

21 NCAC 56 .0501 is amended with changes as published in 40:04 NCR 441–43 as follows:

21 NCAC 56 .0501 REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSING

(a) Education. Pursuant to G.S. 89C-13, ~~The~~ the Board shall consider the education of an applicant in determining eligibility for ~~licensing~~ certification as an Engineer Intern or licensure as a Professional Engineer. ~~The~~ Certain terms ~~used by the Board for~~ [concerning] [describing] the educational requirements found in G.S. 89C-13(a1) G.S. 89C-13 to ~~be eligible to be licensed as a Professional Engineer~~ are defined as follows:

(1) ~~"Engineering curriculum of four or more years approved by the Board" is defined as "An EAC/ABET accredited program" is a program that has been~~ accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission (EAC) of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET). ~~This program is incorporated by reference including subsequent amendments and editions. This material is available at www.abet.org/accreditation criteria policies documents/ at no cost, or for inspection at the office of the North Carolina Board of Examiners for Engineers and Surveyors. Copies may be obtained at the Board office at a cost of five dollars (\$5.00) per copy. A list of accredited programs can be found on ABET's website at <https://www.abet.org>.~~

(2) ~~"Engineering or related science curriculum of four or more years other than ones approved by the Board" is defined as "An engineering curriculum or related science curriculum of four years or more" is a curriculum, although not accredited by ABET, of technical courses that contains engineering or scientific principles, curriculum including non-ABET accredited engineering degrees or related science degrees. [This] The curriculum may also [includes] include a bachelor's degree in engineering technology, whether or not accredited by the Engineering Technology Accreditation Commission (ETAC) of ABET.~~

(3) ~~"A master's degree in engineering from an institution that offers EAC/ABET accredited programs" and "an earned doctoral degree in engineering from an institution that offers EAC/ABET accredited programs" are graduate degrees in engineering from an institution which offers EAC/ABET accredited undergraduate programs.~~

(4) Educational programs "approved by the Board as being of satisfactory standing" include foreign degrees equivalent to the [NCEES] National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES) Engineering Education [Standard.] Standard, which includes subsequent amendments and is incorporated by reference. A copy of the applicable standard is available at no cost at <https://ncees.org/ncees-services/credentials-evaluations/>. Foreign degrees shall be considered substantially equivalent only after the Board obtains an evaluation report from the Credentials Evaluations Service of [the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES)] NCEES evaluating the foreign degree.

(3) ~~"Equivalent education satisfactory to the board" is defined as:~~

(A) ~~A graduate degree in Engineering from an institution where the same discipline undergraduate engineering program has been accredited by ABET (EAC) shall be~~

1 considered equivalent to an engineering curriculum of four or more years approved by the
2 Board.

3 (B) ~~A bachelor's degree in Engineering Technology, whether or not accredited by the~~
4 ~~Technology Accreditation Commission (TAC) of ABET, shall be considered equivalent to~~
5 ~~an engineering or related science curriculum of four or more years other than one approved~~
6 ~~by the Board.~~

7 (C) ~~Foreign degrees shall be considered equivalent only after receipt of an evaluation report~~
8 ~~that the degree is substantially equivalent to an EAC/ABET accredited engineering~~
9 ~~curriculum from the Center for Professional Engineering Education Services, an affiliate~~
10 ~~of the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES), or from~~
11 ~~the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (AACRAO).~~
12 ~~The Board shall equate the degree to an EAC/ABET accredited engineering curriculum of~~
13 ~~four or more years approved by the Board in Subparagraph (a)(1) of this Rule if it receives~~
14 ~~a substantially equivalent evaluation.~~

15 (b) Experience. Pursuant to G.S. 89C-13, ~~The the Board shall consider the~~ experience of an applicant ~~shall be~~
16 ~~considered in determining eligibility for certification as an Engineer Intern or licensure whether an applicant is eligible~~
17 ~~to be licensed as a Professional Engineer.~~

18 (1) Required Experience. In evaluating ~~the work experience required,~~ experience, the Board shall
19 consider ~~the an applicant's~~ total experience record and ~~the its~~ progressive nature of the record.
20 ~~nature.~~ Experience shall be of a progressive engineering nature obtained after graduation from a
21 program that meets the criteria set forth in G.S. 89C-13 and defined in Paragraph (a) of this Rule.
22 Not less than half of required engineering experience shall be ~~of a professional grade and character,~~
23 ~~and shall be performed~~ gained under the responsible charge of a licensed Professional Engineer, or
24 if not, the applicant shall submit a written explanation to the Board explaining why the experience
25 should be considered acceptable. ~~The Board shall approve the experience on a case by case basis if~~
26 ~~it is satisfied of the grade and character of the progressive experience.~~ Experience gained under the
27 technical supervision of an unlicensed individual shall be considered based upon the engineering
28 education and experience credentials of the unlicensed supervisor. Experience gained in the armed
29 services, typically while serving in an engineering or engineering related group, shall be accepted
30 only if substantially equivalent to civilian work.

31 (2) Definition. ~~The word "progressive" in the terms "progressive nature of the record," "progressive~~
32 ~~engineering experience," "progressive land surveying," "progressive engineering nature," or~~
33 ~~"progressive experience on engineering projects"~~ "Progressive experience" ~~means~~ requires that
34 during the period of time ~~provided as experience,~~ that an applicant made a practical utilization of
35 acquired knowledge and ~~demonstrated~~ continuous improvement, growth, and development ~~have~~
36 ~~been shown~~ in the utilization of that knowledge as revealed in the complexity and technical detail
37 of the work product or work record. The applicant shall ~~show~~ demonstrate continuous assumption

of greater individual responsibility for the work product over that period of time. The progressive experience on engineering projects shall ~~be of a grade and a character~~ demonstrate an increasing quality and responsibility that shows the Board that the applicant is competent to practice engineering.

(3) Credit for Experience. In evaluating progressive engineering experience, the Board shall give credit for experience in the following areas of work:

(A) One year of credit shall be granted for graduate ~~Graduate~~ schooling or research in an engineering program resulting in award of a master's degree from an institution that offers EAC/ABET-accredited ~~programs— one year;~~ programs;

(B) Two years of credit shall be granted for graduate ~~Graduate~~ schooling or research in an engineering program resulting in award of an earned doctoral degree in engineering from an institution that offers EAC/ABET-accredited ~~programs— two years, with or without a master's degree, but this includes the one year for the master's degree, if obtained;~~ programs. If an applicant has earned both a master's and doctoral degree in engineering from an institution that offers EAC/ABET accredited programs, the applicant shall receive only two years of credit.

(C) A maximum of two years of credit shall be granted for progressive ~~Progressive~~ land surveying ~~—maximum two years;~~ experience; and

(D) Teaching of engineering subjects at the university level in an engineering program offering a four-year or more degree approved by the Board.

The Board shall not accept combinations of the categories in this Subparagraph as fulfilling all the necessary statutory experience requirements. ~~Every applicant for licensure as a Professional Engineer, as part of the total experience requirement, shall show a minimum of one year experience of a progressive engineering nature in industry, government, or under a licensed Professional Engineer offering service to the public.~~

~~Full time engineering faculty members who teach in an engineering program offering a four year or more degree approved by the Board may request and shall be granted waiver of the minimum one year experience in industry, government, or private practice if they demonstrate consulting or research work of at least one year's duration, which was pursued to completion of the project, and that is of a progressive engineering nature. The faculty applicant shall document the work to evidence that the work meets the Board's requirement.~~

(4) An exception to the requirement in Subparagraph (b)(1) of this Rule that experience be obtained after graduation is for the long-established practice qualification of 20 years or more, as provided for in G.S. 89C-13(a3).

(5) Other experience is considered if it is:

(A) Experience obtained prior to graduation as part of an ABET accredited engineering program shown on the transcript, with a maximum credit of one year; or

(B) Experience obtained in a foreign country that is performed under direct supervision of a Professional Engineer licensed with a member Board of the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES).

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