



STATE OF TENNESSEE
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TENNESSEE STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR LAND SURVEYORS

Requirements for PLSIT Examination

REQUIREMENTS:

- (a)(1) The board shall consider and evaluate a land surveyor applicant's qualifications based upon:
- (A) The applicant's education, technical, and land surveying experience
 - (B) Exhibits of land surveying projects with which the applicant has been associated
 - (C) Recommendation and character references, and
 - (D) The payment by the applicant of a fee set by the board in accordance with § 62-18-125 with the approval of the commissioner of commerce and insurance.
- (2) The board shall, in proper cases as authorized in this chapter, issue a certificate of registration as a land surveyor to any person who submits evidence to the board that the person is fully qualified to practice land surveying.
- (3) A land surveyor's applicant's qualifications may be reviewed at an interview if the board determines it necessary.
- (4) Educational credit for institute courses, correspondence courses, or other courses shall be determined by the board.
- (5) No person shall be eligible for registration who:
- (A) Does not have a high school education diploma or general equivalency diploma (GED®);
 - (B) Does not speak and write the English language; or
 - (C) Is not of good character and repute.
- (b) The following shall be considered as the minimum evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant meets the qualifications of a professional land surveyor:
1. To be certified as land surveyor intern (PLSIT), an applicant shall:
 - (A) Make a complete application to the board;
 - (B) Be of good character and reputation;
 - (C) Submit three (3) character references to the board, one of whom is a professional land surveyor
 - (D) Comply with the requirements of this chapter;
 - (E) Pass the Fundamentals of Land Surveying (FS) examination; and

(F) Satisfy one (1) of the following requirements related to education and experience:

- (i) Obtain a baccalaureate degree from a surveying or surveying technology curriculum of four (4) or more years, approved by the board;
- (ii) Obtain a baccalaureate degree from a science, engineering or technology curriculum of four (4) or more years related to the practice of land surveying, approved by the board with a minimum of twenty-four (24) semester hours of board-approved coursework in the surveying sciences;
- (iii) Obtain a baccalaureate degree from a non-surveying related curriculum of four (4) or more years, approved by the board, plus an additional thirty-six (36) semester hours of board-approved coursework in the surveying sciences;
- (iv) Obtain an associate degree in surveying technology or a related science, engineering or technical field, approved by the board, with a minimum of thirty (30) semester hours of board-approved coursework in the surveying sciences, a record of four (4) years of progressive practical experience, two (2) years of which shall have been under the direct supervision of a practicing professional land surveyor; or
- (v) Obtain a high school education diploma or a general equivalency diploma (GED) with a record satisfactory to the board of ten (10) years of progressive practical experience, six (6) years of which shall have been under the direct supervision or a practicing professional land surveyor.

APPLICATIONS:

The applicant must submit an application with a fee of \$25.00 to be reviewed by the Board for consideration. Make check payable to the State of Tennessee. Payment must be made at the time of application. If the application is approved, the Board will notify you that your application has been approved and you will then register for the exam with NCEES.

Effective January 1, 2014, the Fundamentals of Surveying (FS) exam will only be offered via computer-based testing at Pearson Vue testing centers and will be administered during four testing windows throughout the year. Once approved by the Board, candidates may register to sit for the exam at the earliest available opportunity at a testing center of their choice. A list of test center locations is available on the NCEES website. ***The exam fee is to be paid at the testing center.***

If the applicant fails the FS examination, he/she must take exam again and pass in order to receive recognition as PLSIT, and another exam fee will be required.

All new applications for the Fundamentals of Surveying (FS) examination must be received in the board office by September 15, January 15, March 15 and July 15 to be reviewed. ***IF YOUR APPLICATION IS NOT IN OUR OFFICE BY THESE DATES, THEN YOUR APPLICATION WILL AUTOMATICALLY BE HELD FOR THE NEXT APPLICATION REVIEW.***

SCHEDULING INFORMATION:

Following approval by the Tennessee Board of Examiners for Land Surveyors to sit for the exam, candidates must register with NCEES. For further information, visit the NCEES website at www.ncees.org.

APPLICATION FORM:

- Type or write your name on the application as you want it to appear on your certificate.
- Fill out the application completely.
- Sign the completed application and have it notarized.
- Submit the completed application packet and application fee to the Tennessee Board of Examiners for Land Surveyors, 500 James Robertson Parkway, Nashville, TN 37243-1146.

TRANSCRIPTS:

Official transcripts are required for all educational credit claimed. If utilizing TCA 62-18-109b(1)(F)(i), (ii), (iii), or (iv), a completed course reporting form must also be included.

DISABILITY INFORMATION:

If you require special accommodations in taking this examination, contact NCEES at 800-250-3196 or 864-654-6824.

