

## TITLE 4. PROFESSIONS AND OCCUPATIONS

## CHAPTER 30. BOARD OF TECHNICAL REGISTRATION

## ARTICLE 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

**R4-30-101. Definitions**

The following definitions apply in this Chapter unless the context otherwise requires:

1. "Act" means the Technical Registration Act, A.R.S. Title 32, Chapter 1.
2. "Active engagement" means actually practicing or providing architectural, engineering, geological, landscape architectural, or land surveying services.
3. "Bona fide employee" means:
  - a. Any person employed by a town, city, county, state, or federal agency working under the direction or supervision of a registrant;
  - b. Any person employed by a business entity and working under the direct supervision of a registrant who is also employed by the same business entity; or
  - c. Any person working under the direct supervision of a registrant who:
    - i. Receives direct wages from the registrant;
    - ii. Receives contract compensation from the registrant; or
    - iii. Receives direct wages from the project prime professional who has a contract with another registrant and whose work product is the responsibility of the latter registrant.
4. "Branch" means a specialty area within the category of engineering.
5. "Category" means the professions of architecture, geology, engineering, landscape architecture, and land surveying.
6. "De minimis violations" means violations of Board statutes or rules that do not present a threat to public welfare, health, or safety.
7. "Design team" means a group of individuals that includes one or more professional registrants collaborating with any other individuals on a specific project to develop professional documents.
8. "Detached single family dwelling" as used in the Act means a single family dwelling unit such as a house, which is structurally and physically separate from all other family dwelling units. This does not mean any single family dwelling unit which is part of a multiple dwelling unit building such as a duplex, townhouse, apartment building, condominium, or cooperative. The term "detached single family dwelling" also includes all subsidiary buildings, structures and improvements such as garage, storage areas, swimming pool, and landscaping.
9. "Direct supervision" means a registrant's critical examination and evaluation of a bona fide employee's work product, during and after the preparation, for purposes of compliance with applicable laws, codes, ordinances, and regulations pertaining to professional practice.
10. "Experience" is classified as follows:
  - a. "Subprofessional experience" means task work done under direct supervision and not falling within the definition of professional experience, including but not limited to time spent as a rodman, chainman, recorder, instrument technician, survey aide, technician, clerk of the works, or similar work.
  - b. "Professional experience" means a diversity of work calling for substantial technical knowledge, skill, and responsibility as well as a lesser degree of supervision necessary to ensure that good judgment is applied to protect the public during the course and scope of projects.
- c. "Responsible charge experience" means work in the field or in the office, where the applicant/registrant had responsibility for the direction of the work and its successful accomplishment and where the applicant/registrant had to make professional decisions without relying on advice or instructions from or first referring the decisions for approval to a superior.
- d. "Design experience" means professional experience, including work defined under "responsible charge experience," where the applicant/registrant must fulfill the requirements of local circumstances and conditions and yet not violate any of the requirements of the profession and ensure that the executed plan meets the purpose for which it was designed.
11. "Federal agency" means the United States or any agency or instrumentality, corporate or otherwise, of the United States.
12. "Good moral character and repute" means that the registration or certification applicant/registrant:
  - a. Has not been convicted of a felony or equivalent offense in another jurisdiction as defined in A.R.S. § 13-601.
  - b. Has not been convicted of misdemeanor or equivalent offense in another jurisdiction if the offense has a reasonable relationship to the functions of the employment or category for which the registration, certification, or designation is sought;
  - c. Has not, within five years of application for registration or certification, committed any act involving dishonesty, fraud, misrepresentation, breach of fiduciary duty, gross negligence, or incompetence reasonably related to the candidate's proposed area of practice;
  - d. Is not currently incarcerated in a penal institution;
  - e. Has not engaged in fraud or misrepresentation in connection with the application for registration, certification, or related examination;
  - f. Has not had a registration or certification revoked or suspended for cause by this state or by any other jurisdiction, or surrendered a professional license in lieu of disciplinary action;
  - g. Has not practiced without the required technical registration or certification in this state or in another jurisdiction within the two years immediately preceding the filing of the application for registration or certification; and
  - h. Has not, within five years of application for registration or certification, committed an act that would constitute unprofessional conduct, as set forth in R4-30-301 or R4-30-301.01.
13. "Gross negligence" means a substantial deviation in professional practice from the standard of professional care exercised by members of the applicant's/registrant's profession, or a substantial deviation from any technical standards issued by a nationally recognized professional organization comprised of members of the applicant's/registrant's profession, or a substantial deviation from requirements contained in state, municipal, and county laws, ordinances, and regulations pertaining to the registrant's professional practice.

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14. "Incompetence" means to lack the professional qualifications, experience, or education to undertake a professional engagement or assignment.
15. "Insufficient evidence to support disciplinary action" means:
- The Board determines there was no evidence to warrant disciplinary action, but believes that continuation of the actions leading to the investigation may result in future Board action against the registrant; or
  - The Board determines that there were de minimis violations of Board statutes or rules, but no disciplinary action should be taken against the certification or registration and that a letter of concern would be as effective a resolution as a letter of reprimand in deterring future violations of a like nature.
16. "Other misconduct" means the applicant/registrant:
- Has knowingly acted in violation or knowingly failed to act in compliance with any provisions of the Act, or rules of the Board or any state, municipal, or county law, code, ordinance, or regulation pertaining to the practice of the applicant's/registrant's profession; or
  - Has refused to respond fully to a Board inquiry relating to an applicant's/registrant's qualifying experience, or provided the Board with false information relating to an applicant's/registrant's qualifying experience.
17. "Practicing" means offering or performing professional services regulated by the Act within the state of Arizona.
18. "Prepared" means to exercise direct supervision over the preparation of professional documents.
19. "Professional documents" mean the professional work product of a registrant that requires professional judgment, design, analysis, or conclusions, including original plans, drawings, maps, plats, reports, written opinions, specifications, and calculations.
20. "Project Prime Professional" means the registrant is responsible for the coordination, continuity, and compatibility of each collaborating registrant's work (when retained by the project prime professional).
21. "Public works" project means a work or undertaking that is financed, in whole or in part, by a federal agency or by a state public body, as defined in this Article.
22. "Registrant" means a person or firm who has been granted registration or certification to practice any profession regulated pursuant to the Act.
23. "Retired from active practice" means that the registrant no longer performs professional services.
24. "State public body" means the state or a county, city, town, municipal corporation, authority, or any other subdivision, agency, or instrumentality of such an entity, corporate or otherwise.
25. "Structure" as used in the Act means any constructed or designed improvement or improvements to real property including all onsite improvements, fixed equipment, and landscaping, pursuant to an engagement or project.
- an additional 180 days under A.R.S. § 41-1026(D) at 8 A.A.R. 3842, effective August 14, 2002 (Supp. 02-3). Emergency expired; original Section amended by final rulemaking at 9 A.A.R. 791, effective February 12, 2003 (Supp. 03-1). Amended by final rulemaking at 10 A.A.R. 2798, effective August 7, 2004 (Supp. 04-2). Amended by final rulemaking at 13 A.A.R. 968, effective May 5, 2007 (Supp. 07-1). Amended by final rulemaking at 24 A.A.R. 1785, effective August 5, 2018 (Supp. 18-2).

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