

1 AN ACT relating to the licensing of professional engineers.

2 ***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 322.040 is amended to read as follows:

4 (1) A person shall qualify for licensure as a professional engineer by meeting the  
5 requirements set forth in paragraph (a) or (b) of this subsection.

6 (a) A person shall qualify if he or she has:

7 1. Graduated from **one (1) of the following:**

8 **a.** An engineering program of four (4) years or more accredited by  
9 the Engineering Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation  
10 Board for Engineering and Technology or any engineering  
11 program deemed equivalent by the board; **or**

12 **b. A fire protection engineering technology program of four (4)**  
13 **years or more accredited by the Engineering Technology**  
14 **Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board for**  
15 **Engineering and Technology;**

16 2. Four (4) or more additional years of progressive experience in  
17 engineering or teaching of a grade and character which indicates to the  
18 board that the applicant is competent to practice engineering; and

19 3. A passing score on:

20 a. The Principles and Practice of Engineering Examination; and

21 b. The Fundamentals of Engineering Examination. The board may  
22 allow students enrolled in the final year of an undergraduate  
23 engineering program to take this examination. Upon passing the  
24 examination, the applicant shall be designated an engineer in  
25 training.

26 (b) If an instructor in an engineering program accredited by the Engineering  
27 Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and

1 Technology or an engineering program deemed equivalent by the board is not  
2 eligible for the exemption under subsection (2) of this section, the instructor  
3 shall have four (4) years from the date of hire to qualify for licensure by  
4 showing that he or she has:

- 5 1. Graduated from an engineering program of four (4) years or more  
6 accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of the  
7 Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology, or an engineering  
8 program deemed equivalent by the board;
- 9 2. Four (4) or more additional years of progressive experience in  
10 engineering or teaching of a grade and character which indicates to the  
11 board that the applicant is competent to practice engineering;
- 12 3. Passed the Principles and Practice of Engineering Examination; and
- 13 4. Either passed the Fundamentals of Engineering Examination or  
14 graduated from a board-approved doctoral engineering degree program.

15 (2) For the purpose of teaching engineering design courses only, an instructor who, on  
16 January 1, 1999, holds a tenured or tenure-track position in an engineering program  
17 defined in KRS 322.010(4)(a)3. shall be exempt from the licensure requirements of  
18 KRS 322.020 for the period that instructor is continuously employed by the  
19 institution offering that program. However, an instructor may apply and shall  
20 qualify for licensure as a professional engineer during this exempt period if he or  
21 she:

- 22 (a) Has graduated from an engineering program of four (4) years or more  
23 accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation  
24 Board for Engineering and Technology or an engineering program deemed  
25 equivalent by the board;
- 26 (b) Has graduated from a board-approved doctoral engineering degree program,  
27 with an additional three (3) years or more of progressive experience in

1            engineering or teaching of a grade and character which indicate to the board  
2            that the applicant is competent to practice engineering; and

3            (c) Has passed the Principles and Practice of Engineering Examination.

4            (3) Any person having the necessary qualifications prescribed in subsection (1) or (2)  
5            of this section shall be eligible to apply for licensure, even if the applicant is not  
6            practicing the profession at the time of application.

7            (4) The board shall promulgate administrative regulations to establish requirements for  
8            consideration of experience gained prior to graduation from an engineering program  
9            as described in subsection (1)(a)1. of this section.