

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 2789

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to professions and occupations;  
8 amending 59 O.S. 2011, Section 475.15, as amended by  
9 Section 6, Chapter 139, O.S.L. 2012 (59 O.S. Supp.  
10 2015, Section 475.15), which relates to engineers;  
11 providing for reciprocity license for certain  
12 applicants; and providing an effective date.

13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

14 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 475.15, as  
15 amended by Section 6, Chapter 139, O.S.L. 2012 (59 O.S. Supp. 2015,  
16 Section 475.15), is amended to read as follows:

17 Section 475.15 A. The Board shall issue to any applicant who,  
18 in the opinion of the Board, has met the requirements of Section  
19 475.1 et seq. of this title, a certificate of licensure giving the  
20 licensee proper authority to practice in this state. The  
21 certificate of licensure for a professional engineer shall carry the  
22 designation "Professional Engineer" and for a professional land  
23 surveyor, "Professional Land Surveyor". It shall give the full name  
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1 of the licensee with the licensure number and shall be signed by the  
2 Chair and the Secretary under the seal of the Board.

3 B. This certificate shall be prima facie evidence that the  
4 person named thereon is entitled to all rights, privileges and  
5 responsibilities of a professional engineer or professional land  
6 surveyor, while the certificate remains unrevoked and unexpired.

7 C. Each licensee hereunder may, upon licensure, obtain a seal,  
8 the design and use of which are described in Board rules. It shall  
9 be unlawful for a licensee to affix, or permit his or her seal or  
10 signature to be affixed, to any document after the expiration or  
11 revocation of a license, or for the purpose of aiding or abetting  
12 any other person to evade or attempt to evade any provision of  
13 Section 475.1 et seq. of this title. Whenever the seal is applied,  
14 the document must be signed by the licensee thereby certifying that  
15 he or she is competent in the subject matter and was in responsible  
16 charge of the work product. Documents must be sealed and signed in  
17 accordance with the Board rules whenever presented to a client, a  
18 user or any public or governmental agency. Whenever the seal is  
19 applied, the signature of the licensee and date of signature shall  
20 be placed adjacent to or across the seal. Drawings, reports or  
21 documents that are signed using a digital or electronic signature  
22 must be done in a manner that is in direct control and personal  
23 supervision of the professional engineer or professional land  
24 surveyor and must conform to the specifications in the Board rules

1 regarding digital or electronic signatures. A professional  
2 engineer, land surveyor or firm shall retain a hard copy or  
3 electronic copy of all technical submissions produced for a minimum  
4 of ten (10) years following the date of preparation.

5 D. The Board shall issue to any applicant who, in the opinion  
6 of the Board, has met the requirements of Section 475.1 et seq. of  
7 this title, a certificate as an engineer intern or land surveyor  
8 intern which indicates that his or her name has been recorded as  
9 such in the Board office. The engineer intern or land surveyor  
10 intern certificate does not authorize the holder to practice as a  
11 professional engineer or professional land surveyor.

12 E. The Board may issue a reciprocity license as a professional  
13 engineer if the applicant has complied with the requirements of  
14 another state, territory or province and provides documented  
15 evidence of at least five (5) years of work experience in another  
16 state, territory or province.

17 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2016.

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