

CHAPTER 40

STATE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS

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Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Subchapter 6, Fees, was readopted as R.1983 d.418, effective September 15, 1983. See: 15 N.J.R. 1077(a), 15 N.J.R. 1667(a).

Subchapter 8, Maintenance of Project Records, was adopted as R.1985 d.225, effective May 6, 1985. See: 16 N.J.R. 1027(a), 17 N.J.R. 1133(a).

Subchapter 9, Responsible Charge of Engineering or Land Surveying Work, was adopted as R.1985 d.222, effective May 6, 1985. See: 16 N.J.R. 206(b), 17 N.J.R. 1134(a).

Subchapter 1, Title Blocks for Professional Engineers, was repealed and Subchapter 1, Title Blocks and Seals for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, was adopted as new rules, and Subchapter 2, Title Blocks for Land Surveyors, was repealed by R.1985 d.694, effective January 21, 1986. See: 17 N.J.R. 2602(b), 18 N.J.R. 205(a).

Subchapter 2, Application Requirements, was adopted as new rules by R.1987 d.355, effective September 8, 1987. See: 19 N.J.R. 851(a), 19 N.J.R. 1649(b).

Subchapter 10, Contract to Provide Professional Services, was adopted as R.1989 d.64, effective February 6, 1989. See: 20 N.J.R. 2243(b), 21 N.J.R. 339(a).

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Petition for Rulemaking. See: 25 N.J.R. 3032(a), 25 N.J.R. 3871(a).

Subchapter 11, Land Surveyors; Continuing Competency, was adopted as R.1995 d.305, effective June 19, 1995. See: 26 N.J.R. 4314(a), 27 N.J.R. 2415(a).

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Chapter 40, State Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, was readopted as R.1995 d.474, effective August 2, 1995. See: 27 N.J.R. 1748(a), 27 N.J.R. 3370(a).

Subchapter 12, Retired License and No-Fee Retired License Status, was adopted as R.1998 d.224, effective May 4, 1998. See: 30 N.J.R. 290(a), 30 N.J.R. 1618(a).

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## SUBCHAPTER 1. TITLE BLOCKS AND SEALS FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS

### 13:40-1.1 Sealing documents

(a) All sealing of documents shall be done with an impression-type seal. A rubber stamp facsimile of the seal shall not be used.

(b) The application of a signature and seal to documents relating to the practice of professional engineering and/or land surveying shall indicate that the licensee has provided regular and effective supervision to those individuals performing services which directly and materially affect the quality and competence of the engineering or land surveying work rendered.

1. The following documents shall be signed and sealed:

- i. Maps, plats, reports, descriptions, plans, design specifications, certifications or similar documents; and

ii. Shop drawings for the construction of buildings, structures and related equipment, or for other purposes, the preparation of which requires engineering calculations and/or engineering input. Catalog information and standard product information shall be exempt from the requirements of this section.

(c) The signature and/or seal signifies that the licensee takes professional responsibility for the document based upon the accepted standards of practice in place at the time the documents were sealed.

(d) Where the document includes the work of more than one professional, each professional shall sign and seal the document with clear reference to the work that he/she has performed. See N.J.A.C. 13:40-1.6 for title block requirements.

(e) A licensee shall not affix a signature and/or seal to documents constituting the practice of the profession regulated which have been prepared by another person unless such work was performed under the direction and supervision of the licensee.

(f) Incomplete and/or all draft plans, documents and sketches, whether advanced or preliminary copies, shall be conspicuously identified and may be signed but shall not be sealed.

Amended by R.1995 d.474, effective September 5, 1995.  
See: 27 N.J.R. 1748(a), 27 N.J.R. 3370(a).

### 13:40-1.2 Title block on drawings; forms; removal

(a) Every licensee shall provide a title block on all drawings (except renderings), and similar information on the title page of all specifications which are prepared and sealed.

(b) The title block shall be in such form as the Board may adopt or approve.

(c) Such title block shall be distinct and separate from any other title block, plaque, or any similar device of illustration or lettering.

(d) The title block shall be lettered on the drawing in such a manner as to reproduce clearly on all prints and reproductions thereof.

(e) No person shall remove a title block from any print or reproduction for any reason.

Amended by R.1995 d.474, effective September 5, 1995.  
See: 27 N.J.R. 1748(a), 27 N.J.R. 3370(a).

### 13:40-1.3 Title block contents

(a) The title block shall contain:

- 1. The name and location of the project;

(b) A licensee who obtains retired license status or no-fee retired license status shall not offer or practice professional engineering or land surveying within the State.

#### **13:40-12.2 Retired licensee: application; entitlement**

(a) A licensee who seeks retired license status shall forward to the Board the following:

1. A completed application form furnished by the Board which contains the licensee's current address, telephone number, and information concerning disciplinary matters; and
2. The retired license fee pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:40-6.1.

(b) The Board shall review the submission set forth in (a) above and if the applicant meets the requirements of N.J.A.C. 13:40-12.1(a), the Board shall declare the licensee retired and place the licensee on the retired status list.

(c) Each retired licensee shall be entitled to the following:

1. A retired licensee may use the designation "Ret." following his or her name;
2. The name of each retired licensee shall appear in the annual roster of licensees;
3. Each retired licensee shall receive a certificate from the Board; and
4. Each retired licensee shall receive any mailings from the Board that are sent to active licensees.

(d) Each retired licensee who wishes to maintain retired status shall renew the license biennially, and shall remit the retired license fee pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:40-6.1.

#### **13:40-12.3 No-fee retired licensee**

(a) A licensee who seeks no-fee retired licensee status shall submit a completed application form furnished by the Board which contains the licensee's current address, telephone number, and information concerning disciplinary matters.

(b) The Board shall review the submission as set forth in (a) above. If the applicant meets the requirements of N.J.A.C. 13:40-12.1(a), the Board shall declare the licensee retired, and shall place the licensee on the retired status list. The licensee shall not be required to renew the no-fee status biennially.

#### **13:40-12.4 Resumption of practice**

(a) A professional engineer or land surveyor holding retired license status or no-fee retired license status who wishes to resume the practice of professional engineering or land surveying shall forward the following to the Board:

1. A completed resumption of practice application form furnished by the Board which contains the licensee's current address, telephone number, details of any disciplinary matters, information concerning whether the licensee has signed and sealed any projects while on retired status, and proof of current competency pursuant to (a)3 below;
2. The reinstatement fee for retired licensees or no-fee retired licensees pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:40-6.1; and
3. For a professional engineer or land surveyor who has been on the retired status list for five or more years, satisfactory evidence of current knowledge, competency and skill in the practice of professional engineering or land surveying as follows:
  - i. Each retired professional engineer shall provide information on the resumption of practice application regarding current knowledge, competency, and skill. The Board shall review the information submitted by the applicant and determine if the applicant has demonstrated the ability to practice engineering in such a way so as to insure the safety of life, health, and property.
  - ii. Each retired land surveyor seeking to resume practice shall furnish proof of completion of a minimum of 24 PDHs earned within two years prior to the application for resumption of practice.