

1 AN ACT relating to accreditation requirements for licensure as a professional
2 engineer.

3 ***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

4 ➔Section 1. KRS 322.040 is amended to read as follows:

5 (1) A person shall qualify for licensure as a professional engineer by meeting the
6 requirements set forth in paragraph (a) or (b) of this subsection.

7 (a) A person shall qualify if he or she has:

8 1. Graduated from an engineering program of four (4) years or more
9 accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission *or the*
10 *Engineering Technology Accreditation Commission* of the
11 Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology or any engineering
12 program deemed equivalent by the board;

13 2. Four (4) or more additional years of progressive experience in
14 engineering or teaching of a grade and character which indicates to the
15 board that the applicant is competent to practice engineering; and

16 3. A passing score on:

17 a. The Principles and Practice of Engineering Examination; and

18 b. The Fundamentals of Engineering Examination. The board may
19 allow students enrolled in the final year of an undergraduate
20 engineering program to take this examination. Upon passing the
21 examination, the applicant shall be designated an engineer in
22 training.

23 (b) If an instructor in an engineering program accredited by the Engineering
24 Accreditation Commission *or the Engineering Technology Accreditation*
25 *Commission* of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology or
26 an engineering program deemed equivalent by the board is not eligible for the
27 exemption under subsection (2) of this section, the instructor shall have four

1 (4) years from the date of hire to qualify for licensure by showing that he or
2 she has:

- 3 1. Graduated from an engineering program of four (4) years or more
4 accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission or the
5 Engineering Technology Accreditation Commission of the
6 Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology, or an engineering
7 program deemed equivalent by the board;
- 8 2. Four (4) or more additional years of progressive experience in
9 engineering or teaching of a grade and character which indicates to the
10 board that the applicant is competent to practice engineering;
- 11 3. Passed the Principles and Practice of Engineering Examination; and
- 12 4. Either passed the Fundamentals of Engineering Examination or
13 graduated from a board-approved doctoral engineering degree program.

14 (2) For the purpose of teaching engineering design courses only, an instructor who, on
15 January 1, 1999, holds a tenured or tenure-track position in an engineering program
16 defined in KRS 322.010(4)(a)3. shall be exempt from the licensure requirements of
17 KRS 322.020 for the period that instructor is continuously employed by the
18 institution offering that program. However, an instructor may apply and shall
19 qualify for licensure as a professional engineer during this exempt period if he or
20 she:

- 21 (a) Has graduated from an engineering program of four (4) years or more
22 accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission or the Engineering
23 Technology Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board for
24 Engineering and Technology or an engineering program deemed equivalent
25 by the board;
- 26 (b) Has graduated from a board-approved doctoral engineering degree program,
27 with an additional three (3) years or more of progressive experience in

1 engineering or teaching of a grade and character which indicate to the board
2 that the applicant is competent to practice engineering; and

3 (c) Has passed the Principles and Practice of Engineering Examination.

4 (3) Any person having the necessary qualifications prescribed in subsection (1) or (2)
5 of this section shall be eligible to apply for licensure, even if the applicant is not
6 practicing the profession at the time of application.

7 (4) The board shall promulgate administrative regulations to establish requirements for
8 consideration of experience gained prior to graduation from an engineering program
9 as described in subsection (1)(a)1. of this section.