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The Bureau of Professional Licensing (BPL) within the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) would like to inform you that the new Professional Surveyor – General Rules were effective as of July 23, 2020. A summary of notable changes is below. The summary is not intended to provide a comprehensive listing of all changes or current requirements. Licensees should review the rules and statute for a complete understanding of all applicable requirements.

Summary: The rules revise the definitions of terms used in the rules, revise the education, experience, and examination requirements that must be satisfied to receive a license, adopt by reference a standard of professional conduct that is acceptable to the board, and clarify the requirements pertaining to the seal of an architect. In addition, a newly added rule outlines relicensure requirements and updated continuing education requirements reflect subjects and activities that are acceptable to the board.

R 339.17201: This rule identifies the accreditation that must be held by an educational program granting degrees that are acceptable for licensure and provides transparency regarding the criteria that is used for determining whether a degree granted by a nonaccredited educational program is acceptable for licensure.

R 339.17202: This rule supplies greater clarity pertaining to the type of work that qualifies as professional experience, the amount of professional experience credit that is granted for an educational degree, and the documentation that is required to receive credit for professional experience.

R 339.17203: This rule supplies greater clarity of the requirements an applicant must meet to satisfy the examination requirements under the Occupational Code by identifying the name of all 3 exams that are required for licensure, the entity that administers the exams, and how a passing score is determined.

R 339.17301: This rule requires a professional surveyor's seal to include the licensee's full name and license number and supplies an updated sample seal design. The rule ensures that a licensee's seal includes adequate identifying information for allowing the public to verify the status of a professional surveyor's license.

R 339.17303: This rule clarifies the different requirements for relicensure for licensees whose license has lapsed for less than 3 years and for licensees whose license has lapsed for 3 years or more.

R 339.17505: This rule clarifies the requirements for license renewal and adds requirements for a request for a continuing education waiver.

R 339.17506: This rule identifies activities that qualify for continuing education, the documentation that is required to demonstrate completion of the activity upon audit, and the limitations for receiving credit in qualifying continuing education activities.

A complete copy of the new rules can be found on our website at www.michigan.gov/bpl.

Should you have specific questions regarding this email communication or have further questions, please contact our office at **517-241-9288** or email to BPLHELP@michigan.gov.

Sincerely,

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