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Educational Standards for Surveyor Applicants

Revised 32-Hour Coursework Checklist

Education is a key component of the registration process for becoming a Surveyor-In-Training (SIT) and a Registered Professional Land Surveyor (RPLS). The educational prerequisites are outlined in Texas Occupations Code sections 1071.253 and 1071.254 respectively. Among these requirements is surveying specific education: either having an associate or bachelor's degree in surveying or having an associate or bachelor's degree in another area and the completion of 32 hours of education in specific topic areas related to land surveying. To assist applicants and reviewers in verifying that

coursework is appropriate to meet the educational standards, the Board has reviewed and revised the current coursework checklist. At the August 2024 Board Meeting, TBPELS approved amending rule 134.31 to adjust and modernize the 32-hour educational requirements. This new checklist requirement will be in effect starting JANUARY 1, 2026, and will impact all new SIT and RPLS applicants that submit applications after that date.

The revised checklist consists of the following requirements:

- The only coursework categories allowed to meet the 32 hours are the ones listed in the statute:
 - Land Surveying
 - Land Law
 - Civil Engineering
 - Mathematics
 - Photogrammetry
 - Forestry
 - Physical Sciences
- Minimum hours of coursework in certain categories:
 - Land Surveying – 9 Hours
 - Land Law – 3 Hours
 - Mathematics – 6 Hours
- Land surveying courses acceptable to meet this requirement may include, but are not limited to, the topics of basic surveying, advanced surveying, route surveying, engineering surveying, geospatial engineering, and geodesy.
- Land Law courses acceptable to meet this requirement may include, but are not limited to, the topics of legal principles of surveying, boundary surveying evidence and boundary analysis, and Texas specific laws impacting land surveying. Courses focusing primarily on real estate laws are not acceptable.
- Mathematics courses acceptable to meet this requirement may include, but are not limited to, land surveying math, college algebra, trigonometry, analytical geometry, differential and integral calculus, linear algebra, numerical analysis, probability, statistics, and advanced calculus.

The Board will provide the new checklist form, along with a list of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ), on its website in early 2025. The FAQ will further explain the transition process for the checklist and for SIT and RPLS applicants.

Board and Committee Meetings

November 13-14, 2024, Board Meeting

Agendas, minutes, and recordings are available at

<https://pels.texas.gov/boardmeetings.htm>



Disciplinary Actions

All enforcement actions approved by the Board are posted on the TBPELS website. Enforcement actions are reported based on the date of the Board meeting at which the actions were taken.

<http://pels.texas.gov/disciplinary.htm>

Future Meetings

The next meetings will be held on February 12-13, 2025. Refer to our website for agendas and links to attend the meetings.

<https://pels.texas.gov/boardmeetings.htm>

Board Meeting Recordings

Viewing the live stream or recording of the Board meetings qualifies for continuing education credit under the category of self-directed study. Engineers may accrue a maximum of five self-directed study credit hours per renewal cycle. The maximum self-directed study credit for surveyors is four hours per renewal cycle.

<https://pels.texas.gov/boardmeetings.htm>



Exams

National Engineering and Surveying Exams

All NCEES exams (PE, PS, FE, FS) are now computer-based. Refer to NCEES for specific exam dates and deadlines-
[Exam Schedule](#)

2025 TBPELS Surveyor Exam schedule

The Texas Specific Surveying Exams (TSSE and LSLS) will be offered March 07, 2025, June 13, 2025 and October 31, 2025.

Please see the TBPELS website for more exam application deadlines and information -
[Surveying Exam Schedule](#)

Outreach and Webinars

Schedule an Outreach

TBPELS provides online outreach presentations at no charge to license holders, associations, societies, and companies. The following guidelines are used in reviewing outreach requests:

- The default method of presentation is via webinar.
- A minimum of 50 attendees is recommended for a face-to-face presentation request.
- All requests are subject to review and approval.
- Request processing can take up to 14 working days.
- Please submit your request at least three (3) weeks prior to the proposed date of the event.
- Rescheduling will require a new request.
- Presentations are typically 1 hour in length.



Request an event by clicking on the link below:

<https://pels.texas.gov/outreach.html>

Engineer and Surveyor Ethics Webinars

The Board offers monthly one-hour, free ethics webinars to assist license and registration holders with meeting their continuing education requirements. Each webinar provides an up-to-date overview of agency activities, case studies, and a review of professional ethics topics.

The next ethics webinar will be on December 18th at 2pm. Registration for future webinars will open a month prior. Please note that each registration is capped at 1,000 attendees per webinar and will close when this cap is reached.

To sign up for an ethics webinar click link below:

<https://pels.texas.gov/webinars.html>



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