) Surveying experience prior to graduation is evaluated by the Board on a case-by-case basis. Engineering experience prior to graduation is evaluated by the Board on a case-by-case basis and is limited to a 2-year maximum.

(o) Experience gained in engineering research and design projects by members of an engineering faculty where the program is approved by the board is creditable.

(p) Part time experience is evaluated by the Board on a case-by-case basis.

(q) When considering experience at no time will the Board grant experience in excess of forty hours per calendar week.

(r) The Board may deem professional experience acquired by applicants outside the United States to be equivalent to the minimum board requirements established in Sections (a) through (q) above.

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