

# What are the benefits of being a Registered Professional Land Surveyor?

With over 70,000 licensed Professional Engineers, approximately 3,000 Registered Professional Land Surveyors, Licensed State Land Surveyors, and thousands of registered engineering and surveying firms, TBPELS helps ensure that engineering and surveying projects in Texas are designed and executed safely by competent and qualified professionals.

TBPELS outreach programs educate the public, engineering and surveying students, cities, counties, governmental agencies about engineering licensure and surveying registration requirements. Existing licensees and registration holders are provided presentations on ethics, and proper professional practice.

As an award-winning state agency, TBPELS leads the way in good government practices, employing highly skilled staff and developing high quality, innovative technologies and processes to meet its mission efficiently and effectively.

The Texas Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors is committed to protecting the public of the great state of Texas now and into the future.



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Registered Professional Land Surveyors are responsible for protecting the health, safety and welfare of the public. A Professional Land Surveyor registration represents technical competence and ethical practice. Texas registered professional land surveyors are responsible for locating real property boundaries, platting and laying out land and subdivision of land, and preparing and perpetuating maps, records plats, field note records, easements, and real property descriptions in the state.

### Becoming a Registered Professional Land Surveyor:

- Protects the health, safety, and welfare of the public through comprehensive professional surveying requirements.
- Ensures a level of technical competence above and beyond formal land surveying education.
- Promotes continued competence through continuing education requirements.
- Supports professional and ethical land surveying practice.
- Demonstrates that you have accomplished a recognized standard of technical competency and professionalism.

Texas R.P.L.S. registration is not only recognized by the land surveying community and public in Texas, but across the U.S.

### Registration allows independence:

- Only registered professional land surveyors can offer professional land surveying services to the public.
- Promotes land surveying as a profession. As a R.P.L.S., you are a role model and example for the public and other surveyors.
- Registration is required for some positions and can be a significant asset for promotion and job security even in traditionally exempt fields.
- Registration gives you more options and flexibility. A R.P.L.S. can work in industry, consulting, private practice, government and more with the ability to transition from one to the other.

### Increases your marketability:

- Registration sets you apart from others in your profession who are not registered.
- Establishes personal and portable credentials that you can keep throughout your career. Many other US states use similar license criteria as Texas, which can facilitate registration in other jurisdictions.

### Registered Professional Land Surveyors have an increased level of responsibility and authority:

- You will be in responsible charge of your land surveying work and the work of others.
- You will be accountable for your actions as a land surveyor.
- You will be expected to understand and abide by state laws, rules and codes for land surveying.
- You will hold yourself to higher ethical and professional standards.
- A R.P.L.S. seal represents high quality land surveying work.
- Professional Land Surveyors practice within their area of competence.
- Professionalism is expected in dealing with clients, employers, the public and other surveyors.

### Finish What You Started

You worked hard to get your land surveying education. You have increased your competence through practical land surveying work experience. Now is the time to take the initiative and reach your goal. Show the world what you can do – apply to be a Texas Registered Professional Land Surveyor today.

Our application forms, instructions, example materials, and additional information are available on our webpage: <https://pels.texas.gov> or email us at [licensing@pels.texas.gov](mailto:licensing@pels.texas.gov)



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