



**State of New Jersey**  
**DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY**  
**DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS**  
STATE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS  
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## **Comity Review for Professional Engineers License**

1. The New Jersey State Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors (Board) does not possess an eminence or “grandfather” clause, or reciprocity with any other state.
2. After N.J.S.A. 45:8-35 was amended in 1989, the Board had no discretion to grant a license under N.J.S.A. 45:8-35 (1) (e) (which the Board refers to as the comity clause) to an applicant who does not have qualifications, “at least comparable to the requirements of the Board in effect at the time of application.” This statute mandates that all individuals applying to this Board, regardless of previous registration in any other state, must possess the following qualifications:
  - a. Graduation from a Board-approved four-year curriculum in engineering plus four years of experience of a character acceptable to the Board. If the degree is from a foreign college, it must be evaluated by Engineering Credentials Evaluation International and, in addition, at least two of the four years of experience must have been obtained in the United States.

**or**

  - b. Graduation from a Board-approved four-year curriculum in engineering technology plus six years of experience of a character acceptable to the Board.

**and**

  - c. The previous license must have been granted via a written 16-hour examination which includes eight hours of fundamentals and eight hours of principles and practices.
3. The Board, at its discretion, may waive the fundamentals portion of the examination provided that the applicant has 15 years of experience of a character acceptable to the Board. If the applicant has a foreign degree, eight of the 15 years of experience must have been gained in the United States or while working for a firm based in the United States. The Board has no authority to waive the principles and practices written eight-hour exam.
4. All applicants must be able to speak and write the English language. An applicant from a non-English speaking country must pass the TOEFL examination with a score of 575 and the TSE examination with a score of 50, unless he/she has a BS from a country where the primary language is English or has received a graduate degree in the United States.
5. Five references are required. At least three shall be licensed professional engineers in the United States and have personal knowledge of the applicant’s experience or training.
6. The Board will give credit for one year of experience if the applicant has a master’s degree in engineering and one additional year of credit if he has a Ph.D. in engineering.
7. All applicants shall be of good character and reputation.

**This information is to be used as a guideline only. Reference must be made to the statute or regulations for a strict interpretation of any requirement.**