



## Exam Qualifications Committee

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### **Guest(s):**

#### **Discussion topics**

- RCW 18.43 Rewrite Outline (EL/SG)

#### **Strategic Planning Items**

- Review comity regulations for each profession and how they relate to other states
- Decoupling all exams

## RCW 18.43.040 Rewrite Outline

- **Organize by registration requirements.**
- **Do not divide by EIT/LSIT**
- **Decouple Exams in timeline**
- **Simplify using plain language**
- **Consolidate examination requirements in one location – remove examination statute**

### I. Engineers Registration Requirements

Must meet examination and experience requirements

#### a. Examinations

- As determined by the Board in Rule
- May be taken at any time in any order
- Are independent of the Licensure Process
- Required Exams include:
  - FE –
    - NCEES or equivalent as determined on a case-by-case basis
    - May be taken at any time.
    - May be eligible for an FE Waiver
  - PE –
    - NCEES
    - Or SE exam that NCEES considers a PE Equivalent
    - Or exam equivalent determined on a case-by-case basis
  - SE –
    - Required to become a structural engineer.
    - If NCEES Structural Exam is taken first, PE may also be required.
    - Wrinkle – May be a state specific exam on depth

#### b. Experience

- 8 years of Experience
- May be 8 years exp. or Combo Education and Experience
- Education
  - Not required
  - Bachelor's Degree in engineering = 4 years
  - Bachelor's in non-engineering up to 2 years depending on courses taken
  - Equivalent to BA outside US
  - AA degree in engineering = 2 years
  - Years completed in engineering related courses
  - Graduate Degrees = 1 year
  - Teaching = 2 years

### II. LS Registration Requirements

a. Examinations

- a. As determined by the Board in Rule
- b. May be taken at anytime in any order
- c. Are independent of the Licensure Process
- d. Required Exams include:
  - 4. FLS –
    - a. May be taken at any time.
    - b. May be eligible for an FE Waiver
  - 5. PLS –
    - a. NCEES
    - b. Or exam equivalent determined on a case-by-case basis

b. Experience

- 4. 8 years of Experience
- 5. May be 8 years exp. or Combo Education and Experience
- 6. Education
  - a. Not required
  - b. Bachelor's Degree in land surveying/geomatics (LS) = 4 years
  - c. Bachelor's in non-LS up to 2 years depending on courses taken
  - d. Equivalent to BA outside US
  - e. AA degree in LS = 2 years
  - f. Years completed in LS related courses
  - g. Graduate Degrees = 1 year
  - h. Teaching = 2 years

III. EIT or LSIT Requests

Must apply for certificate with Board

Must have passed FE or FLS

4 years of experience

May be education

Or experience

Or a combination