

****** TO INITIAL (First time) PS APPLICANTS - PLEASE READ CAREFULLY ******

IMPORTANT DEADLINES - All applications that require examinations shall be filed with the Board by **December 15 for the April examination** and by **June 15 for the October examination**; **no waivers will be granted**. Applications received after these dates will be processed for the next scheduled examination.

Furthermore, to allow sufficient time for Board review, all required documentation, that is, references and verifications, must be received by **January 15** to be considered for an April examination citation and by **July 15** to be considered for an October examination citation. Applications that are not fully documented by these dates will be considered for later examinations.

Please restrict phone calls about your application status to between 2:00 & 4:00 PM; call 601-359-6165. This allows us time to file all the mail received each day, so we can give you the most current information. You can also email questions about the status of your application to: barbaram@pepls.state.ms.us.

Please do not submit application status inquiries to the Board's main email address; this address is for the purposes of general information only.

For privacy reasons, the staff will discuss the status of your application with you only, or with your assistant whom you have designated in a letter or email to us.

The current requirements** for Professional Surveyor (both initial and comity) licensure are:**

Education-based: completion of approved courses* +
the Fundamentals of Surveying (FS) exam +
3 years of qualifying surveying experience +
the Principles & Practice of Surveying (PPS) exam +
the Mississippi state-specific exam

OR

Experience-based: the Fundamentals of Surveying (FS) exam +
7 years** of qualifying surveying experience +
the Principles & Practice of Surveying (PPS) exam +
the Mississippi state-specific exam

* *Surveying* *9 hours*
 Math: alg, trig, calc *9 hours*
 Physics *8 hours*
 Graphics *3 hours*
 Computer Science *6 hours*
 English/writing *9 hours*
 Electives *18 hours*

February/2014

62 hours with a GPA of 2.0 or higher on a 4.0 point scale in the technical courses of surveying, math, physics, graphics, and computer science

Recommended electives: accounting, real estate, land law, astronomy, general business, business law

***May be a combination of experience plus education in the approved courses listed above ; applicants not fully complying with the courses requirement, including the required GPA in the technical courses, will be considered as an “experience-based” applicant.*

****Please be advised that Mississippi law for Professional Surveyor licensure will change on July 1, 2016. At that time the required amount of qualifying surveying experience will depend on the level of surveying-related college coursework an applicant has. Applicants without acceptable surveying-related college coursework will be required to have twelve (12) years of qualifying surveying experience. For more information you may refer to section 73-13-77 of the Licensure Law on the Board’s website.*

Steps for Completing the Online Application.....

CONTACT INFORMATION – Type in the required contact information. Your full name (no initials) is required by state law.

BIRTH INFORMATION – Type in the required birth information. The social security number is required by state law. If your name has changed since birth, you must provide copies of the following documents that apply: court orders, marriage licenses, divorce decrees.

QUESTIONS - Answer the questions (two screens) about previous applications submitted to the MS Board, previous convictions or guilty pleas, disciplinary actions and license application denials. Submit copies of any court orders or documents related to convictions or pleas and copies of any disciplinary actions from other states.

LICENSURE/EXAMS – Answer the questions about the exams you’ve passed and your licensure in other states.

EDUCATION – Answer the questions about your education. Include Associate degrees from community colleges as well as BS, MS, and PhD degrees.

EXPERIENCE RECORD – Complete the section describing your experience. Type in your best estimate of the beginning and ending dates of employment. If you don’t know the exact day of the month, use “01” (the first of the month).

REFERENCES – Complete the Reference section. Remember state law requires **five (5) references, three (3) of whom must be Professional Surveyors.**

On the **REQUIRED DOCUMENTS** page, download the Supporting Documentation for PS Initial applications information, and check “Yes” to confirm that you understand this supporting documentation is

February/2014

required to complete your application.

Complete the **AFFIDAVIT** page; type in your name as your signature or insert your electronic signature.

Review the Summary Screen for accuracy, make any necessary changes, then Answer the **STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE** question.

Create a copy of your application by clicking “Create pdf” and save it to your computer or print it, then click on Submit Application. You will then be taken to the payment screens where you pay the application fee by credit card or electronic check.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

NAME CHANGE: If your name has changed since birth, please submit copies of court orders, marriage licenses, divorce decrees to document the name change(s).

CONVICTIONS/GUILTY/NOLO CONTENDERE or DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS: If you have been convicted of a misdemeanor or felony, or entered a guilty plea or nolo contendere, or if you have been disciplined in another state, please submit copies of court orders, board orders, or other documentation to verify the status of the case(s).

VERIFYING YOUR EDUCATION: You are responsible for arranging to have an official transcript(s) sent directly from the college/university to the Board office; you may use the Transcript Request Form provided here. Some universities will take transcript requests by phone with credit card payment.

VERIFYING YOUR EXAMS AND LICENSURE(S): This process is now done electronically and securely between *most* state licensing boards. You submit your verification request by clicking on <https://verify.ncees.org/>. Complete the request form to have your FS exams verified to the Mississippi Board. Be aware that some states charge a verification fee; you will see these charges during the verification request process.

What if the other state is not in the list (does not participate in electronic board-to-board verifications) ?
Then use the Licensure/Exam Verification form, which is the last form in this packet, and be sure to follow the instructions at the top of the page.

If you passed the FS exam in Mississippi, it is not necessary to submit a verification request to the Mississippi Board; just disclose your Mississippi exam on the online application and the Board staff will gather the appropriate documentation for your application.

VERIFYING YOUR EXPERIENCE

February/2014

Five (5) reference forms, at a minimum, are required; at least three forms must be completed by Professional Surveyors. You are required to submit as many as are necessary to verify the required amount of qualifying surveying experience: 3 years for education-based applicants and up to 7 years for experience-based applicants.)

The PS Reference Form is included here. Instructions for using it are as follows:

PS Reference Form: (A) Make as many copies of the PS Reference form as are necessary to verify the required years of qualifying surveying experience. *It is recommended that you begin with the most recent experience and “work backward” in time until sufficient years of experience are verified.* Remember, state law requires five (5) completed reference forms, three (3) of whom **MUST** be Professional Surveyors.

(B) Fill out page one and the top of page two as indicated. Attach a copy of your experience record (from your application) and mail these to your references, with a **stamped business size envelope** addressed to: Miss. Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers & Surveyors, 660 North Street, Suite 400, Jackson, MS 39202.

(C) The referencing individual must place the completed reference form into the supplied business size envelope, seal the envelope, and sign across the back flap of the envelope. He/she then must mail it *directly* to the Board office. **BE ADVISED** that we will not accept forms that are not sealed and signed across the back flap. The Board staff does not have the authority to waive this requirement; please do not ask the Board staff or Executive Director to waive this requirement for you.

(D) If an applicant’s experience cannot be verified and documented in accordance with these procedures, the Board may deny licensure, or, in the alternative, may require substantial additional documentation to verify the applicant’s experience to the Board’s satisfaction.

It is acceptable for you to submit your Reference Forms *along with your application in one large submission*; however, these forms **MUST be in separate envelopes bearing the signature across the envelope seal. Forms that do not comply with these instructions will not be accepted and the applicant will be instructed to obtain new forms; the Board staff will not remediate forms that do not comply with these instructions.** The Board staff does not have the authority to waive this requirement; please do not ask the Board staff or Executive Director to waive this requirement for you.

The Board reviews completed applications approximately every two to three months; they do not review incomplete applications. Once the Board has approved your application and officially cited you to the exam, you will be advised by letter or email, directing you on the exam registration process with our exam proctor, NCEES (www.ncees.org). It is *very important* that you notify us immediately of any email address change and any mailing address change.

Be aware that there is are additional fees to take the PS exam and the MS Section exam, payable to NCEES and to the Board. The application fee is to cover all the Board expenses incurred in processing and approving your application. The exam fees are to pay for purchasing, proctoring, and grading your exam. You can find the current exam fee for your exam by logging onto the NCEES web site and going to the

February/2014

Exam Registration/Mississippi link.

- On the initial application, an examinee is allowed three (3) citations, that is, three (3) opportunities to pass the exam. We no longer grant “postponements”, regardless of the reason. The citations “count”, whether the examinee actually takes the exam or not. Failure to attend the exam does not count as a *failure* of the exam, but it does count as a citation.
- If the applicant does not pass after three consecutive citations, the initial application is closed. To attempt the exam again, the applicant must submit a new application to be approved by the Board, and will be allowed only one citation per application, subject to the restrictions below. This one citation counts, whether the applicant actually takes the exam or not.
- An applicant having three or more unsuccessful attempts of the same exam, regardless of the jurisdiction in which the exam is administered, must submit an application to be readmitted to future administrations of the same exam. If readmitted by the Board, the applicant may take the exam no sooner than eleven (11) months following the most recent attempt.

*Please restrict phone calls about your application status to between 2:00 & 4:00 PM;
call 601-359-6165.*

*You can also email questions about the status of your application to: **barbaram@pepls.state.ms.us***

It is to your benefit to routinely check on the status of your application.

THE REGISTRAR

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am applying for enrollment/registration as a/an ____Engineer Intern ____Professional Engineer
____Surveyor Intern ____Professional Surveyor. The Mississippi Board of Licensure for
Professional Engineers and Surveyors requires an official transcript of my record. I attended

_____ from _____ to _____ and
(College/University) (date) (date)

graduated on _____ with _____ degree in _____.
(date) (type of degree) (major)

My social security number is _____.

I will appreciate your forwarding an official transcript of my record to:

Mississippi Board of Licensure for Professional Engineer & Surveyors
660 North Street, Suite 400
Jackson, MS 39202

in the enclosed stamped addressed envelope, as soon as possible, since my application will not be
considered by the Board until the transcript is received in the Board office.

If there is a charge for this service, please forward a statement to me at the above address.

Sincerely,

**MISSISSIPPI BOARD OF LICENSURE FOR
PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND SURVEYORS**

(Name and Address of Reference)

(Name and Address of Applicant)

I have filed my application with the Mississippi Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Surveyors for licensure to practice professional surveying in the State of Mississippi. I have given your name as a reference and have submitted to the Board Office a signed, sworn and notarized certification of release statement authorizing "any individual, company or institution with whom I have been associated to furnish the Mississippi Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Surveyors with any information concerning my qualifications for professional licensure in Mississippi which they have on record or otherwise, and do hereby release the individual, company or institution and all individuals connected therewith from all liability for any damage whatsoever incurred by me as a result of their furnishing such information."

I will appreciate your sending the information requested on the reverse side directly to the Board in the stamped addressed envelope which I have provided.

(Signature of the Applicant)

Board Statement to Reference:

This Board is required by law to ascertain that the applicant has met the experience requirement sections of the Licensure Law: therefore, we need this reference form completed, signed, sealed (if you are a PS), and returned by you. The Board is also required by law to obtain evidence of the good character and qualifications of applicants before licensure. We cannot consider an applicant for licensure or admit a candidate for examination until replies are received from references, including three Professional Surveyors. A prompt reply will expedite our handling of the applicant's request for licensure.

The Board desires to emphasize that evidence submitted on this form should not be perfunctory nor made for the mere purpose of aiding the applicant to be licensed. On the contrary, the execution of this statement by any person will be accepted by the Board as a deliberate act made with full knowledge of the responsibility toward the public interest involved. It should be borne in mind that the applicant is not being considered for membership in an organization but for licensure as a Professional Surveyor, qualified to practice in Mississippi.

This completed reference form is to be mailed directly to the Board Office in Jackson in the enclosed stamped addressed envelope. PLEASE SEAL THE ENVELOPE, SIGNING YOUR NAME ACROSS THE SEALED FLAP. Your assistance will be of value to the profession and your comments, except for the amount of verified experience, will remain confidential within this Board.

REFERENCE FORM: Name of Applicant: _____

1. Are you a licensed Professional Surveyor? _____ If yes, State: _____ Lic. No. _____

2. How well do you know the applicant: very well well slightly not at all

3. List months and years of contact(s) with the applicant: _____ to _____
Mo. & Yr. Mo. & Yr.

4. Basis of contact: as applicant's PS supervisor as applicant's associate other _____

If you are (were) the applicant's PS supervisor, please complete the entire form. If you are (were) not the applicant's PS supervisor, please complete only items 5 & 10.

5. What is your opinion of the applicant's personal integrity and general character? _____

6. The experience I am verifying is (was): full time part time. If part time, how many hours per week? _____

7. According to the definition of surveying, how much experience does the applicant have in:

	<u>Years</u>	<u>Months</u>
Boundary	_____	_____
Topographic	_____	_____
Construction	_____	_____
Other (explain below)	_____	_____
Total Amount of Experience you are verifying	_____	_____

Please describe the applicant's duties in obtaining this experience (continue on attached sheet if needed):

8. Considering the need to protect the public health, safety and welfare, in your opinion how does this applicant rank in professional competence and responsibility:

Qualified Additional Experience Needed Unqualified

9. Do you recommend the applicant for PS licensure? Yes No

10. I certify that the above statements are correct to the best of my knowledge, not made for the purpose of aiding an unqualified applicant to become licensed but with full realization of the responsibility toward the public where life, health and property is concerned or involved.

Signature _____

PS Seal

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Date _____

APPLICANT: Complete the shaded areas of this form and mail it to the verifying State Board with a stamped envelope addressed to: MS Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers & Surveyors, 660 North St., Suite 400, Jackson, MS 39202.

VERIFICATION OF LICENSURE

TO: Mississippi Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers & Surveyors

FROM:
(State Board
address)

**State Board
Responding:**
Mail this directly to
the MISS. Board office.
DO NOT return to
Applicant.

**APPLICANT
Name &
Address**

Date of Birth:

Social Security Number: - - - / - - /
(last four numbers)

I. THE ABOVE NAMED PERSON WAS LICENSED/ENROLLED AS:

	License No.	Date Issued	Valid Until
____ Engineer Intern	_____	_____	_____
____ Professional Engineer	_____	_____	_____
____ Surveyor Intern	_____	_____	_____
____ Professional Surveyor	_____	_____	_____

II. EXAMINATION

Exam	Hours	Results	NCEES	Exam Date	NCEES Cut-Score Used (if NO please explain)
FE	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
PE	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
FS	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
PS	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
State	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

III. Has applicant ever been disciplined by your board or is disciplinary action pending? ___ Yes ___ No
If Yes, please supply full details of Board Action on reverse side or attach documentation.

Signed by: _____

Title: _____ (Board Seal)

Date: _____

PLEASE: If a fee is required, please notify the applicant, but DO NOT delay the processing of this form.