**Section 1270.30 Endorsement**

a) An applicant who is licensed or registered to practice Land Surveying as a Professional Land Surveyor under the laws of another state or territory of the United States who desires to become licensed by endorsement shall file an application with the Division together with:

1) Proof that the applicant has met the requirements substantially equivalent to those in force in this State for a Licensed Professional Land Surveyor at the time of original or subsequent licensure by examination in the other state or territory, including certification of education, and verification of experience as appropriate;

2) A certification by the state or territory of original licensure and certification from the state or territory of predominant active practice, including the following:

A) The time during which the applicant was licensed in that state or territory, including the date of the original issuance of the license;

B) The basis of licensure and a description of all examinations by which the applicant was licensed in that state or territory and the date of passage of any such examinations; and

C) Whether the records of the licensing authority contain any record of disciplinary action taken;

3) The required fee specified in Section 1270.52;

4) Applicants who received a license after January 1, 1997 and who received their education in a foreign country other than Canada shall have the education evaluated on a course-by-course basis at their expense. Applicants may obtain forms from the NCEES Credentials Evaluations, 200 Verdae Boulevard, Greenville, SC 29607 to evaluate educational programs. The Board will review all transcripts and the evaluation submitted to the Division to determine if the education meets the requirements set forth in this Section and Section 1270.15;

5) Proof of passage of the Test of English as a Foreign Language Internet Based Test (TOEFL-iBT) with a minimum score of 26 on the speaking module and a total minimum integrated score of 88 for applicants who were licensed after January 1, 1997, who graduated from a land surveyor program outside the United States or its territories and whose first language is not English. In order to determine applicants whose first language is English, the applicant shall submit verification from the school that the land surveyor program from which the applicant graduated was taught in English.

b) An applicant for licensure under this Section may be required to appear before the Board for an oral interview if the Division has questions about the applicant's application, because of discrepancies or conflicts in information, information needing further clarification and/or missing information.

c) Applicants for licensure on the basis of endorsement shall successfully complete the Illinois Jurisdictional Examination as set forth in Section 1270.20.

d) The Division shall examine each endorsement application to determine whether the requirements in the state or territory of original licensure were substantially equivalent to the requirements then in force in the State of Illinois. The Division shall either issue a license by endorsement to the applicant or notify the applicant in writing of the reason for the deferral or denial of the application.

e) If an applicant fails to submit all required items for licensure under the Act within 3 years after filing an application, the application shall expire and be denied. The applicant may, however, make a new application for licensure accompanied by the required fee, and furnish proof of meeting the qualifications for licensure in effect at the time of new application.

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