

BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Alaska began registering architects, engineers and land surveyors in 1949. Engineers who verified land surveyor work experience were also granted a land surveyor registration. In 1972, a new practice act was established for land surveyors. Until 1973 the practice act allowed engineers to apply for a land surveyor registration based on their practice. Alaska began registering landscape architects in 2000.

Alaska began administering national exams as follows:

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| NCARB Architect Registration Examination (ARE)..... | 1963 |
| NCEES Fundamentals of Engineering (FE) (8 hr.) | April 1966 |
| NCEES Principles and Practices of Engineering (PE) (8 hr) | April 1967 |
| NCEES Fundamentals of Land Surveying (FS) (8 hr) | April 1974 |
| NCEES Professional Land Surveying (4 hours)..... | April 1974 |
| NCEES Professional Land Surveying Public Domain (3 hours) | April 1987 |
| NCEES Professional Land Surveying (PS) (6 hours) - combined..... | October 1992 |
| CLARB Landscape Architect Registration (LARE)..... | 2000 |

Prior to the above dates for national exams by NCARB and NCEES, state exams were used in Washington, Oregon, Idaho and California. Alaska used the same 'state specific' PE and PS exams. The first engineering exam administered in Alaska was given by the University of Alaska Fairbanks in 1953. Prior to 1953, engineers were registered based on education and work experience.

AS 08.48.191 allow a person registered in another licensing jurisdiction to apply for registration by comity in Alaska. The Board must determine whether the examination taken by the registrant in the other jurisdiction is equivalent to the applicable examination in this state. The board has accepted the following equivalent examinations:

1. FE: NCEES and its equivalent (Alaska offered a state specific exam prior to April 1966 when Alaska began offering the NCEES national exam).
2. PE: NCEES and its equivalent (Alaska offered a state specific exam prior to April 1967 when Alaska began offering the NCEES national exam).
3. PS, 6 hours: NCEES or other state exams approved by the board. (Texas exam is NOT acceptable.)

12 AAC 36.110 requires a course in arctic engineering approved by the board. The board has approved the following courses:

1. **University of Washington:** Cold Regions Engineering Short Course.
2. **University of Alaska Anchorage:**
 - a. UAA Arctic Engineering - CE A603 (semester web-based course)
 - a. UAA Arctic Engineering – ES AC030 (web-based short course)
 - b. UAA Northern Design Course – ES A411 (semester course)
 - c. UAA Arctic Engineering – CE A403 (semester web-based course)
 - d. UAA Introduction to Arctic Engineering – ES AC031 (short course)
3. **University of Alaska Fairbanks:**
 - a. UAF Arctic Engineering- CE 603 (semester course).
 - b. UAF Arctic Engineering-CE 603 (web-based semester course).