



**VIRTUAL/TELECONFERENCE
RULES COMMITTEE
EXAMINING BOARD OF ARCHITECTS, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS,
PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS, DESIGNERS, PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS, AND
REGISTERED INTERIOR DESIGNERS
Virtual, 4822 Madison Yards Way, Madison
Contact: Will Johnson (608) 266-2112
October 7, 2026**

The following agenda describes the issues that the Committee plans to consider at the meeting. At the time of the meeting, items may be removed from the agenda. Please consult the meeting minutes for a record of the actions of the Committee.

AGENDA

9:00 A.M.

OPEN SESSION – CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL

A. Adoption of Agenda (1-2)

B. Approval of Minutes of April 1, 2026 (3-4)

C. Administrative Matters – Discussion and Consideration

1. Department, Staff and Board Updates
2. Committee Membership
 - a. Committee Members:
 1. Douglas, Gregory – Architect Section
 2. Fedderly, Daniel J. – Prof. Land Surveyor Section
 3. Myers, Dennis – Public Member
 4. Scholl, Colleen – Prof. Engineer Section
 5. Sina, Christopher – Landscape Architect Section
 6. Szeklinski, Genevieve D. – Registered Interior Designer Section
 7. Wagner, Roy – Public Member
 - b. Alternate Members
 1. Einwalter, Tim – Architect Section Alternate
 2. Liegeois, John – Prof. Engineer Section Alternate
 3. Martin, Christina C. – Prof. Land Surveyor Section Alternate
 4. Stroebel, Robin – Registered Interior Designer Section Alternate
 5. Tweed, Steven – Designer Section Alternate

D. Administrative Rule Matters – Discussion and Consideration (5-20)

1. Rule drafting for A-E 6 relating to Land Surveyor Examination Requirements **(6-12)**
2. Rule drafting for AE 3 and 12 relating to Architects Continuing Education **(13-18)**
3. Possible new rule projects on: **(19)**
 - a. Architectural experience under s. A-E 3.03
 - b. Education equivalent to experience under s. A-E 3.04
 - c. Application contents under s. A-E 3.06
4. Pending or Possible Rulemaking Projects **(20)**

E. Legislative and Policy Matters – Discussion and Consideration

F. Public Comments

ADJOURNMENT

NEXT MEETING: TBD 2027

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MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 1, 2026**

PRESENT: Gregory Douglas (*virtual*), Daniel Fedderly, Dennis Myers, Colleen Scholl, Christopher Sina (*virtual*), Genevieve Szeklinski (*virtual*)

STAFF: Will Johnson, Executive Director; Joseph Ricker, Legal Counsel; Jacob Pelegrin, Administrative Rule Coordinator; Ashley Sarnosky, Board Administration Specialist; and other Department Staff

(John Liegeois and Robin Stroebel were present at the meeting but did not attend as voting members.)

CALL TO ORDER

Daniel Fedderly, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. A quorum was confirmed with six (6) members present.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION: Dennis Myers moved, seconded by Colleen Scholl, to adopt the Agenda as published. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 1, 2025

MOTION: Christopher Sina moved, seconded by Gregory Douglas, to adopt the Minutes from October 1, 2025, as published. Motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Election of Officers

Slate of Officers

NOMINATION: Dennis Myers nominated the 2025 slate of officers to continue in 2026. All officers accepted their nominations.

Will Johnson, Executive Director, called for nominations three (3) times.

The Slate of Officers was elected by unanimous voice vote.

ELECTION RESULTS	
Chairperson	Daniel Fedderly
Vice Chairperson	Christopher Sina

Secretary	Dennis Myers
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9:00 A.M. PRELIMINARY PUBLIC HEARING ON SCOPE STATEMENT SS 78-025, A-E 6, RELATING TO LAND SURVEYOR EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS

MOTION: Dennis Myers moved, seconded by Colleen Scholl, to affirm the rules committee has provided an opportunity for public comment on scope statement A-E 6 relating to Land Surveyor Examination Requirements. and that no comments were received. The rules committee approves the scope statement for implementation. Motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE RULE MATTERS

Discussion of Public Comments and Clearinghouse Report for A-E 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, and 14 relating to Certificates of Authorization

MOTION: Christopher Sina moved, seconded by Gregory Douglas, to authorize the Chair or Vice Chair to approve the Final Rule Draft and Report to the Legislature for rule A-E 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, and 14 relating to Certificates of Authorization for submittal to the Governor's Office and Legislature. The rules committee also authorizes the Chair or Vice Chair to approve the Adoption Order for rule A-E 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, and 14 after Governor's approval of the Final Rule Draft. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion of Proposed New Scope Statement on A-E 3 and 12 relating to Architects Continuing Education

MOTION: Colleen Scholl moved, seconded by Christopher Sina, to authorize the Chair or Vice Chair to approve the scope statement revising rules A-E 3 and 12 relating to Architects Continuing Education for submittal to the Governor's Office and for publication in the Register. Additionally, the rules committee authorizes the Chair or Vice Chair to approve the scope statement for implementation no less than 10 days after publication. If the board is directed to hold a preliminary public hearing on the scope statement, the Chair or Vice Chair is authorized to approve the required notice of hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Dennis Myers moved, seconded by Colleen Scholl, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:21 a.m.

**State of Wisconsin
Department of Safety & Professional Services**

AGENDA REQUEST FORM

1) Name and title of person submitting the request: Jake Pelegrin Administrative Rules Coordinator		2) Date when request submitted: 9/25/26 Items will be considered late if submitted after 12:00 p.m. on the deadline date which is 8 business days before the meeting											
3) Name of Board, Committee, Council, Sections: A-E Rules Committee													
4) Meeting Date: 10/7/26	5) Attachments: ☒ Yes ☐ No	6) How should the item be titled on the agenda page? Administrative Rule Matters – Discussion and Consideration 1. Rule drafting for A-E 6 relating to Land Surveyor Examination Requirements 2. Rule drafting for AE 3 and 12 relating to Architects Continuing Education 3. Possible new rule projects on: a. Architectural experience under s. A-E 3.03 b. Education equivalent to experience under s. A-E 3.04 c. Application contents under s. A-E 3.06 4. Pending or possible rulemaking items											
7) Place Item in: ☒ Open Session ☐ Closed Session	8) Is an appearance before the Board being scheduled? <i>(If yes, please complete Appearance Request for Non-DSPS Staff)</i> ☐ Yes ☒ No	9) Name of Case Advisor(s), if required: N/A											
10) Describe the issue and action that should be addressed: Attachments: -Rule drafting materials for A-E 6, Land Surveyor Examination Requirements -Scope statement and proposed preliminary rule draft for AE 3 and 12 relating to Architects Continuing Education -Statutory requirements on proposed new rule topics -AE Rules Chart													
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Directions for including supporting documents: 1. This form should be attached to any documents submitted to the agenda. 2. Post Agenda Deadline items must be authorized by a Supervisor and the Policy Development Executive Director. 3. If necessary, provide original documents needing Board Chairperson signature to the Bureau Assistant prior to the start of a meeting.													

Biggest question for the section is: do you want to adopt the new Public Land Survey System exam into the examination requirements for land surveyors?

This would involve amending [A-E 6.05\(1\)](#) and [A-E 6.05\(3\)](#), and probably creating a new A-E 6.05 (2) (c) to describe the PLSS exam.

A-E 6.05 Examination. (1) LAND SURVEYOR EXAMINATION REQUIRED. Applicants for licensure as a professional land surveyor shall take and pass 3 examinations. The examinations include the national fundamentals of surveying examination, the national principles and practice of surveying examination, and the state jurisdictional examination, which is relative to specific practice in this state. Each of the 3 required examinations is scored separately.

(2) SCOPE OF WRITTEN EXAMINATION. (a) The fundamentals of land surveying examination requires an understanding of mathematics, physics, surveying methods for measuring horizontal, vertical and angular values, topographic and photogrammetric mapping, notekeeping, property surveys, computations, descriptions and plats.

(b) The national principles and practice examination and the state jurisdictional examination require an ability to apply principles and judgment to problems involving the U.S. system of public land surveys, Wisconsin plane coordinate surveys, the relocation of lost and obliterated corners, the legal essentials of resurveys, disputed boundaries, defective deed descriptions, riparian rights, adverse possession, the Wisconsin statutes relating to land surveying including the preparation and filing of plats, the writing and interpreting of land descriptions, the technical essentials of professional land surveying and subdivision of lands including practical problems requiring a knowledge of the basic theory and fundamental concepts of field astronomy, geometry of curves, topography and photogrammetry.

(3) TIME PERIOD FOR EXAMINATION. Applicants for licensure as a land surveyor must take and pass the fundamentals of surveying examination, the national principles and practice surveying examination, and the state jurisdictional examination within 4 years of applying for licensure.

RE: Question: PLSS exam

Jake,

The new PLSS exam is intended as an exam which boards may require in addition to the FS and PS exams. The NCEES [Model Law](#), which is “designed to assist legislative counsels, legislators, and NCEES members in preparing new or amendatory legislation” (see Preface), contains the following language in Section 130.10.C.2.a.(2) regarding examination requirements for licensure as a Professional Surveyor:

An individual seeking licensure as a professional surveyor shall take and pass the NCEES Fundamentals of Surveying (FS) examination and the NCEES Principles and Practice of Surveying (PS) examination, and any jurisdiction-specific examination.

NCEES is producing the PLSS examination as an optional “jurisdiction-specific examination” that boards may require when they wish to have licensure candidates demonstrate competence in the Public Land Survey System.

Please let me know if I can address any other questions.

Regards,

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NCEES Public Land Survey System (PLSS) Examination PLSS Exam Specifications

Effective Beginning October 2027

- The Public Land Survey System exam is closed book with an electronic reference.
- Examinees have 5 hours to complete the exam, which contains 75 questions. The 5-hour time includes a tutorial and an optional scheduled break. Examinees work all questions.
- The exam uses U.S. Customary System (USCS) units only.
- The exam is developed with questions that will require a variety of approaches and methodologies, including design, analysis, and application.
- The knowledge areas specified as examples of kinds of knowledge are not exclusive or exhaustive categories.

Number of Questions

1. General Plan and Method of Survey

9–14

- A. Understand how the *Manual of Surveying Instructions* was developed
 1. Acts and ordinances
 2. Initial points, principal meridians, and baselines
 3. Previous editions, supplements to, and special instructions of the *Manual*.
 4. Applicable laws governing surveying and surveying administration
 5. Application of federal, state, or other law
- B. Identify public land states
 1. The 30 states that were created out of the public domain
 2. Non-public land states
 3. Who has authority relating to the official marking of the boundaries of federal interest lands
- C. Identify basis and methods of distance and direction measurements
 1. How measurements were made in the PLSS
 2. Line of constant bearing (geodesy vs. true bearing and convergence)
 3. True meridian at the point of record
- D. Utilize and apply geodetic reference systems using the PLSS
 1. Purpose of the National Spatial Reference System (NSRS) as it relates to the PLSS
 2. Computations in the PLSS datum
 3. Differences between geodetic and local meridians

2. System of Rectangular Surveys

12–18

- A. Identify the general scheme used in the PLSS
 1. Original survey procedures used
 2. Standard parallels, guide meridians, and principal meridians
 3. How township exteriors were established
 4. Aliquot parts in the rectangular system
 5. Limits and error of closure

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- B. Understand the subdivision of townships
 - 1. Regular and irregular townships
 - 2. Extension and completion surveys
 - 3. Meridional and latitudinal section lines
 - 4. Irregular boundaries
 - C. Understand the subdivision of sections and limits of closure
 - 1. Subdivision of sections by protraction
 - 2. Government lots
 - 3. Elongated sections
 - 4. Subdivision of sections into quarter sections
 - 5. Subdivision of fractional sections
 - 6. Subdivision of quarter sections
 - 7. Survey of partially surveyed sections (completion surveys)
 - 8. Subdivision of sections by local surveyors
 - 9. Closing corners and meander corners
 - 10. Effects of bona fide rights
 - 11. Junior and senior rights and junior and senior lines (e.g., range lines, township lines, section lines)
 - D. Identify the difference between meanders in original surveys and retracement surveys
 - 1. Meander lines
 - 2. Ordinary high-water mark and line of mean high tide
 - 3. Navigable and non-navigable waterways
 - E. Mark lines between corners
 - 1. Line trees, blazes, hacks, posting, and other markers

3. Monumentation

7–11

- A. Establish monuments and corner accessories in accordance with the proper authority
 - 1. How to recognize jurisdictional authority and its requirements
 - 2. How to read existing cap markings
 - 3. Notes vs. monuments when there is conflicting evidence
 - 4. Standard vs. special markings for interior and exterior section corners
 - 5. Special purpose monument marks
 - 6. Marking of accessories
- B. Determine appropriate materials for corner monumentation
 - 1. Requirements, materials, and construction of monuments
 - 2. Appropriate accessories
 - 3. How to mark caps and accessories
- C. Determine appropriate documentation
 - 1. Proper form of field notes and plats
 - 2. Where to file, submit, or record document(s)
 - 3. Special instructions

4. Principles of Resurveys

13–20

- A. Identify the principles of resurveys
 - 1. Determination of dependent resurvey
 - 2. Determination of independent resurvey

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3. Jurisdiction
 4. Protection of bona fide rights of claimants
 - B. Evaluate the evidence of resurveys
 1. Identification of corners (e.g., existent, obliterated, lost)
 2. Direct evidence
 3. Collateral evidence
 4. How to establish bona fide rights
 5. Special case (e.g., fictitious, fraudulent, grossly erroneous)
 6. How to recognize incorrect original survey (e.g., identify blunders, gross errors, original monumentation, ambiguities)
 - C. Determine the restoration method
 1. Computation methods for lost corners
 2. How to determine controlling elements
 3. Application of direct or collateral evidence
 - D. Apply appropriate survey principles to resurveys and water boundaries
 1. How to recognize accretion, avulsion, and reliction
 2. How to recognize navigability
 3. How to adjust record meanders
 4. How to apply ownership as it relates to centerline and/or thalweg
 5. How to determine jurisdiction

5. Special Surveys

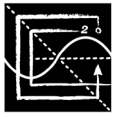
5-8

- A. Apply appropriate PLSS principles to special surveys
 1. How to recognize departure from the rectangular survey system
 2. Definition of tract, parcel, and lot
 3. Small tracts
- B. Apply appropriate PLSS principles to retracement of mineral surveys
 1. Original survey plat and notes
 2. Original monuments
 3. Current monument requirements
 4. How to determine junior/senior rights based on patents
 5. How to recognize split estate ownership interests
 6. Mining claims (e.g., mill site, placer claim, tunnel site, mine survey, lode claim)
 7. Retracement procedures
 8. How to recognize extralateral rights
 9. Location monuments
- C. Apply appropriate PLSS principles to the three-mile method of section subdivision
 1. How to recognize and apply the three-mile method
 2. Original survey plat and notes
 3. How to conduct the appropriate resurvey
- D. Apply appropriate principles to non-rectangular and other metes-and-bounds surveys
 1. Private land claims
 2. National Forest System lands
 3. Townsite surveys
 4. Indian allotments

6. PLSS Boundary Law

14–21

- A. Research and interpret the sources of titles, plats, and notes
 - 1. How to establish the chain of title
 - 2. How to apply appropriate principles of title
 - 3. How to determine the differences in vesting rights
 - 4. Where to find title records
 - 5. When does vesting occur
 - 6. How to interpret patents
 - 7. Existing ownership at the time of original survey
- B. Identify types of land status
 - 1. Patents (e.g., patents for mineral surveys, homestead entry surveys, ranchos, townsites, deeded lands, tribal reservation lands, state, private)
 - 2. How to find and interpret the Master Title Plat and Historical Index
 - 3. How the land status affects the survey
 - 4. Public domain, private lands, and federally acquired lands
- C. Evaluate local surveys
 - 1. Where to find survey information (e.g., County Recorder, County Survey Office, Government Land Office, National Archives, Department of Transportation)
 - 2. How to protect bona fide rights
 - 3. How to protect locally established corners
- D. Review types of evidence
 - 1. How to gather and evaluate parol evidence (e.g., testimony from adjoiningers and clients)
 - 2. How to gather and evaluate physical evidence (e.g., original, occupational, documentation)
 - 3. How to interpret field notes
 - 4. How to evaluate original survey evidence
- E. Identify which version of the *Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Manual* applies to the survey if applicable
 - 1. BLM issue dates
 - 2. BLM supplements



NCEES

advancing licensure for
engineers and surveyors

NCEES Principles and Practice of Surveying Examination PUBLIC LAND SURVEY SYSTEM CBT Design Standards

Effective Beginning October 2027

In addition to the NCEES *PLSS Reference Handbook* and *Glossaries of BLM Surveying and Mapping Terms*, the following codes and standards will be supplied in the exam as searchable, electronic pdf files with links for easy navigation. This NCEES [YouTube video](#) shows how standards will be presented on the exam. Standards will be provided as individual chapters on the exam, and only one chapter at a time can be opened and searched. This ensures the exam software runs large files effectively. The handbook and design standards will be available the entire exam.

Solutions to exam questions that reference a standard of practice are scored based on this list and the revision year shown. Solutions based on other standards will not receive credit.

NCEES does not sell design standards or printed copies of the NCEES handbook. The NCEES handbook is accessible from your [MyNCEES](#) account.

ABBREVIATION	DESIGN STANDARD TITLE
BLM Manual	<i>Manual of Surveying Instructions for the Survey of the Public Lands of the United States</i> (with errata), 2009, United States Department of the Interior and the Bureau of Land Management, Denver, CO, www.blm.gov .

STATEMENT OF SCOPE

Examining Board of Architects, Landscape Architects, Professional Engineers, Designers, Professional Land Surveyors and Registered Interior Designers

Rule No.: A-E 3 and 12

Relating to: Architects Continuing Education Requirements

Rule Type: Permanent

1. Finding/nature of emergency (Emergency Rule only): N/A

2. Detailed description of the objective of the proposed rule:

The objective of the proposed rule is to discuss and consider adding new material to subject matter required as part of continuing education for registered architects, which may include revisions to chs. A-E 3 and 12.

3. Description of the existing policies relevant to the rule, new policies proposed to be included in the rule, and an analysis of policy alternatives:

Chapter A-E 3, Wis. Admin. Code, contains requirements for initial registration of architects in Wisconsin. Chapter A-E 12 contains requirements for continuing education for architects. Under A-E 12, architects' continuing education is generally required to be educational activities designed to advance the professional skills and knowledge of a registrant in the practice of architecture for the improvement of public health, safety and welfare. At least 24 contact hours of continuing education are required each biennium. Currently, the only specific subject matter requirement is that at least 16 of the 24 hours must be on health, safety and welfare topics. These are defined as technical or professional subjects that safeguard the public's health, safety and welfare including building design, landscape design, environmental or land use analysis, life safety, and other listed topics.

The Architects Section and A-E Examining Board would like to discuss and consider updating the requirements for continuing education. One topic they would like to consider is ethics training for architects.

The alternative is not to implement this scope statement and not to have the discussion and consider rule changes. This would not allow the board to update the code for the purpose of improving public health, safety and welfare affected by the architecture industry and to maintain a high standard of ethics in the industry.

4. Detailed explanation of statutory authority for the rule (including the statutory citation and language):

Section 15.08 (5) (b), Stats., provides that an examining board "[s]hall promulgate rules for its own guidance and for the guidance of the trade or profession to which it pertains, and define and enforce professional conduct and unethical practices not inconsistent with the law relating to the particular trade or profession."

Section 227.11 (2) (a), Stats., provides that "[e]ach agency may promulgate rules interpreting the provisions of any statute enforced or administered by the agency, if the agency considers it necessary to effectuate the purpose of the statute, but a rule is not valid if the rule exceeds the bounds of correct interpretation."

Section 443.015 (1), Stats., provides that "[e]ach section of the examining board may establish continuing education requirements for renewal of a credential issued by that section under this chapter."

5. Estimate of amount of time that state employees will spend developing the rule and of other resources necessary to develop the rule:

80 hours.

6. List with description of all entities that may be affected by the proposed rule:

Registered architects in Wisconsin and providers of continuing education for architects.

7. Summary and preliminary comparison with any existing or proposed federal regulation that is intended to address the activities to be regulated by the proposed rule:

None.

8. Anticipated economic impact of implementing the rule (note if the rule is likely to have a significant economic impact on small businesses):

The proposed rule is likely to have minimal to no economic impact on small businesses and the state's economy as a whole.

Contact Person: Jake Pelegrin, Administrative Rules Coordinator, DSPSAdminRules@wisconsin.gov.

Approved for publication:

Daniel J. Fedderly P.E.; P.L.S.
Authorized Signature

04/01/2026
Date Submitted

Approved for implementation:

Daniel J. Fedderly P.E.; P.L.S.
Authorized Signature

05/30/26
Date Submitted

STATE OF WISCONSIN
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IN THE MATTER OF RULEMAKING	:	PROPOSED ORDER OF THE
PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE	:	EXAMINING BOARD OF
EXAMINING BOARD OF ARCHITECTS,	:	ARCHITECTS, LANDSCAPE
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS,	:	ARCHITECTS, PROFESSIONAL
PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS,	:	ENGINEERS, DESIGNERS,
DESIGNERS, PROFESSIONAL	:	PROFESSIONAL LAND
SURVEYORS, AND REGISTERED	:	SURVEYORS, AND REGISTERED
INTERIOR DESIGNERS	:	INTERIOR DESIGNERS
DESIGNERS	:	ADOPTING RULES
	:	(CLEARINGHOUSE RULE)

PROPOSED ORDER

An order of the Examining Board of Architects, Landscape Architects, Professional Engineers, Designers, Professional Land Surveyors, and Registered Interior Designers to *amend* A-E 12.03 (1) relating to architects continuing education.

Analysis prepared by the Department of Safety and Professional Services.

ANALYSIS

Statutes interpreted:

Section 443.015 (1), Stats.

Statutory authority:

Sections 15.08 (5) (b), and 227.11 (2) (a), and 443.015 (1), Stats.

Explanation of agency authority:

Section 15.08 (5) (b), Stats., provides that each examining board “[s]hall promulgate rules for its own guidance and for the guidance of the trade or profession to which it pertains, and define and enforce professional conduct and unethical practices not inconsistent with the law relating to the particular trade or profession.”

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Related statute or rule:

None.

Plain language analysis:

The objective of the proposed rule is to add ethics training as a required subject matter for registered architects’ continuing education. Chapter A-E 12, Wis. Admin. Code, contains requirements for continuing education for architects. Under ch. A-E 12, architects’ continuing education is generally required to be educational activities designed to advance the professional skills and knowledge of a registrant in the practice of architecture for the improvement of public health, safety and welfare. At least 24 contact hours of continuing education are required each biennium. Currently, the only specific subject matter requirement is that at least 16 of the 24 hours must be on health, safety and welfare topics. These are defined as technical or professional subjects that safeguard the public’s health, safety and welfare including building design, landscape design, environmental or land use analysis, life safety, and other listed topics. The proposed rule adds another subject matter requirement that at least 2 of the 24 hours must be on the subject of professional ethics.

Summary of, and comparison with, existing or proposed federal regulation:

None.

Summary of public comments received on statement of scope:

None.

Comparison with rules in adjacent states:

Illinois:

Rules of the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation provide continuing education requirements for architects [68 Ill. Adm. Code 1150.105]. 24 total continuing education hours are required each biennium. A minimum of 16 core hours are required which must be relevant to safeguarding public health, safety, and welfare. Ethics training is not required as a specific subject matter in architects’ continuing education.

Iowa:

Continuing education requirements for architects are specified by the Iowa Architectural Examining Board [193B IAC 3.3]. A total of 24 continuing education hours are required each biennium and all must be on health, safety, and welfare subjects and must be

acquired in structured educational activities. Ethics training is not specified as a required subject matter.

Michigan:

Rules of the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs provide continuing education requirements for architects [Mich. Admin. Code R 339.15501 to 339.15507]. A total of 24 continuing education hours are required each biennium and all must be on health, safety, and welfare subjects. Ethics training is not specified as a required subject matter.

Minnesota:

The Minnesota Statutes provide continuing education requirements for architects [Minnesota Statutes section 326.107]. Each biennium, 24 professional development hours are required. It does require that 2 of the total 24 hours are on the subject of professional ethics.

Summary of factual data and analytical methodologies:

The proposed rule was developed by the A-E Examining Board and Architects Section reviewing the provisions of chs. A-E 3 and 12 and determining where updates were needed.

Analysis and supporting documents used to determine effect on small business or in preparation of economic impact analysis:

The proposed rules will be posted for a period of 14 days to solicit public comment on economic impact, including how the proposed rules may affect businesses, local government units, and individuals.

Effect on small business:

These proposed rules do not have an economic impact on small businesses, as defined in s. 227.114 (1), Stats. The Department's Regulatory Review Coordinator may be contacted at Jennifer.garrett@wisconsin.gov or (608) 266-2112.

Agency contact person:

Jake Pelegrin, Administrative Rules Coordinator, Department of Safety and Professional Services, Office of Chief Legal Counsel, 4822 Madison Yards Way, P.O. Box 14497, Madison, Wisconsin 53708-0497; email at DSPSAdminRules@wisconsin.gov.

Place where comments are to be submitted and deadline for submission:

Comments may be submitted to Jake Pelegrin, Administrative Rules Coordinator, Department of Safety and Professional Services, Office of Chief Legal Counsel, 4822

Madison Yards Way, P.O. Box 14497, Madison, Wisconsin 53708-0497; or by email to DSPSAdminRules@wisconsin.gov. Comments must be received on or before the public hearing to be included in the record of rule-making proceedings.

TEXT OF RULE

SECTION 1. A-E 12.03 (1) is amended to read:

A-E 12.03 (1) During each biennial registration period, unless granted a waiver under s. A-E 12.08, every registrant shall complete at least 24 contact hours of continuing education, of which 16 contact hours shall be in HSW topics pertinent to the practice of architecture, and 2 contact hours shall be in professional ethics.

SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. The rules adopted in this order shall take effect on the first day of the month following publication in the Wisconsin Administrative Register, pursuant to s. 227.22 (2) (intro.), Stats.

(END OF TEXT OF RULE)

This Proposed Order of the Examining Board of Architects, Landscape Architects, Professional Engineers, Designers, Professional Land Surveyors, and Registered Interior Designers is approved for submission to the Governor and Legislature.

Dated _____ Agency _____
Chair
A-E Rules Committee

Wis. Stats. section [443.03](#):

443.03 Registration requirements for architects.

(1) An applicant for registration as an architect shall submit as satisfactory evidence to the architect section of the examining board all of the following:

(a) That he or she has acquired a thorough knowledge of sound construction, building hygiene, architectural design and mathematics.

(b) One of the following:

1m. A diploma of graduation, or a certificate, from an architectural school or college approved by the architect section as of satisfactory standing, **together with at least 2 years' practical experience** of a character satisfactory to the architect section in the design and construction of buildings.

2. A specific record of **7 or more years of experience in architectural work** of a character satisfactory to the architect section in the design and construction of buildings.

(2) Graduation in architecture from a school or college approved by the architect section as of satisfactory standing shall be considered **as equivalent to 5 years of experience**, and the completion satisfactory to the architect section of **each year of work in architecture in such school or college without graduation shall be considered equivalent to one year of experience**. Graduation in a course **other than architecture from a school or college approved by the architect section as of satisfactory standing shall be considered as equivalent to not more than 4 years of experience**.

[443.10\(2\)\(a\)](#) Applications for registration or for a certificate of record shall be on forms provided by the department and shall contain statements made under oath showing the applicant's education and detail summary of the applicant's technical work and not less than 5 references, of whom 3 or more shall have personal knowledge of the applicant's architectural, landscape architectural or engineering experience in the case of an application for registration or of the applicant's technical education or engineering work in the case of an application for a certificate of record. This paragraph does not apply to an application for registration as a Wisconsin registered interior designer.

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Clearinghouse Rule Number	Scope #	Scope Expiration	Code Chapter	Relating clause/ Summary	Current Stage	Next Step
25-082	029-25	11/5/2027	A-E 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, and 14	Certificates of Authorization. Clarifying and adding detail to the statutory requirements for certificates of authorization.	Rule effective July 1 st , 2026.	Rule effective July 1 st , 2026.
	078-25	5/24/2028	A-E 6	Examination Requirements. Considering updating Land Surveyor examination requirements with the new PLSS exam.	Rule drafting.	Section and rules committee approves the preliminary rule draft.
	029-26	11/11/2028	A-E 3 and 12	Architects Continuing Education. Considering adding required subject matter to architects' continuing education.	Rule drafting.	Section and rules committee approves the preliminary rule draft.