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Professional License Degree Amendments

2025 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill modifies licensure requirements for { ~~accountants, architects, engineers~~ } architects, environmental health scientists, geologists, and land surveyors.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- requires the board to maintain multiple pathways to licensure for architects;
- amends certain processes and procedures related to licensing requirements for:
 - architects;
 - environmental health scientists;
 - { ~~engineers;~~ }
 - land surveyors; and
 - { ~~accountants; and~~ }
 - geologists; and
- makes technical and conforming changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

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17 None

18 None

21 AMENDS:

22 **58-3a-201 , as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 507 , as last amended by Laws of
Utah 2024, Chapter 507**

23 **58-3a-302** , as last amended by Laws of Utah 2022, Chapter 415 , as last amended by Laws of Utah
2022, Chapter 415

24 **58-20b-302** , as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 339 , as last amended by Laws of
Utah 2020, Chapter 339

25 **58-22-302** , as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapters 339, 365 , as last amended by Laws of
Utah 2020, Chapters 339, 365

26 ~~**{58-26a-302 , as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 339 , as last amended by Laws
of Utah 2020, Chapter 339}**~~

26 **58-76-302** , as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 339 , as last amended by Laws of Utah
2020, Chapter 339

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28 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

29 **Section 1. Section 58-3a-201 is amended to read:**

30 **58-3a-201. Board.**

31 (1) There is created the Architects and Landscape Architects Licensing Board consisting of:

32 (a) four architects;

33 (b) two landscape architects; and

34 (c) one member of the general public.

35 (2) The board shall be appointed and serve in accordance with Section 58-1-201.

36 (3) The duties and responsibilities of the board shall be in accordance with Sections 58-1-202 and
58-1-203 with respect to this chapter and Chapter 53, Landscape Architects Licensing Act.

39 (4) The board shall designate one of [its] the board's members on a permanent or rotating basis to:

41 (a) assist the division in reviewing complaints concerning the conduct of an individual licensed under
this chapter or Chapter 53, Landscape Architects Licensing Act; [and]

43 (b) advise the division in [its] the division's investigation of these complaints[-] ; and

44 (c) assist the division to maintain multiple methods to obtain licensure by rule.

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45 (5) A board member who has, under Subsection (4), reviewed a complaint or advised in its investigation
may be disqualified from participating with the board when the board serves as a presiding officer in
an adjudicative proceeding concerning the complaint.

48 (6) The board shall maintain at least two pathways for licensure.

49 Section 2. Section **58-3a-302** is amended to read:

50 **58-3a-302. Qualifications for licensure.**

32 (1) Except as provided in Subsection (2), each applicant for licensure as an architect shall:

33 (a) submit an application in a form [~~prescribed~~] approved by the division;

34 (b) pay a fee determined by the department under Section 63J-1-504;

35 (c) [~~have graduated and received an earned bachelors or masters~~] hold, at a minimum, a bachelor's{
{ } hold, at a minimum, a bachelor's} degree from an architecture program { { meeting criteria
established by rule by the division in collaboration with the board } } ;

38 (d) have successfully completed a program of diversified practical experience established by rule by the
division in collaboration with the board;

40 (e) have successfully passed examinations established by rule by the division in collaboration with the
board; and

42 (f) meet with the board or representative of the division upon request for the purpose of evaluating the
applicant's qualifications for license.

44 (2) Each applicant for licensure as an architect by endorsement shall:

45 (a) submit an application in a form [~~prescribed~~] approved by the division;

46 (b) pay a fee determined by the department under Section 63J-1-504;

47 (c) submit satisfactory evidence of:

48 (i)

. (A) current licensure in good standing in a jurisdiction recognized by rule by the division in
collaboration with the board; and

50 (B) current certification from the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards; or

52 (ii)

. (A) current license in good standing in a jurisdiction recognized by rule by the division in collaboration
with the board; and

54 (B) full-time employment as a licensed architect as a principal for at least five of the last seven years
immediately preceding the date of the application;

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56 (d) have successfully passed an examination established by rule by the division in collaboration with the
board; and

58 (e) meet with the board or representative of the division upon request for the purpose of evaluating the
applicant's qualifications for license.

79 Section 3. Section **58-20b-302** is amended to read:

80 **58-20b-302. Qualifications for licensure.**

62 (1) Except as provided in Subsection (2), an applicant for licensure as an environmental health scientist
shall:

64 (a) submit an application in a form [~~prescribed~~] approved by the division;

65 (b) pay a fee determined by the department under Section 63J-1-504;

66 (c) hold, at a minimum, a bachelor's degree[~~from an accredited program in a university or college,~~
~~which degree includes completion of specific course work as defined by rule~~];

69 (d) pass an examination as determined by division rule in collaboration with the board; and

71 (e) pass the Utah Law and Rules Examination for Environmental Health Scientists administered by the
division.

73 (2) An applicant for licensure as an environmental health scientist-in-training shall:

74 (a) submit an application in a form [~~prescribed~~] approved by the division;

75 (b) pay a fee determined by the department under Section 63J-1-504;

76 (c) hold, at a minimum, a bachelor's degree[~~from an accredited program in a university or college,~~
~~which degree includes completion of specific course work as defined by rule~~];

79 (d) pass the Utah Law and Rules Examination for Environmental Health Scientists administered by the
division; and

81 (e) present evidence acceptable to the division and the board that the applicant, when licensed under this
Subsection (2), will practice as an environmental health scientist-in-training only under the general
supervision of a supervising environmental health scientist licensed under this chapter.

104 Section 4. Section **58-22-302** is amended to read:

105 **58-22-302. Qualifications for licensure.**

87 (1) Each applicant for licensure as a professional engineer shall:

88 (a) submit an application in a form {~~[prescribed]~~} approved by the division;

89 (b) pay a fee determined by the department under Section 63J-1-504;

90 (c)

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- . (i) ~~{f have graduated and received a bachelors or masters {f} hold, at a minimum, a bachelor's~~ degree from an engineering program~~{f meeting criteria established by rule by the division in collaboration with the board}~~ ; or
- 93 (ii) have completed the Transportation Engineering Technology and Fundamental Engineering College Program before July 1, 1998, under the direction of the Utah Department of Transportation and as certified by the Utah Department of Transportation;
- 97 (d) have successfully completed a program of qualifying experience established by rule by the division in collaboration with the board;
- 99 (e) have successfully passed examinations established by rule by the division in collaboration with the board; and
- 101 (f) meet with the board or representative of the division upon request for the purpose of evaluating the applicant's qualification for licensure.
- 103 (2) Each applicant for licensure as a professional structural engineer shall:
- 104 (a) submit an application in a form ~~{f prescribed {f} approved}~~ by the division;
- 105 (b) pay a fee determined by the department under Section 63J-1-504;
- 106 (c) ~~{f have graduated and received an earned bachelors or masters {f} hold, at a minimum, a bachelor's~~ degree from an engineering program~~{f meeting criteria established by rule by the division in collaboration with the board}~~ ;
- 109 (d) have successfully completed three years of licensed professional engineering experience established by rule by the division in collaboration with the board~~{f, except that prior to January 1, 2009, an applicant for licensure may submit a signed affidavit in a form prescribed by the division stating that the applicant is currently engaged in the practice of structural engineering;{f} :}~~
- 114 (e) have successfully passed examinations established by rule by the division in collaboration with the board~~{f, except that prior to January 1, 2009, an applicant for licensure may submit a signed affidavit in a form prescribed by the division stating that the applicant is currently engaged in the practice of structural engineering}~~ ; and
- 118 (f) meet with the board or representative of the division upon request for the purpose of evaluating the applicant's qualification for licensure.
- 120 (3) Each applicant for licensure as a professional land surveyor shall:
- 121 (a) submit an application in a form ~~[prescribed]~~ approved by the division;
- 122 (b) pay a fee determined by the department under Section 63J-1-504;

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- 123 (c)
- . (i) ~~[have graduated and received]~~ hold, at a minimum, an associates~~[, bachelors, or masters]~~ degree from a land surveying program, or an equivalent land surveying program, such as a program offered by a technical college described in Section 53B-2a-105, ~~[as approved by the Utah Board of Higher Education,]~~ established by rule by the division in collaboration with the board, and have successfully completed a program of qualifying experience in land surveying established by rule by the division in collaboration with the board; or
- 130 (ii) have successfully completed a program of qualifying experience in land surveying prior to January 1, 2007, in accordance with rules established by the division in collaboration with the board;
- 133 (d) have successfully passed examinations established by rule by the division in collaboration with the board; and
- 135 (e) meet with the board or representative of the division upon request for the purpose of evaluating the applicant's qualification for licensure.
- 137 (4) Each applicant for licensure by endorsement shall:
- 138 (a) submit an application in a form ~~[prescribed]~~ approved by the division;
- 139 (b) pay a fee determined by the department under Section 63J-1-504;
- 140 (c) submit satisfactory evidence of:
- 141 (i) current licensure in good standing in a jurisdiction recognized by rule by the division in collaboration with the board;
- 143 (ii) having successfully passed an examination established by rule by the division in collaboration with the board; and
- 145 (iii) full-time employment as a principal for at least five of the last seven years immediately preceding the date of the application as a:
- 147 (A) licensed professional engineer for licensure as a professional engineer;
- 148 (B) licensed professional structural engineer for licensure as a structural engineer; or
- 150 (C) licensed professional land surveyor for licensure as a professional land surveyor; and
- 152 (d) meet with the board or representative of the division upon request for the purpose of evaluating the applicant's qualifications for license.
- 154 (5) The rules made to implement this section shall be in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act.
- 156 ~~{Section 4. Section 58-26a-302 is amended to read: }~~

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- 157 **58-26a-302. Qualifications for licensure and registration -- Licensure by endorsement.**
- 159 (1) Each applicant for licensure under this chapter as a certified public accountant shall:
- 160 (a) submit an application in a form [~~prescribed~~] approved by the division;
- 161 (b) pay a fee determined by the department under Section 63J-1-504;
- 162 (c) submit a certified transcript of credits [~~from an accredited institution acceptable to the board~~
163]showing:
- 164 (i) successful completion of a total of 150 semester hours or 225 quarter hours of collegiate level
165 education with a concentration in accounting, auditing, and business;
- 167 (ii) a [~~baccalaureate~~] bachelor's degree or its equivalent [~~at a college or university approved by the~~
168 ~~board~~]; and
- 169 (iii) compliance with any other education requirements established by rule by the division in
170 collaboration with the board in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative
171 Rulemaking Act;
- 172 (d) submit evidence of one year of accounting experience in a form [~~prescribed~~] approved by the
173 division;
- 174 (e) submit evidence of having successfully completed the qualifying examinations in accordance with
175 Section 58-26a-306; and
- 176 (f) submit to an interview by the board, if requested, for the purpose of examining the applicant's
177 competence and qualifications for licensure.
- 178 (2)
- 179 . (a) The division may issue a license under this chapter to [~~a person~~] an individual who holds a license
180 as a certified public accountant issued by any other state of the United States of America if the
181 [~~applicant~~] individual for licensure by endorsement:
- 181 (i) submits an application in a form [~~prescribed~~] approved by the division;
- 182 (ii) pays a fee determined by the department under Section 63J-1-504;
- 183 (iii) submits to an interview by the board, if requested, for the purpose of examining the applicant's
184 competence and qualifications for licensure; and
- 185 (iv)
- 186 . (A)
- 186 . (I) shows evidence of having passed the qualifying examinations; and
- 186 (II)

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- . (Aa) meets the requirements for licensure which were applicable in this state at the time of the issuance of the applicant's license by the state from which the original licensure by satisfactorily passing the AICPA Uniform CPA Examination was issued; or
- 190 (Bb) had four years of professional experience after passing the AICPA Uniform CPA Examination upon which the original license was based, within the 10 years immediately preceding the application for licensure by endorsement; or
- 194 (B) shows evidence that the applicant's education, examination record, and experience are substantially equivalent to the requirements of Subsection (1), as provided by rule.
- 197 (b) This Subsection (2) applies only to ~~[a person]~~ an individual seeking to obtain a license issued by this state and does not apply to ~~[a person]~~ an individual practicing as a certified public accountant in the state under Subsection 58-26a-305(1).
- 200 (3)
- . (a) Each applicant for registration as a Certified Public Accountant firm shall:
- 201 (i) submit an application in a form ~~[prescribed]~~ approved by the division;
- 202 (ii) pay a fee determined by the department under Section 63J-1-504;
- 203 (iii) have, notwithstanding any other provision of law, a simple majority of the ownership of the Certified Public Accountant firm, in terms of financial interests and voting rights of all partners, officers, shareholders, members, or managers, held by individuals who are certified public accountants, licensed under this chapter or another state of the United States of America, and the partners, officers, shareholders, members, or managers, whose principal place of business is in this state, and who perform professional services in this state hold a valid license issued under Subsection 58-26a-301(2) or the corresponding provisions of prior law; and
- 212 (iv) meet any other requirements established by rule by the division in collaboration with the board in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act.
- 215 (b) Each separate location of a qualified business entity within the state seeking registration as a Certified Public Accountant firm shall register separately.
- 217 (c) A Certified Public Accountant firm may include owners who are not licensed under this chapter as outlined in Subsection (3)(a)(iii), provided that:
- 219 (i) the firm designates a licensee of this state who is responsible for the proper registration of the Certified Public Accountant firm and identifies that individual to the division; and
- 222 (ii) all nonlicensed owners are active individual participants in the CPA firm.

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175 Section 5. Section **58-76-302** is amended to read:

176 **58-76-302. Qualifications for licensure.**

Each applicant for licensure as a professional geologist shall:

226 (1) submit an application in a form as [~~prescribed~~] approved by the division;

227 (2) pay a fee as determined by the department under Section 63J-1-504;

228 (3) provide satisfactory evidence of:

229 (a) [~~a bachelors or graduate~~] at a minimum, a bachelor's ~~{ }~~ at a minimum, a bachelor's } degree in the
geosciences [~~granted through an institution of higher education that is accredited by a regional or~~
~~national accrediting agency~~] with a minimum of 30 semester or 45 quarter hours of course work in
the geosciences; or

233 (b) completion of other equivalent educational requirements as determined by the division in
collaboration with the board;

235 (4) provide satisfactory evidence of:

236 (a) with a [~~bachelors~~] bachelor's degree, a specific record of five years of active professional practice in
geological work of a character satisfactory to the division, indicating the applicant is competent to
be placed in a responsible charge of the work;

239 (b) with a masters degree, a specific record of three years of active professional practice in geological
work of a character satisfactory to the division, indicating the applicant is competent to be placed in
a responsible charge of the work; or

242 (c) with a doctorate degree, a specific record of one year of active professional practice in geological
work of a character satisfactory to the division, indicating the applicant is competent to be placed in
a responsible charge of the work; and

245 (5) [~~after January 1, 2004, meet~~] meet ~~{ }~~ meet } the examination requirement established by rule by
the division in collaboration with the board.

199 Section 6. **Effective date.**

This bill takes effect on May 7, 2025.

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