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Chapter 8—Land Surveying

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20 CSR 2030-8.010 Land Surveying Matters

PURPOSE: This rule requires all land surveying matters to be handled by the land surveying division.

All matters pertaining to land surveyors shall be handled by the land surveying division of the board.


20 CSR 2030-8.020 Professional Land Surveyor—Professional Development Units

PURPOSE: This rule outlines the professional development standards for professional land surveyors applying for renewal of licensure under the provisions of section 327.041, RSMo.

(1) Each licensed professional land surveyor, as a condition for renewal of his/her license, shall complete a minimum of twenty (20) professional development units (PDU) each two (2)-year period immediately preceding renewal, except as provided in section (2) of this rule.

(A) Of the required professional development units, licensed professional land surveyors shall complete a minimum of four (4) professional development units in Minimum Standards (20 CSR 2030, Chapters 16, 17 and 19) during the four (4)-year period immediately preceding renewal.

(B) Of the required professional development units in the two (2)-year renewal period, not more than twelve (12) shall be obtained in nonpersonal contact activities. Nonpersonal contact activities include correspondence courses, video and televised courses, Internet and email courses, or other activities where the presenter is not in physical proximity to the attendee.

(2) The following are exceptions to the requirement that licensees successfully complete twenty (20) PDUs prior to renewal:

(A) The licensee can show good cause why he/she was unable to complete the PDU requirements. In the event good cause is shown, the licensee will be required to make up all outstanding required PDUs within a reasonable amount of time as established by the board;

(B) The licensee received his/her initial licensure during the preceding two (2)-year period. The licensee will be required to complete an average of one (1) PDU per month for each month of licensure; provided however that the licensee will not be required to complete more than twenty (20) PDUs; or

(C) If the licensee served honorably on full-time active duty in the military, the licensee may renew his/her license without completing the PDU requirement for the renewal period during which the licensee served.

(3) A licensee who completes more than twenty (20) PDUs during the two (2) years immediately preceding renewal may carry forward into the next two (2)-year period up to ten (10) PDUs.

(4) In evaluating PDUs for licensure renewal, the board will be guided by the following standards and guidelines:

(A) Criteria: In order to qualify as acceptable PDU credit, each activity must:

1. Have a clear purpose and objective to maintain, improve and/or expand skills and knowledge obtained prior to licensure or to develop new and relevant skills and knowledge;

2. Have a well organized content presented in a sequential manner;

3. Show evidence of pre-planning, including an opportunity for input by the target group to be served;

4. Be presented by persons qualified by education and experience; and

5. Provide information to the licensee necessary for PDU record keeping and reporting purposes.

(B) Except as otherwise stated in this rule, licensees shall earn one (1) PDU for each month of active duty in the military. PDUs earned in the military, however, shall be limited to fifty (50) to sixty (60) minutes of activity that qualifies as acceptable PDU credit pursuant to this rule.

(C) Activities.

1. PDU activities must be relevant to the practice of land surveying and may include technical, ethical or business related content.

2. PDUs may be earned at locations outside Missouri, so long as the activity qualifies as acceptable PDU credit pursuant to this rule.

3. Assuming they otherwise qualify as acceptable PDU credit pursuant to this rule, the following activities are acceptable sources of PDU credits:

A. Successful completion of college or university course earns thirty (30) PDUs per semester hour and twenty (20) PDUs per quarter hour. Auditing or “hearing” a course qualifies for one-third (1/3) PDU credit of that stated herein.

B. Active participation and successful completion of seminars, tutorials, workshops, short courses, correspondence courses, or televised or videotaped courses.

C. Attending program presentations at related technical or professional meetings.

D. Authoring a paper or article earns five (5) PDUs upon actual publication in a regionally or nationally circulated technical journal or trade magazine.

E. Teaching or instructing a course or seminar that satisfies the PDU criteria described in this rule, or making a presentation at a technical meeting or convention. For the original instruction or presentation, a licensee shall earn two (2) PDUs for each PDU a participant could earn pursuant to this rule. For subsequent instructions or presentations, a licensee shall earn only one (1) PDU for each PDU a participant could earn pursuant to this rule. Licensees shall not earn more than ten (10) PDUs per two (2)-year renewal period for teaching, instruction, or making presentations.

(5) All licensees shall maintain and retain records of PDU activities completed for a period of four (4) years after the reporting period in which the PDU was completed. The board may randomly audit a portion of licensees each renewal period, or a specific licensee if a complaint has been filed against the licensee, to verify compliance with the PDU requirements. Licensees shall assist the board in any audit by providing timely and complete responses to the board’s inquiries. At a minimum, licensees must keep the following records:

(A) A log identifying the type of activity claimed, the sponsoring organization, location of the program, duration of the program, the name of the instructor(s) or speaker(s), and the PDU credits earned; and

(B) Attendance verification records such as certificates of attendance, signed attendance receipts, paid receipts, a copy of a listing of all attendees signed by a person in responsible
(6) Any person or entity may seek pre-approval of a PDU activity by providing the board the following information. The professional land surveying division will approve or deny credit for the activity within forty-five (45) calendar days of receipt of the information.

(A) Date(s) of the program or activity;
(B) An outline or syllabus of the program;
(C) Presentation abstract(s);
(D) Preliminary program with time frames;
(E) Course or program description; and
(F) Names of the instructor(s) or speaker(s) with biographical information showing their education and professional experience.

(7) The board will review all PDUs claimed in support of a renewal application. If it is determined that a portion of the claimed PDUs fail to meet PDU requirements, the licensee will be notified in writing of the denied PDUs. If PDUs are denied to the extent that the licensee has failed to obtain the required number of PDUs for renewal, then the board will deny issuance of the renewal and will notify the licensee in writing of their right to appeal the board's decision to the Administrative Hearing Commission.
