

Chapter 196-26A WAC
REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYOR FEES
(Formerly chapter 196-26 WAC)

Last Update: 3/1/23

WAC

196-26A-010	State fee authority, applications and payment procedures.
196-26A-020	Examination vendor, procedures and costs.
196-26A-025	State fees for examinations.
196-26A-030	Applications for comity licensure and temporary permits.
196-26A-035	State fees for comity licensure and temporary permit applications.
196-26A-040	Renewals for professional engineer and professional land surveyor licenses.
196-26A-045	Professional engineer, professional land surveyor renewal fees and penalties.
196-26A-050	Application for certificate of authorization.
196-26A-055	Renewal of certificate of authorization.
196-26A-060	Certificate of authorization application and renewal fees.
196-26A-100	Suspended fees.

DISPOSITION OF SECTIONS FORMERLY CODIFIED IN THIS CHAPTER

196-26A-070	Replacement document fees. [Statutory Authority: RCW 43.24.086 and 18.43.035. WSR 02-13-080, § 196-26A-070, filed 6/17/02, effective 9/1/02.] Repealed by WSR 14-03-029, filed 1/8/14, effective 2/8/14. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.43.080 and 43.24.086.
196-26A-110	Suspended fees. [Statutory Authority: RCW 18.43.080 and 43.24.086. WSR 10-13-171, § 196-26A-110, filed 6/23/10, effective 8/1/10. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.24.086, 18.43.035, and 18.210.050. WSR 06-06-019, § 196-26A-110, filed 2/21/06, effective 3/24/06.] Repealed by WSR 14-03-029, filed 1/8/14, effective 2/8/14. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.43.080 and 43.24.086.

WAC 196-26A-010 State fee authority, applications and payment procedures. The board of registration for professional engineers and land surveyors (board) reviews and approves registration applications for all examinations under the provisions of chapter 18.43 RCW. The state fees listed in this chapter are adopted by the director of the department of licensing (department) in accordance with RCW 43.24.086. The required state fees as listed in WAC 196-26A-025 must accompany all registration applications. If payment is made by check or money order, the payment should be made payable to the department of licensing. Should an applicant be judged ineligible for examination, the fee paid to the department of licensing shall be retained to cover the costs of processing. An applicant who fails an examination may reapply to the board for examination by paying the required fee and providing any information requested. Applicants who fail to appear for their scheduled examination will forfeit their fees. Applicants may withdraw from an examination without forfeiting their fees by submitting a written notice to the board by the date established by the board.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.43.080 and 43.24.086. WSR 14-03-029, § 196-26A-010, filed 1/8/14, effective 2/8/14. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.24.086 and 18.43.035. WSR 02-13-080, § 196-26A-010, filed 6/17/02, effective 9/1/02.]

WAC 196-26A-020 Examination vendor, procedures and costs. The board shall determine the vendor, if any, who will administer examinations on their behalf. In addition to applicable state fees, the vendor may collect from the applicants the charges of examination development, examination administration and grading. Terms and conditions for payment of the charges to the vendor are determined by the vendor.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.43.080 and 43.24.086. WSR 14-03-029, § 196-26A-020, filed 1/8/14, effective 2/8/14. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.24.086 and 18.43.035. WSR 02-13-080, § 196-26A-020, filed 6/17/02, effective 9/1/02.]

WAC 196-26A-025 State fees for examinations.

FUNDAMENTAL EXAMINATIONS:

Fundamentals of Engineering (FE):

Application fee (incl. wall certificate): \$30

Processing fee to retake the FE examination: \$20

Fundamentals of Land Surveying (FLS):

Application fee (incl. wall certificate): \$30

Processing fee to retake the FLS examination: \$20

Note: Additional charges to cover costs of NCEES fundamentals examinations, exam administration and grading will be charged by NCEES to approved applicants.

PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING EXAMINATIONS:

NCEES Examinations: (All branches other than board prepared examinations)

Application fee (incl. wall certificate and initial license): \$65

Processing fee to retake the NCEES PE exam: \$30

Note: Additional charges to cover costs of NCEES PE examinations, exam administration and grading will be charged by NCEES to approved applicants.

Structural Engineering:

Note: To become licensed in structural engineering an applicant is required to pass sixteen hours of structural examinations when determined eligible under Washington law. The examinations for structural licensing consist of the NCEES 16-hour structural examination.

Application fee (incl. wall certificate and initial license): \$65

Processing fee to retake the NCEES 16-hour structural exam: \$30

Note: Additional charges to cover costs of NCEES 16-hour structural examination, exam administration and grading will be charged by NCEES to approved applicants.

PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYING:

Note: The examinations for licensure in professional land surveying include an NCEES PPLS examination, and a Washington specific examination. One application is required and when determined eligible a candidate will sit for the NCEES PPLS examination and the Washington specific examination on the same day.

Application fee (incl. wall certificate, state exams, and initial license): \$140

Processing and examination fee to retake the state PLS exam: \$100

Note: Additional charges to cover costs of NCEES LS examination, exam administration and grading will be charged by NCEES to approved applicants.

Processing fee to retake the NCEES PPLS examination: \$30

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.43.080 and 43.24.086. WSR 14-03-029, § 196-26A-025, filed 1/8/14, effective 2/8/14. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.24.086 and 18.43.035. WSR 02-13-080, § 196-26A-025, filed 6/17/02, effective 9/1/02.]

WAC 196-26A-030 Applications for comity licensure and temporary permits. For comity licensure under the provisions of chapter 18.43 RCW, a nonrefundable state fee must accompany all applications. Payment by check or money order must be made payable to the department of licensing.

A temporary permit to practice engineering in the state of Washington is available to nonresidents for a period of not to exceed thirty days total in any one-year period. Eligible applicants must have a valid license to practice engineering in the United States, have no outstanding disciplinary actions against their licensure and meet the experience requirements for licensure in Washington. Temporary permits must be issued prior to any authorized practice in Washington.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.43.080 and 43.24.086. WSR 14-03-029, § 196-26A-030, filed 1/8/14, effective 2/8/14. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.24.086 and 18.43.035. WSR 02-13-080, § 196-26A-030, filed 6/17/02, effective 9/1/02.]

WAC 196-26A-035 State fees for comity licensure and temporary permit applications.

Professional engineering,
comity licensure application: \$110

Note: For licensure by comity in structural engineering an applicant must have a current license as a professional engineer from a U.S. jurisdiction, meet the experience requirements and have passed sixteen hours of examinations in structural engineering approved by the board.

Professional engineering,
temporary permit application: \$110

Professional land surveying,
comity licensure application: \$140

Note: For licensure by comity in land surveying an applicant must meet the experience requirements approved by the board and have passed a written examination satisfactory to the board. Eligible applicants are required to pass the Washington specific examination on Washington laws and rules.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.43.080 and 43.24.086. WSR 14-03-029, § 196-26A-035, filed 1/8/14, effective 2/8/14. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.24.086 and 18.43.035. WSR 02-13-080, § 196-26A-035, filed 6/17/02, effective 9/1/02.]

WAC 196-26A-040 Renewals for professional engineer and professional land surveyor licenses. (1) Licenses for professional engineers or professional land surveyors shall be renewed every two years. The date of expiration shall be the licensee's birthday. The initial

license issued to an individual shall expire no earlier than one year after the issue date.

(2) To renew your license, complete an application for renewal, pay the required renewal fee, and provide the information requested in the renewal notice and application form. This information may include email address or other contact information and information regarding prior unprofessional conduct pursuant to RCW 18.235.110 and 18.235.130. Information regarding unprofessional conduct will be evaluated by the board to determine whether it is related to the practice of the applicant's profession.

(3) For a professional land surveyor the renewal application requires completion of professional development requirements and an attestation by the applicant that they have read chapters 58.09 RCW and 332-130 WAC as part of the renewal process.

(4) If a completed application for renewal has not been received by the board by the date of expiration (postmarked before the date of expiration if mailed or transacted online before the date of expiration), the license is invalid. Renewals that remain expired over 90 days past the date of expiration require payment of a late fee equivalent to the fee for a one-year renewal in addition to the base renewal fee, and completing of a renewal application.

(5) If your license has been expired for five or more years, you must submit a renewal application and you will be required to take and receive a passing score on the board's law review examination. In the first year of reactivated practice professional land surveyors may be required by the board to collect an additional 15 professional development hours (PDH). The licensee is responsible for timely renewal whether or not they received a renewal notice from the department.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.43.035. WSR 23-06-073, § 196-26A-040, filed 3/1/23, effective 4/1/23. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.43.080 and 43.24.086. WSR 14-03-029, § 196-26A-040, filed 1/8/14, effective 2/8/14. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.24.086 and 18.43.035. WSR 02-13-080, § 196-26A-040, filed 6/17/02, effective 9/1/02.]

WAC 196-26A-045 Professional engineer, professional land surveyor or renewal fees and penalties.

Professional engineer (two years):	\$116
Professional land surveyor (two years):	\$116
Late renewal penalty (PE and LS only):	\$58

[Statutory Authority: RCW 43.24.086 and 18.43.035. WSR 02-13-080, § 196-26A-045, filed 6/17/02, effective 9/1/02.]

WAC 196-26A-050 Application for certificate of authorization.

All corporations, joint stock associations and limited liability companies that offer engineering or land surveying services to the public must obtain a certificate of authorization from the board. Each application must be accompanied by the nonrefundable state fee made payable to the department of licensing.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.43.080 and 43.24.086. WSR 14-03-029, § 196-26A-050, filed 1/8/14, effective 2/8/14. Statutory Authority: RCW

43.24.086 and 18.43.035. WSR 02-13-080, § 196-26A-050, filed 6/17/02, effective 9/1/02.]

WAC 196-26A-055 Renewal of certificate of authorization. The date of renewal, renewal interval and renewal fee are established by the director of the department of licensing in accordance with chapter 43.24 RCW. A complete application for renewal requires payment of a fee, and any information specified by the board in the renewal notice such as changes to: Name of firm, services offered, business address, and names of licensee(s) designated in responsible charge for the services provided. The payment of the renewal fee must be received by the department by the date of expiration (postmarked if renewal is mailed by U.S. mail) or the certificate of authorization is invalid on the date of expiration.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.43.080 and 43.24.086. WSR 14-03-029, § 196-26A-055, filed 1/8/14, effective 2/8/14. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.24.086 and 18.43.035. WSR 02-13-080, § 196-26A-055, filed 6/17/02, effective 9/1/02.]

WAC 196-26A-060 Certificate of authorization application and renewal fees.

Application fee (incl. wall certificate and initial license):	\$150
Renewal fee (one-year):	\$110

[Statutory Authority: RCW 43.24.086 and 18.43.035. WSR 02-13-080, § 196-26A-060, filed 6/17/02, effective 9/1/02.]

WAC 196-26A-100 Suspended fees. All applicants for the NCEES fundamentals of engineering examination and the fundamentals land surveying examination, administered after January 1, 2014, will have the board application processing fee suspended from collection.

Fee categories	Current Fees	Portion Suspended	Temporary Fees
Fundamentals of Engineering (FE):			
Application fee (incl. wall certificate):	\$30	\$30	\$0
Processing fee to retake the FE examination:	\$20	\$20	\$0
Fundamentals of Land Surveying (FLS):			
Application fee (incl. wall certificate):	\$30	\$30	\$0
Processing fee to retake the FLS examination:	\$20	\$30	\$0

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.43.080 and 43.24.086. WSR 14-03-029, § 196-26A-100, filed 1/8/14, effective 2/8/14. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.24.086, 18.43.035, and 18.210.050. WSR 06-06-019, § 196-26A-100, filed 2/21/06, effective 3/24/06.]