**Section 1270.5 Application for Enrollment as a Surveyor Intern by Acceptance of Examination**

a) An applicant who is in the senior year of an approved baccalaureate degree program as set forth in Section 1270.14, shall sit for the Fundamentals of Surveying (FS) exam as specified in Section 1270.20 and then submit the application provided by the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation-Division of Professional Regulation (Division), required fee as specified in Section 1270.52, certification of passage of the FS exam, and an official transcript showing conferral of the degree within 12 months after sitting for the exam.

b) An applicant who is a graduate of an approved baccalaureate degree program as set forth in Section 1270.14 or a graduate of a non-approved program as set forth in Section 1270.15 shall sit for FS exam and then submit the application provided by the Division, required fee as specified in Section 1270.52, certification of passage of the FS exam, and an official transcript showing conferral of the degree.

c) Applicants who graduated from a program outside the United States or its territories and whose first language is not English must provide the Division proof of passage of the Test of English as a Foreign Language Internet Based Test (TOEFL-iBT) with a minimum score of 26 on the speaking module and a total minimum integrated score of 88. In order to determine applicants whose first language is English, the applicant shall submit verification from the school that the program from which the applicant graduated was taught in English.

d) Applicants who received their baccalaureate education in a foreign country other than Canada shall have the education evaluated on a course-by-course basis at their expense. Applicants shall obtain the forms from the NCEES Credentials Evaluations, 200 Verdae Boulevard, Greenville, SC 29607. The Land Surveyors Licensing Board (the Board) will review all transcripts and the evaluation submitted to the Division to determine if the education meets the requirements set forth in this Section and Section 1270.15.

e) Upon receipt of the application and all supporting documentation in complete order:

1) An applicant with a degree from an approved program will be enrolled as an Illinois Surveyor Intern.

2) An applicant with a degree from a non-approved program whose education is reviewed and approved by the Board, based on the criteria specified in Section 1270.15, shall be enrolled as an Illinois Surveyor Intern.

f) Applicants will be deferred enrollment as an Illinois Surveyor Intern if:

1) An applicant with a degree from an approved program as specified in Section 1270.14, sat for the FS exam during his or her senior year and who did not have the baccalaureate degree conferred within 12 months after passage of the FS exam will be required to re-take the exam in order to be enrolled as an Illinois Surveyor Intern.

2) An applicant with a degree from a non-approved program whose education is reviewed and not approved by the Board, based on the criteria specified in Section 1270.15, shall be deferred enrollment as an Illinois Surveyor Intern until their education meets the requirements.

3) If an applicant fails to submit all required items for enrollment under the Act within 3 years after filing an application, the application shall expire and be denied. The applicant may, however, make a new application for enrollment accompanied by the required fee, and furnish proof of meeting the qualifications for enrollment in effect at the time of new application.

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