# NEWSLETTER June 2021

The Kansas State Board of Technical Professions routinely releases current news on the homepage of their website. Archived news releases and newsletters may be located on the News Item page. This newsletter highlights news the Board has shared over calendar year 2021 for your convenience!



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# KSBTP

Congratulations to Larry Graham! Mr. Graham received the prestigious 2021 Central Zone Distinguished Service Award through the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES.) Mr. Graham was commended for his commitment and many years of service to not only NCEES, but also the Kansas Board. Sincere "Thanks" to Mr. Graham from the KSBTP!



## IMPORTANT DATES

#### **2020-2021** Renewal Dates:

**Architects (M-Z)** 

May 1—June 30, 2021

**Geologists (M-Z)** 

May 1—June 30, 2021

**Certificates of Authorization (M-Z)** 

November 2—December 31, 2021

**Landscape Architects (M-Z)** 

November 1—December 31, 2021

Surveyors (A-L)

January 31—March 31, 2022

**Engineers (A-L)** 

March 1—April 30, 2022

**Architects (A-L** 

May 1—June 30, 2022

**Geologists (A-L)** 

May 1—June 30, 2022

**2021** Board Meeting Dates:

July 1, 2021

September 9-10, 2021



#### From the Executive Director

Substitute for H B 2066 will become law on July 1, 2021. The new law creates an expedited pathway for reciprocal licensure. Applicants who may qualify for the new licensure rules include military service members or military spouses and applicants who reside in Kansas or who intend to reside in Kansas. Among other requirements qualifying applicants must hold a current valid license in another jurisdiction, not have past of pending disciplinary actions and have practiced in the profession for which they seek licensure for at least one year. For those who qualify licenses are to be issued within 15 to 45 days after receipt of a completed application.

# ASBOG transitioning to computer based exams

ASBOG plans to have all their exams online and administered by Pearson -Vue by Spring 2023.

# More applications moving online!

The Professional Surveyor by Exam and Architect by Exam applications are available online.

Please visit our website (ksbtp.ks.gov) to complete and submit the online application.

KSBTP hopes to offer all applications online by the end of 2021.

### **New PE Application**

Kansas has de-coupled. What this means is that you don't have to have 4 years of experience in order to take the PE Exam. Complete the PE by Examination application for approval. Please visit our website (ksbtp.ks.gov).

# NCEES computer based testing

NCEES has fast-tracked the computer based testing transition of the PE Civil exam to 2022 in response to Covid-19. The transition was planned to take place in 2023.

### **Licensure pocket cards**

Pocket cards are emailed to individuals, after renewal, within 3-5 business days. If you don't receive yours, please check your spam folder before requesting another.

### **Continuing Education Audits for All Professions**

The KSBTP conducts post-renewal audits to ensure compliance with Kansas continuing education rules and regulations. A percentage of all actively licensed professionals are audited annually. It is your responsibility to comply with the KS CE requirements. For additional guidance please contact KSBTP staff.

## **2021 Amended Regulations**

The following revised regulation was effective May 21, 2021.

K.A.R. 66-12-1

**Updated minimum standards** 

## **KSBTP By The Numbers**

License Type	05/31/2020	05/31/2021
Individuals	Number of Licenses	Number of Licenses
Architect	2,843	2,993
Engineer	13,156	13,820
Geologist	567	587
Landscape Architect	358	376
Land Surveyor	615	632
TOTAL	17,539	18,408

<b>Business Entities</b>	Number of Licenses	Number of Licenses
Architect	616	654
Engineer	1,725	1,862
Geologist	84	84
Landscape Architect	70	75
Land Surveyor	180	186
TOTAL	2,675	2,861

Individuals	Resident	Non-Resident
Architect	30%	70%
Engineer	31%	69%
Geologist	54%	46%
Landscape Architect	38%	62%
Land Surveyor	50%	50%



### **REMINDER TO ALL LICENSEES:**

- Sign and date ACROSS your Kansas seal
- Use black or blue ink
- Electronic seals are NOT permitted
- Digital seals are acceptable

Review seals & signature info on our website!

## **Disciplinary Action Taken by the Board**

#### KANSAS STATE BOARD OF TECHNICAL PROFESSIONS DISCIPLINARY REPORT JUNE 2021

#### IN THE MATTER OF REGION LAND SURVEY, UNLICENSED CASE NO. 20-72

**Summary:** In April of 2020 the Board office received a complaint regarding Region Land Survey. The complaint alleged a violation of the Kansas Technical Professions Act. The complaint centered around a survey completed by Region Land Survey that allegedly was incorrect. The Board office had not issued a Certificate of Authorization to Region Land Survey to provide surveying services in Kansas.

**Board Action:** The board found Region Land Survey in violation of K.S.A 74-7036(a).

Specifically, practicing surveying without a Certificate of Authorization.

The conduct of Region Land Surveys, as outlined above, constitutes violation of the laws of the State of Kansas.

**Board Action:** The Board issued a cease and desist order until such time that Region Land Survey is issued a Certificate of Authorization.

Status: The case was closed 12/3/2020.

Disclaimer: Every effort has been made to ensure that the following enforcement information is correct; however, this information should not be relied upon without verification from the Kansas board office. It should be noted that the names of companies and individuals listed may be similar to the names of parties who have not had enforcement actions taken against them. Disciplinary orders are public information and copies may be obtained by contacting the board office.