2026 Summary of Rule Changes

2026 Rule Changes include 11-21-25 Emergency Rule Changes that are already in effect.

Rule changes were made for one of three different reasons

1) Changes in the Statute require changes in the rules for alignment
2) NCEES Updates to Model Rules are incorporated as appropriate
3) Corrections, minor changes to align with actual practice or elimination of duplications

The changes are:

11-21-25

- A summary of qualifications for enrollment and licensure was added at the beginning of Chapter 5.
- Education substitution for experience was changed to I year for a Master's and 2 years for a PhD with no more than three years total.
- Allow for mentorship instead of direct supervision while earning qualifying experience.
- Combined Engineers and Surveyors 10-year rules
- Decoupled the FS Exam
- Added licensure through international agreements (statute now allows it)
- Updated Digital Signature and Seal on Documents
- Cleaned up continuing education language
- Allow assistance to the board as a qualifying activity

10-16-2026

- Update the list of terms defined in Statute
- Eliminate definitions in Rules that are now in Statute
- Update Digital Signature and Seal definitions to align with updated NCEES model
- Refer to Statute for board member terms and meeting frequency
- Minor changes to Public Attendance at Meetings
- Applications can be received before experience is complete
- Updated a couple of experience items to align with NCEES
- Updated Limited Licensure Expiration (just one case)
- Eliminated duplication on continuing education for reinstatement
- Eliminated duplication on continuing education for reinstatement by deleting Rule 6.4.9 and leaving Rule 6.7.1 in place

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