

NOTICE

On January 17, 2010 the Legislature enacted and the Governor signed into law P.L. 2009, C. 294 which requires Professional Engineers licensed in New Jersey to complete continuing education. The effective date of the new law is January 12, 2011. At this time, the State Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors ("Board") is working on proposed regulations to provide guidance and clarification to its licensees and interested parties. This Notice is intended to provide information about the continuing professional competency requirements.

- * A licensee shall complete not more than 24 continuing professional competency credits related to the practice of professional engineering in every biennial license renewal cycle, 2 of which shall be in professional practice ethics.
- * The Board does not have a process in place to approve educational programs and providers at this time. However, the Board is working on proposed regulations to address these matters.
- * A licensee is not required to acquire continuing professional competency credits until January 12, 2011. However, the Board anticipates that a current licensee shall be required to obtain 15 continuing professional competency credits, 2 of which shall be in professional practice ethics, on or before April 30, 2012 to meet the requirements for the 2012-2014 biennial renewal period.
- * The Board anticipates that for the 2014-2016 biennial renewal period, and every 2 years thereafter, a licensee shall be required to complete 24 continuing professional competency credits, 2 of which shall be in professional practice ethics.
- * For a dual-licensee (PE & LS), the Board anticipates that they shall be required to obtain a total of 27 continuing professional competency credits as follows: 12 in professional engineering of which 2 shall be in professional practice ethics, 12 in the practice of professional land surveying, and the balance of 3 in either professional engineering or professional land surveying. All continuing professional competency credits shall be obtained on or before April 30, 2012 to meet the requirements for the 2012-2014 biennial renewal period.
- * The Board anticipates that for the 2014-2016 biennial renewal period, and every 2 years thereafter, a dual-licensee shall be required to complete 36 continuing professional competency credits as follows: 12 in professional engineering of which a minimum of 2 and a maximum of 8 shall be in professional practice ethics, 12 in the practice of professional land surveying, and the balance of 12 may be completed in either professional engineering or land surveying.
- * Continuing professional competency credits may be taken from May 1, 2010 thru April 30, 2012 to qualify for the 2012-2014 biennial renewal cycle.

- * The Board anticipates that a licensee shall not be required to obtain continuing professional competency credits during the biennial renewal period in which the licensee obtained initial licensure.
- * The Board anticipates that a new licensee by way of comity shall be responsible at the first biennial renewal for one continuing professional competency credit for each full calendar month since the New Jersey license was issued.

http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2008/Bills/PL09/294_.HTM

