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## LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

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4 MCAR S 7.001 Classes. There shall be three classes of Registrants as follows:

A. Class 1. Those who were registered without examination prior to July 1, 1933, and by exemption subsequent to 1933. (Registration by exemption or by mere submission of record with references was discontinued in 1938.)

B. Class 2. Those registered by comity under the provisions of the law.

C. Class 3. Those registered following examination, either oral or written, or both.

4 MCAR S 7.002 In training classifications. There shall be a classification of Engineer-in-Training, a classification of Land Surveyor-in-Training, and a classification of Landscape Architect-in-Training. (For examination of Engineer-in-Training see 4 MCAR S 7.010, for Land Surveyor-in-Training see 4 MCAR S 7.011, and for examination of Landscape Architect-in-Training see 4 MCAR S 7.0091.)

4 MCAR S 7.003 Application for registration.

A. Before making formal application for examination, the applicant is requested to submit to the Board, on a preliminary letter-form, information relative to place and date of birth, time and place of schools attended and studies completed, status relative to graduation from such schools or completion of studies, degree or degrees received, whether the Engineer-in-Training, Land Surveyor-in-Training, or Landscape Architect-in-Training examination, has been successfully completed and a chronological record of personal employment, with all dates and with complete information relative to duties and type of work performed, and particularly outlining the applicant's responsibilities in charge of the whole or any part thereof. The preliminary letter-form will be furnished an applicant upon request to the board office. This information will be evaluated by the appropriate member or members of the Board and if the applicant is found ineligible for admission to the examination at that time, he or she will be so notified and given the reasons therefor and no expense will have been incurred by the applicant. If the applicant is apparently eligible at that time for admission to the examination, such applicant will be so notified and a form will be sent on which to make formal application for licensure subject to the Rules and Regulations of the Board.

B. Applications for licensure shall be under oath and made on forms prescribed and furnished by the Board and shall be filed with the Executive Secretary of the Board at least sixty days before the date set for the Professional examinations accompanied by the payment of the examination fee as specified in 4 MCAR S 7.004 E. and F.

C. Applications for examination as Engineer-in-Training, Land Surveyor-in-Training, or Landscape Architect-in-Training shall be made under oath and on forms prescribed and furnished by the board and shall be filed with the Executive Secretary of the Board accompanied by the examination fee as specified in 4 MCAR S 7.004 F.

D. Application forms will be furnished to individual applicants but will not be furnished in quantities to intermediaries.

*See new ARO4035T →*  
4 MCAR S 7.004 Fees.

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A. Requirements. Application for examination for certification as an engineer-in-training, landscape architect-in-training, or licensure, including renewal of licensure, as an architect, professional engineer, land surveyor, or landscape architect, shall be accompanied by a fee in the amount provided for in this rule. The fee for examination for certification as land surveyor-in-training shall be paid upon approval of the application by the board.

B. Refunds: validity of application. Examination or registration fees may not be refunded. Applications for examination shall be valid for a period of one year following notification of the date of examination, except as hereinafter provided. An applicant who fails to appear for examination shall be required to resubmit his application, together with an examination fee, unless his failure to appear is due to circumstances which, in the opinion of the board, justify relief from the requirement. Any application which is still pending three years after the date of its receipt by the board shall be void.

C. Initial licensure and renewal. The fee for licensure, or renewal of licensure, as an architect, professional engineer, land surveyor, or landscape architect is \$17 per year. The initial license fee is prorated at six month intervals during each biennium. The fee for months 24 to 18 is \$34; for months 18 to 12, \$25.50; for months 12 to 6, \$17; and for months 6 to 0, \$8.50. The renewal fee shall be paid biennially on or before June 30 of each even-numbered year. The board may delete from the roster the name of any licensee who fails to timely pay the required renewal fee. The renewal fee, when paid by mail, is not timely paid unless it is postmarked on or before June 30 of each even-numbered year.

D. Delayed renewal fee. A renewal fee is a "delayed renewal fee" within the meaning of Minn. Stat. S 326.10, subd. 5 if it is not postmarked on or before June 30 of the year specified in C. The delayed renewal fee is \$5 per month, or any portion thereof, not to exceed \$15. It is in addition to the renewal fee provided in C. The delayed renewal fee is computed from July 1 of any even-numbered year.

E. Certification or licensure examination fee. The fee for examination for certification or licensure as an architect, professional engineer, land surveyor, or landscape architect is as follows:

1. Architect	
a. Application for admission to examination	\$25.00
b. Qualifying Test in 1982 and thereafter	\$60.00
c. Section A, Professional Examination in 1982 and thereafter	\$50.00
d. Section B, Professional Examination in 1982 and thereafter	\$75.00
2. Professional engineer	
a. Fundamentals of Engineering Examination	\$30.00
b. Principles and Practice of Engineering Examination	\$100.00

The fee for the Fundamentals of Engineering Examination taken for the board will be credited to the applicant toward the fee for application for the Principles and Practice of Engineering Examination for up to ten years.

An applicant for examination in more than one branch of engineering shall submit a separate examination fee for each additional branch of engineering for which the applicant has applied for examination.

3. Land surveyor	
a. Fundamentals of Land Surveying Examination	\$30.00
b. Principles and Practice of Land Surveying Examination	\$100.00
4. Landscape architect	
a. Application for admission to examination	\$25.00
b. Uniform National Examination in 1982 and 1983	\$150.00
c. Uniform National Examination in 1984 and 1985	\$165.00

F. Reexamination fees. The fee for retaking all or any part of any examination for certification or registration is as follows each time the examination, or any part of it, is retaken:

1. Architect	
a. Qualifying Test per part retaken	\$15.00
b. Section A, Professional Examination in 1982 and thereafter	\$50.00
c. Section B, Professional Examination in 1982 and thereafter	\$75.00
2. Professional engineer	
a. Fundamentals of Engineering	\$20.00
b. Principles and Practice of Engineering	\$20.00
3. Land surveyor	
a. Fundamentals of Land Surveying	\$20.00
b. Principles and Practice of Land Surveying	
(1) Part III	\$15.00

(2) Part IV	\$30.00
(3) Parts III and IV	\$45.00
4. Landscape architect	
a. Subject A - History	\$15.00
b. Subject B - Professional Practice	\$15.00
c. Subject C - Design	\$60.00
d. Subject D - Design Implementation	\$60.00

G. Additional fees. In addition to all other fees for examination or registration, as provided in this rule or Minn. Stat. S 326.10, subd. 1 the following schedule of fees is applicable:

1. For each application for registration by comity under the provisions of Minn. Stat. S 326.10, subd. 1, clause (2), applicable to any person registered in another state or territory of the United States, or in any province of Canada, a fee of \$100;

2. For reissuance of a revoked, lost, destroyed or mutilated certificate of licensure or certificate as an engineer-in-training, land surveyor-in-training, or landscape architect-in-training, \$5;

3. For certified copies or reproduction of any document required to be supplied on behalf of any applicant for registration in another state, the cost of reproducing the document, as the board determines.

4 MCAR S 7.005 Certificate of registration. Certification of an applicant's technical qualifications by the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB), National Certification Committee of the National Council of Engineering Examiners (NCEE), or the Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards (CLARB) may be accepted by the Board as establishing such qualifications, and the applicant, in such instances, will not be required to pass further examination.

4 MCAR S 7.006 Rejections. A person whose application for registration has been rejected shall be fully informed of the reasons for rejection. A new application, in such instances, may be filed at any time after the lapse of six months next succeeding the date of the previous rejection.

4 MCAR S 7.007 Requirements. It is required that the applicant submit evidence to the Board indicating that he is qualified to practice in the profession or field of major practice thereof, in which he seeks registration. The burden of proof is upon the applicant and he, therefore, should make every effort to present qualifications fully and clearly. Qualifications shall be established by one or more of the following methods:

A. By passing a written examination.

B. By successfully completing an oral examination.

C. By submitting satisfactory exhibits of technical qualifications.

D. By submitting a Council Certificate prepared by the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards. (For architect applicants only.)

E. By submitting an NEC Council Record prepared by the National Certification of the National Council of Engineering Examiners. (For engineer applicants only.)

F. By submitting a Council Certificate prepared by the Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards. (For landscape architect applicants only.)

G. For registration by comity as an Architect or Engineer under provisions of Minnesota Statutes, section 326.10, subd. 1., para. 2., and experience as the Board may thereunder require together with evidence of current registration and proof of good standing.

H. For registration by comity as a Land Surveyor or an applicant shall be subject to the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, section 326.10, subd. 1., para. 2. In addition thereto, the applicant shall be required to take such examinations as the Board deems necessary to determine his qualifications, but in any event he shall be required to take a written orientation examination of not less than four hours' duration.

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4 MCAR S 7.008 Procedure.

A. Exhibits in connection with oral or written examination shall be submitted when requested by the Board.

B. An architect, engineer, land surveyor, or landscape architect, licensed by exemption and desiring a change of status may apply therefor and the applicant's qualifications for such change will be determined by written examination.

C. An applicant must take all parts of the "in-training" examination at one time. The applicant must pass the "in-training" examination prior to taking the professional examination, if applicable (see 4 MCAR S 7.010 D.). The applicant must take all parts of the professional examination at one time.

D. An applicant who does not receive a passing grade in an examination may make application to retake that examination. Such application shall be accompanied by a re-examination fee as required under 4 MCAR S 7.004. The Board may require an applicant failing an examination two or more times to submit evidence of improved qualifications before an additional retake

examination is permitted. Only an acceptable reason for non-appearance for a scheduled examination will permit the applicant to be rescheduled for such examination.

E. Oral examinations may be given each year at such times as may be designated by the Board. Written examinations will be given twice each year for engineer and land survey applicants and once each year for architectural and landscape architectural applicants. Persons who file applications for licensure by examination and are determined to be eligible for admission to the examination will be informed by letter of the date and place of the examinations.

F. An applicant duly registered in another state and whose registration is current, upon notification from the Minnesota Board that his application has been received and is in order may practice his profession while his application is pending pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 326.13. An application which has not been acted upon by the Board within six months from the date of submission of the application because of failure of the applicant to furnish the Board with qualifying information pertaining to his registration shall be denied.

The plans and specifications which are prepared by the applicant during the period in which his application is pending must bear the certification stamp of the state in which he is registered along with a statement that he has applied for registration in Minnesota and that his application is pending. This stamp must be placed on each sheet of the set of drawings prepared for the project, and on the title sheet of the specifications.

The Minnesota Board does not require the use of a seal. If the state in which the Architect or Engineer is registered has a seal or provisions for signing and dating plans, specifications and reports, this will be acceptable. If the seal does not provide for signing and dating the plans, the Architect or Engineer shall sign his name and date the plans under the seal imprint on each plan certified.

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4 MCAR S 7.009 Examination of architect applicants.

A. Education and experience. An applicant for licensure as an architect shall be required to pass a written examination as provided in C. and may be required to appear before the board for an oral examination for the purpose of verifying personal experience qualifications. To qualify for admission to the written examination, applicants shall present satisfactory evidence that they have:

1. Graduated from an architectural curriculum accredited by the National Architectural Accrediting Board at the time of their graduation or within two years subsequent to that graduation; and



\*\* 2. Completed at least three years of satisfactory professional experience after graduation under the supervision of licensed architects. Experience is credited as provided in Table III. In lieu of meeting the experience requirements set forth in Table III, an applicant may participate in the Intern Development Program under the auspices of the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards to satisfy the requisite experience requirements. A copy of the Intern Development Program experience criteria may be obtained from the board office. An Intern Development Program participant shall file annually with the board a report of training completed during the year being reported. The report is due within 30 days following the anniversary date of entry to the Intern Development Program. The board shall notify the Intern Development Program participant when the Intern Development Program experience requirements have been completed to the satisfaction of the board.

3. a. Applicants may also qualify for admission to the examination provided that they submit to the Board satisfactory evidence of education and subsequent experience substantially equivalent to the above requirements and as set forth in Table I. The basis for determination of educational qualifications and equivalents are set forth in Table II. The basis for determination of experience qualifications and equivalents are set forth in Table III; provided, that the provisions of this 4 MCAR Section 7.009 A.3.a. shall terminate effective January 1, 1991, except that the provisions of Table III -- Experience Criteria -- shall continue to be applicable pursuant to subparagraph 2 hereof.

b. Effective January 1, 1991, admission to the registration examination process shall be limited to holders of an architectural degree from a curriculum accredited by the National Accreditation Board (NAAB), or an equivalent architectural degree acceptable to the board.

TABLE I - EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE\*

Description	Professional Education Max. (yrs.)	Professional Experience Min. (yrs.)	Total Education and Experience
1. ***Graduate of Accredited Archi- tectural School . . . .	5	**3	8
2. Graduate of Accredited Archi- tectural Engineer- ing School			
5-year Course . . . .	5	**4	9
4-year Course . . . .	4	**5	9
3. Graduate of			

Non-Accredited Architectural or Architectural Engineering School			
5-year Course . . . . .	5	**5	10
4-year Course . . . . .	4	**6	10
4. Non-School Trained			
Applicant . . . . .	0	13	13

\* Table I - Education and Experience shall not apply after January 1, 1991.

\*\* Professional experience must be acquired after graduation except that continuous experience gained before graduation will be evaluated by the Board. An applicant with qualified experience will be granted full credit for such experience, not to exceed a total of one (1) year. The remaining experience shall be after graduation. No credit will be given to architectural students for experience gained during summer vacations.

\*\*\* Accredited by the National Architectural Accreditation Board.

TABLE II - EDUCATIONAL CRITERIA\*

Education Category	1st 2 yrs.	Succeeding Years	Maximum Credit Allowed
1. First professional degree in architecture, or credits, where the degree program has been accredited by NAAB not later than two years after termination of enrollment.	75%	100%	5 yrs.
2. First professional degree in architecture, or credits, where the degree program has not been accredited by NAAB.	75%	100%	4 1/2 yrs.
3. Bachelor of architectural engineering degree, or credits, accredited by Engineers' Council for Professional Development (ECPD).	50%	100%	4 yrs.

4.	Bachelor of architectural engineering degree, or credits, not accredited by ECPD.	50%	75%	3 1/4 yrs.
5.	Degree, or credits, in civil, mechanical, or electrical engineering accredited by ECPD.	50%	100%	3 yrs.
6.	Degree, or credits, in civil, mechanical, or electrical engineering not accredited by ECPD.	50%	75%	2 1/2 yrs.
7.	Degree, or credits, in courses (university, college, Jr. college, technical school, etc.) other than architecture.	50%	50%	2 yrs.

Substitution of education listed in Table II for requirements for admission to NCARB Qualifying Examination shall be subject to the following conditions:

a. 32 semester credit hours or 48 quarter hours is considered to be one year. Fractions equal to, or greater than, one-half year will be counted one-half year and smaller fractions will not be counted.

b. An applicant working full time and simultaneously earning formal education credits from a college and university through evening or part-time courses will be allowed credit, prorated between education and training.

c. When credits are submitted from more than one college or university, they will be evaluated on the same basis as by the school last attended.

d. Credits from a foreign college or university may be evaluated by a faculty representative, School of Architecture, University of Minnesota on the same basis as candidates for B. Arch degree from the University of Minnesota. Any cost of translation or evaluation must be borne by the applicant. Credits for foreign architectural degrees may be granted in categories 1 or 2 in Table II, as determined by the board.

e. For non-graduates, each year of approved, architectural education successfully completed at the college level, is deemed equivalent to two (2) years of experience. (Minimum total - 13 years.)

\* Table II Educational Criteria shall not apply after January 1, 1991.

#### TABLE III - EXPERIENCE CRITERIA

	Credit Allowed	Maximum Credit Allowed
1. Experience as an employee under the direct supervision of a licensed architect.	100%	no limit
2. Practical training of more than three continuous months, prior to acquisition of an architectural degree, in offices of licensed architects.	100%	1 year
3. Master or PhD degree in architecture, or credits, except where the degree is the first professional degree.	100%	1 year
4. Teaching or research in NAAB accredited architectural curriculum.	100%	1 year
5. Employment by government agencies, consulting engineers, general contractors, interior designers, landscape architects, or city planners, in areas directly related to construction, and those self-employed in one of the above. Such experience not under the direct supervision of a licensed architect.	50%	2 years
6. Employment by government agencies, including the military, when diversified and comparable to employment in the office of a licensed architect practicing as a principal, such work is directly related to architectural work in a recognized training program and under the direct supervision of a licensed architect employed in the capacity of manager of the agency's architectural activities.	100%	no limit
7. Same as "6." above except experience is not structured.	50%	2 years
8. Employment by organizations that have employees performing architectural services in connection with projects used or owned by that organization, said employment is directly related to architectural work, is diversified and under the direct supervision of a licensed architect employed in the capacity of manager of the organization's architectural activities.	100%	no limit
9. Same as "8." above except where services are limited to prototype projects.	50%	2 years

Substitution of experience listed in Table III shall be subject to the following conditions:

a. No training prior to graduation from high school will be accepted.

b. A minimum of one year of training earned in offices of licensed architects practicing as principals may be required at the discretion of the board.

c. One year of teaching is considered to be total teaching load of 20 semester credit hours or 30 quarter credit hours.

d. When training is earned by work with such agencies as VISTA, Peace Corps and advocacy planning, the applicant shall submit a statement with the application outlining briefly, but concisely, duties for which responsible and the names and professional status of supervisory personnel. For credits to be granted under this category, training must be in areas directly related to the practice of architecture.

B. Application. An applicant may request to be admitted to an examination if such applicant has completed, or will have completed by the time of the examination educational and experience requirements contained herein.

C. Written examination.

1. Qualifying test. The qualifying test shall be administered once annually at a time and place determined by the board to those applicants approved by the board for admission to the examination. Qualification requirements for admission to the Qualifying Test include ten years of combined architectural education and experience as provided in Tables I, II, and III, or a degree from an architectural curriculum accredited by the National Architectural Accrediting Board. All persons applying for registration as architect by examination after April 1, 1982 will be required to take and pass the qualifying test before being admitted to a Section B, Professional Examination. Any person failing one or more parts of the qualifying test must retake the failed parts.

2. Section A, Professional Examination; Site Planning and Design Test. The Section A, Professional Examination; Site Planning and Design Test shall be administered once annually at a time and place as determined by the board to those applicants approved for admission to the examination. The qualification requirements for admission include a degree from an architectural curriculum accredited by the National Architectural Accrediting Board or ten years of board approved combined education and experience as provided in Tables I, II, and III.

3. Section B, Professional Examination. The Section B, Professional Examination shall be administered once annually at a time and place as determined by the board to those applicants approved by the board for admission to the examination. Qualification requirements for admission to the Professional

Examination include a degree from an architectural curriculum accredited by the National Architectural Accrediting Board, a minimum of three years of diversified qualifying architectural experience and successful completion of the Qualifying Test. Any person making original application for admission to registration examinations after April 1, 1982 shall take the Qualifying Test. Any person who fails only one part of this examination may retake that part during a subsequent examination. A person who fails more than one part of the examination shall retake the entire examination.

4. Effective January 1, 1991 only those persons holding a degree from an architectural curriculum accredited by the National Architectural Accrediting Board, or an equivalent architectural degree acceptable to the board, will qualify for admission to the Professional Examination and for registration and licensure to practice architecture in the State of Minnesota.

5. Handbooks, tables, reference books and hand-held, battery-operated electronic calculators may be used only when authorized by the board.

4 MCAR S 7.0091 Examination of landscape architect applicants.

A. Education and experience. An applicant for registration as a Landscape Architect shall be required to pass a written and oral examination as provided herein. To qualify for such examination, the applicant shall present satisfactory evidence that the following requirements have been met.

1. Graduated from a landscape architecture curriculum of a university or college accredited by the American Society of Landscape Architects Committee on Education.

2. Completed at least three years of satisfactory diversified experience, after graduation, under the supervision of registered Landscape Architects.

3. An applicant may also qualify provided that satisfactory evidence is submitted to the board that the education and subsequent experience of such applicant are substantially equivalent to the above requirements as set forth in the following table:

Classification	Professional Education (years)	Professional Experience* (years)	Total Education and Experience
Graduate of ASLA Accredited Landscape Architectural Curriculum			
5-year course	5	3	8
4-year course	4	4	8

Other Related Degree Plus Graduate of ASLA Accredited Graduate L.A. Curriculum	5	3	8
Graduate of Non- Accredited Landscape Architectural Curriculum			
5-year course	4	5	9
4-year course	3	6	9
Other Related Field Degree Plus Graduate of Non-Accredited L.A. Curriculum	4	5	9
Graduate of NAAB Accredited Architectural Curriculum	3	7	10
Graduate of ECPD Accredited Engineering Curriculum	3	7	10
Graduate of Non-Accredited Architectural Curriculum	2	9	11
Graduate of Non-Accredited Engineering Curriculum	2	9	11
Graduate of Two Years Technical School in Landscape Architecture	2	9	11
No Professional Education	0	13	13

\* Professional experience must be acquired after graduation except that continuous experience gained in increments of ninety days or more, before graduation will be evaluated by the board. Professional experience is defined as equivalent to satisfactory diversified general practice under the supervision of registered Landscape Architects.

4. For non-graduates, each year of approved Landscape Architectural Education successfully completed at college level shall receive full credit.

5. Employment by government agencies, engineering firms, general contractors, in areas directly related to landscape architectural construction, may be substituted for professional experience, as defined above; one full year of such experience will be considered the equivalent of one-half year of full-time professional experience, but not over two years of credit toward professional experience will be given for such experience.

6. Employment by government agencies, including the military, when diversified and comparable to employment in the office of a registered Landscape Architect with a verified record of substantial practice shall receive full credit with no time limitation. Such work shall be directly related to Landscape Architecture and shall be under the direct supervision of a registered Landscape Architect. This provision shall also apply to those registered Landscape Architects employed in a capacity of manager.

7. Employment by organizations that have employees performing Landscape Architectural services in connection with projects owned or used by that organization when said employment is directly related to Landscape Architectural work and is under the direct supervision of a registered Landscape Architect shall receive full credit with no time limitation. This provision shall also apply to those registered Landscape Architects employed in a capacity of manager.

8. Employment or practice in such fields as interior design, architecture, engineering, city planning and periods of employment with such organizations as VISTA, HUD, Peace Corps and advocacy planning shall receive full credit up to a maximum of two years when such work is related to Landscape Architecture.

9. An advanced degree from ASLA Committee on Education accredited Landscape Architecture curriculum shall receive full credit up to a maximum of two years. Teaching and research in an ASLA Committee on Education Accredited curriculum shall also receive full credit as determined by the board.

10. Other training, education, teaching, or practical experience of a landscape architectural nature will be subject to review and determination by the board.

B. Application and oral examination. The board shall review the applicant's experience record and conduct a personal interview of each applicant for admission to the examination process. The personal interview shall consist of direct examination by the board to include such additional exhibits of drawings, specifications, photographs of work, letters of reference, as the board may direct.

C. Written examinations -- Shall be provided by the National Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards (CLARB). Handbooks, tables, reference books, bound notes and hand-held non-programmable battery-operated electronic calculators are permitted when authorized by the board.

D. Landscape architect-in-training. An applicant for certification as a Landscape Architect-in-Training shall present satisfactory evidence to the board that they have either:

1. Graduated from an accredited Landscape Architectural curriculum appearing on the list of accredited curricula current at the time of applicant's graduation as published by the



American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) Committee on Education, or

2. Completed ten years of satisfactory diversified experience, when such experience is directly related to Landscape Architectural work and is approved by the board. Each scholastic year of study satisfactorily completed in a curriculum accredited by the ASLA Committee on Education or its educational equivalent shall be considered equal to two years of Landscape Architectural experience.

E. Professional practice examination. An applicant for registration as Landscape Architect by examination shall be admitted to the Professional Practice Examination in Landscape Architecture provided the applicant has:

1. Successfully completed the Landscape Architect-in-Training Examination and

2. Completed total combined education and experience as noted in table contained in 4 MCAR S 7.0091 A.3.

F. Qualification for registration without written examination. The board shall, with reference to applications received from persons not residing in Minnesota, issue a certificate of registration as a landscape architect when a CLARB certificate is furnished to the board. Applicants shall submit a treatise to the board.

G. Qualification for registration without written examination prior to January 1, 1977 (Expires January 1, 1977).

1. The board shall, with reference to applications for registration received prior to January 1, 1977, issue a certificate of registration as a landscape architect, without examination, to any applicant submitting evidence to the board that one or more of the classifications listed in the table contained in 4 MCAR S 7.0091 A. has been met.

2. Each applicant not holding a CLARB certificate shall appear before the board for a personal interview for the purpose of reviewing the applicability of experience for registration.

3. Applicants who are not residents of Minnesota and are registered by another jurisdiction but do not hold CLARB certification shall submit a treatise to the board relative to Minnesota construction conditions and plant materials applicable to Minnesota.

4 MCAR S 7.010 Examination of engineer applicants.

A. Education and experience. An applicant for registration as a Professional Engineer shall be required to pass an oral and a written examination as provided hereinafter. The submission of one exhibit of engineering work accomplished along with a

written critique of such exhibit may be substituted in lieu of the oral examination upon the approval of the board. Oral and written examinations will be required of all applicants except those registered under 4 MCAR S 7.007 E. and F. which apply to those registered in one or more states other than Minnesota. In these cases the same minimum requirements for these applicants will be required as existed in Minnesota at the time of the original registration of the applicant in the other state. The written Fundamentals of Engineering (EIT) examination may be waived by the board if the applicant meets the requirements stated in 4 MCAR S 7.007 D. To qualify for admission to such oral and written examination, the applicant shall present satisfactory evidence that he/she has:

1. Graduated from an engineering curriculum accredited by the Engineers' Council for Professional Development (ECPD) and appearing on the list of Accredited Programs Leading to Degrees in Engineering current at the time of his graduation as published by the ECPD or the educational equivalent thereof.

2. Completed a minimum of four (4) years of qualifying engineering experience, satisfactory to the board, after graduation from a baccalaureate program in engineering accredited by the ECPD, or three (3) years of qualifying engineering experience, satisfactory to the board, after graduation from a Masters or Doctoral program in engineering from an institution with an ECPD accredited baccalaureate program in that discipline of engineering. Up to two (2) years credit for diversified, qualifying engineering experience, gained prior to graduation from an approved engineering curriculum, may be granted by the board when evaluated on an individual basis. The two (2) years experience prior to graduation must have been gained after completion of the second year of approved engineering education. Such experience shall be credited at the rate of 50% up to the maximum allowable credit of two (2) years.

3. An applicant may qualify for admission to the examinations provided that satisfactory evidence is submitted to the board that education and experience completed meet the requirements set forth in the following table:

Classification	Education in years	Experience in years	Total Education and Experience
Graduate of Engineering Curriculum Accredited by Engineers' Council for Professional Development (ECPD)			
5-year Course with			
M.S. or PhD. . . . .	5	3	8
4 or 5-year Course . . . .	4	4	8

Graduate of Non-ECPD  
Accredited Engineering  
Curriculum Approved by  
the Board

5-year Course . . . . .	4	5	9
4-year Course . . . . .	3	6	9

4. Recognized equivalent education. The education requirements of an applicant whose education was not obtained in an engineering curriculum accredited by the Engineers' Council for Professional Development will be accepted only if such education is determined by the board to be equivalent to the content of the accredited curriculum required for a Bachelor of Science Degree in engineering. The applicant will be required to submit a transcript of grades, along with descriptions of courses taken from the educational institution from which he graduated, for evaluation by the board to determine the credit to be allowed for such non-accredited engineering education.

B. Oral examination. An applicant may be required to appear before the board for oral examination and submit two exhibits of engineering work the applicant has performed in the event that the experience record does not clearly indicate four years of qualifying engineering experience, or the applicant does not hold a degree from an approved engineering program, or the applicant qualifies for waiver of the Fundamentals of Engineering Examination as provided in 4 MCAR S 7.010 D. An applicant residing in an overseas area may be required to submit one exhibit of the applicant's engineering work with a written critique of that exhibit in the event that the experience record does not clearly indicate four years of qualifying engineering experience.

C. Written examination:

1. The written examination consists of two parts. Part I is a preliminary examination, the Fundamentals of Engineering Examination (FE), which may be taken upon graduation from an engineering curriculum approved by the board. The passing of this preliminary examination will give the applicant the status of Engineer-in-Training as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 326.10, subd. 7, and such applicant will not again be required to take this examination. The applicant shall take and pass the Fundamentals of Engineering Examination, EIT, before being permitted to take the Professional examination.

2. The Professional examination (Part II), the Principles and Practice of Engineering Examination, is an examination in a field of major practice and is required as hereinafter outlined. Examinations are presently offered in the following fields of major practice in engineering: Aeronautical/Aerospace, Agricultural, Ceramic, Chemical, Civil, Electrical, Geological, Industrial, Manufacturing, Mechanical, Metallurgical, Mining/Minerals, Nuclear, Petroleum, Sanitary, and Structural. Any applicant who is a graduate with a degree in Architectural Engineering from an accredited curriculum will be considered for

registration by the board as a Professional Engineer by examination in a field of major practice based on his experience record.

3. The scope of the Fundamentals of Engineering Examination, EIT (Part I), and the Principles and Practice of Engineering Examination (Part II) is as follows:

a. Fundamentals of Engineering Examination, EIT (Part I): Multiple-choice questions in fundamental mathematics and the basic and engineering sciences as presented in accredited college or university engineering curriculum. Allotted time -- 8 hours.

b. Principles and Practice of Engineering Examination (Part II): Problems embracing knowledge of professional practice and applied economics such as should be acquired in connection with the planning, design and construction of engineering work during the statutory period leading to registration as professional engineer. This part of the examination, together with the oral examination or exhibit with written critique, will not be required until the full statutory period of qualifying engineering experience has been completed. Allotted time -- 8 hours.

4. The Principles and Practice of Engineering examination is given for the purpose of determining the proficiency of the applicant in professional practice. This examination will include questions designed to test whether training and experience have taught the applicant to apply the knowledge and understanding of the basic and engineering sciences to the solution of engineering problems.

5. Handbooks, reference books, bound tabular material and notes, and silent, hand-held, electronic calculators are permitted for use during examinations when authorized by the board.

D. Engineers qualified by graduation, long experience and examination. The applicant must have graduated from an accredited engineering curriculum, or have received a graduate degree based upon at least one academic year of resident study in a department whose undergraduate curriculum is accredited; be not less than forty years of age; have a verified professional engineering record of twenty years or more, as defined by and of a character satisfactory to the board; and shall pass a written professional practice examination of at least eight hours duration. The applicant's engineering experience shall show responsible charge of engineering projects for at least ten years and advancement in the character of the work performed. The experience gained prior to his reaching the age of twenty years shall not be credited as a part of the required engineering experience, except that graduation from an accredited engineering curriculum shall be considered equivalent to four years of engineering experience. Credit shall not be given for more than a total of four years experience because of

undergraduate educational qualifications.

E. Engineer-in-training. Any applicant who is a graduate of an ECPD accredited engineering curriculum, or who has education equivalent thereto as determined by the board, may be permitted to take the Fundamentals of Engineering examination (EIT).

F. Severability. If any provision of this rule is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions of this rule which can be given effect without the invalid provision, and to this end the provisions of this rule shall be deemed severable.

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4 MCAR S 7.011 Examination of land surveyor applicants.

A. Education and experience. Each applicant for licensure as a land surveyor shall be required to appear before the board for the purpose of an oral examination and to pass written examinations as provided hereinafter. Oral examinations may not be required of those comity applicants licensed under 4 MCAR S 7.007 G. which rule applies to those licensed in one or more states other than Minnesota. In the case of comity applicants, the same minimum requirements will be demanded as existed in Minnesota at the time of the original licensure as land surveyor in such other state. To qualify for oral and written examination, applicants shall present satisfactory evidence that they have:

1. Graduated from a 4-year land surveying curriculum, approved by the board.

2. Completed at least three (3) years of qualifying land surveying experience, after graduation, satisfactory to the board.

3. Prospective applicants may qualify for licensure by examination provided they submit to the board satisfactory evidence that their education and subsequent experience are substantially equivalent to the requirements set forth in the following table:

Classification	Education in years	Experience in years	Total Education & Experience*
**Graduate of 4-year land surveying curriculum ap- proved by the Board	4	3	7
Graduate of other Bachelor of Science Curriculum ap- proved by the Board	3	5	8
***Non-Graduate	0-3	6-9	9

\*Requirements effective January 1, 1977.

\*\*All applicants for licensure as land surveyor will be required to hold a degree from a Bachelor of Science curriculum approved by the board or its educational equivalent effective January 1, 1985.

\*\*\*A minimum of two years of qualifying education will be required as of January 1, 1981.

4. Recognized equivalent education. The education requirement of an applicant whose education was not obtained in a Bachelor of Science curriculum approved by the board will be accepted only if such education is determined by the board to be equivalent to such curriculum. The applicant will be required to submit a transcript of grades for evaluation by the board to determine the credit to be allowed for such education. The applicant will be informed, in writing, of any course requirements lacking for equivalent education.

5. All applicants for licensure, by examination, as land surveyor in Minnesota must have completed one year of education leading to a Bachelor of Science degree including 8 quarter credits of surveying to take the Land Surveyor-in-Training examination and must have completed two years of education leading to a Bachelor of Science degree including 16 quarter credits of surveying or related courses to take the final examinations for Land Surveyor. This requirement is effective January 1, 1981.

B. Requirements for admission to examination. The board may subject an applicant to such examinations as may be deemed necessary to establish the qualifications of such applicant. Oral and written examinations shall be held at such times and places as the board may direct.

1. Land surveyor-in-training. Any applicant who is a graduate of or is within three (3) months of graduating from, a 4-year land surveying curriculum approved by the board or has equivalent education, may be admitted to the Fundamentals of Land Surveying Examination (LSIT). Non-graduates must have a minimum of two years of approved education and three years of qualifying experience.

2. Professional practice. The applicant must have successfully completed the Fundamentals of Land Surveying Examination (LSIT) and have had a total of seven or more years of combined land surveying education and qualifying land surveying experience as shown in the table herein. After the applicant has submitted a formal application for admission to the Professional Practice Examination, such applicant may be required to appear before the board for an oral examination. The applicant may be called to appear for an oral examination where evidence of personal qualifications will be reviewed and

the educational and experience record evaluated to determine eligibility for admission to the Professional Practice Examination.

C. Examinations.

1. Fundamentals of land surveying (LSIT). Consists of an eight-hour examination. Failure of either the morning or afternoon portion of the examination will require the applicant to retake the entire eight-hour examination. Successful completion of this examination qualifies the applicant for a Land Surveyor-in-Training Certificate.

2. Professional practice. Consists of two (2) four-hour examinations. Failure of one or both of the four-hour sections of this examination will necessitate retaking the failed section. Successful completion of the Professional Practice Examination qualifies the applicant for licensure as a Land Surveyor in Minnesota upon payment of the license fee.

3. Reference materials may be used when permitted by the board.

D. A Syllabus for written examination in Land Surveying has been approved by the board. It may be revised or updated periodically, as required. A copy of the current Syllabus may be obtained from the board office by the prospective applicant prior to making application for examination.

4 MCAR S 7.012 Rule of professional conduct. This rule of professional conduct is adopted for the purpose of implementing the laws and rules governing the practice of architecture, engineering, land surveying and landscape architecture including Minn. Stat. S 326.11. This rule is applicable to and binding upon each person, corporation or partnership subject to the regulatory jurisdiction of the board and each person subject to the control of the licensee.

Each licensee who holds a certificate of licensure issued by the board is charged with knowledge of this rule. In the exercise of the privileges and rights granted by the certificate of licensure, the licensee shall conform his professional conduct to the public and to the board in accordance with the provisions of this rule, and shall, as a condition of licensure, subscribe to and agree that he will conduct his practice in accordance with the provisions of this rule.

A. Personal conduct.

1. A licensee shall avoid any act which may diminish public confidence in the profession and shall, at all times, conduct himself, in all of his relations with his clients and public, so as to maintain its reputation for professional integrity.

2. A licensee shall not submit a materially false statement or fail to disclose a material fact requested in connection with his application for certification or licensure in this state or any other state.

3. A licensee shall not further the application for certification or licensure of another person known by him to be unqualified in respect to character, education, or other relevant factor.

4. A licensee shall not:

a. circumvent a Rule of Professional Conduct through actions of another;

b. engage in illegal conduct involving moral turpitude;

c. engage in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation;

d. engage in conduct that adversely reflects on his fitness to practice his profession;

e. permit his name or seal to be affixed to plans, specifications or other documents which were not prepared by him or under his direct supervision.

B. Conflict of interest.

1. A licensee shall avoid accepting a commission where duty to the client, or the public, would conflict with the personal interest of the licensee or the interest of another client. Prior to accepting such employment, the licensee shall disclose to a prospective client such facts as may give rise to a conflict of interest.

2. A licensee shall not accept compensation for services relating or pertaining to the same project from more than one party unless there is a unity of interest between or among the parties to the project and unless the licensee makes full disclosure and obtains the express consent of all parties from whom compensation will be received.

3. A licensee shall not, directly or indirectly, solicit or accept any compensation, gratuity, or item of value from contractors, their agents or other persons dealing with the client or employer in connection with the work for which the licensee has been retained without the knowledge and approval of the client or the employer.

C. Improper solicitation of employment.

1. A licensee shall seek and engage in only the professional work or employment the professional is competent and qualified to perform by reason of education, training or experience.



2. A licensee shall not falsify or misrepresent the extent of his education, training, experience or qualifications to any person or to the public; nor shall he misrepresent the extent of his responsibility in connection with any prior employment.

3. A licensee shall not transmit, distribute, or publish or allow to be transmitted, distributed, or published, any false or misleading information regarding his own qualifications, training, or experience or that of his employer, employees, associates, or joint venturers.

4. A licensee shall not tender any gift, pay, or offer to pay, directly or indirectly, anything of substantial value, whether in the form of a commission or otherwise, as an inducement to secure employment. A licensee is not prohibited from paying a commission to a licensed employment agency for securing a salaried position.

D. False or malicious statements. A licensee shall make no false or malicious statements which may have the effect, directly or indirectly, or by implication, of injuring the personal or professional reputation or business of another member of his profession.

E. Knowledge of improper conduct by others.

1. A licensee who has knowledge or reasonable grounds for believing that another member of his profession has violated any statute or rule regulating the practice of his profession shall have the duty of presenting such information to the board.

2. A licensee, when questioned concerning any alleged violation on the part of another person by any member or authorized representative of the board commissioned or delegated to conduct an official inquiry, shall neither fail nor refuse to divulge such information as he may have relative thereto.

F. Action by other jurisdiction. Convictions of a felony without restoration of civil rights, or the revocation or suspension of the certificate of licensure of a licensee by another jurisdiction, if for cause which in the State of Minnesota would constitute a violation of law or of these rules, shall be deemed to be a violation of these Rules of Professional Conduct. Any licensee adjudged mentally incompetent by a court of competent jurisdiction shall, until he is restored to mental competency, be deemed to be incompetent to practice his profession within the meaning of Minnesota Statutes, section 326.11, subd. 2.

G. Employment on the basis of merit. A licensee as an employer, shall refrain from engaging in any discriminatory practice prohibited by law and shall, in the conduct of his business, employ professional personnel solely upon the basis of merit.

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4 MCAR S 7.014 Registration. No corporation, partnership, or other firm engaged in the practice of architecture, engineering, land surveying, or landscape architecture, or two or more of these professions, shall contract with or accept employment for professional services of an architectural, engineering, land surveying, or landscape architectural character as defined in Minn. Stat. SS 326.02-326.15 unless a member or employee of the corporation, partnership, or other firm, in responsible charge of the work is registered and licensed under the provisions of Minn. Stat. SS 326.02-326.15 to practice the profession called for by the employment.

4 MCAR S 7.015 Responsible charge and direct supervision. A person in responsible charge of architectural, engineering, land surveying, or landscape architectural work as used in Minn. Stat. S 326.14 means the person who determines design policy, including technical questions, advises with the client, superintends subordinates during the course of the work and, in general, the person whose professional skill and judgment are embodied in the plans, designs and advice involved in the work. Plans and specifications for buildings, structures, or projects of standard design which have been designed outside the state shall bear the certification of the design professional licensed in another United States licensing jurisdiction. In addition, a Minnesota licensed architect, professional engineer, or landscape architect shall review the design and certify that it is appropriate to the site on which construction is proposed and is in compliance with the state building code adopted by the Department of Administration where the building code is in effect.

A person in direct supervision of work as referred to in Minn. Stat. S 326.12, subd. 3, means that person who is the employer, an employee of the same firm, or who is under contract to or from another firm and who is in responsible charge of technical architectural, engineering, land surveying, or landscape architectural work in progress, whose professional skill and judgment are embodied in the plans, specifications, reports, plats, or other documents required to be certified pursuant to that subdivision. A person in direct supervision of work directs the work of other licensees, interns, draftspersons, technicians, or clerical persons assigned to that work and is in responsible charge of the project comprising the work being supervised.

4 MCAR S 7.016 Misconduct. Misconduct within the meaning of Minnesota Statutes, section 326.11, subd. 1 shall include any act or practice in violation of the Rules of Professional Conduct as set forth in 4 MCAR S 7.012.

## 4 MCAR S 7.017 Certificates.

A. Certificates of record. The board shall issue to each applicant who successfully completes the Fundamentals of Engineering Examination, or land surveyor-in-training examination, a certificate indicating that the applicant's name has been recorded as such in the office of the board. The board shall, upon written application, issue to each applicant who holds a degree from a landscape architectural curriculum approved by the board a certificate indicating that the applicant's name has been recorded as a landscape architect-in-training in the office of the board. The certificates of record as engineer-in-training, land surveyor-in-training, or landscape architect-in-training are permanent, subject only to suspension or revocation for cause in the manner provided by law.

B. Certificate of registration. The board shall issue to each applicant who has successfully completed the Fundamentals of Engineering examination, unless the Fundamentals of Engineering examination is waived as stated under 4 MCAR S 7.010 D., applying only in the case of engineer applicants, or Land Surveyor-in-Training examination, or has been certified as a landscape architect-in-training, or has successfully completed the professional practice examination, a certificate of registration properly filled out, signed and sealed, giving the licensee proper authority to practice the profession of architecture, professional engineering, land surveying, or landscape architecture under the Registration Act of the State of Minnesota for a period ending June 30 of the even-numbered year of the biennium in which the certificate is issued after which date the certificate will expire unless renewed. Applicants who are registered by comity from other states, having met the Minnesota registration requirements, shall be issued certificates of registration in the same manner as provided in this rule.

## 4 MCAR S 7.018 Certification and signature on plans.

A. The certification and signature on plans, specifications, plats, reports, etc., is mandatory, as provided by Minnesota Statutes, section 326.12, subd. 3. A person in direct supervision of work as referred to in the foregoing subdivision is construed to mean the person whose professional skill and judgment are embodied in the document signed, and who assumes responsibility for the accuracy and adequacy thereof.

B. The board has designed a stamp which combines certification and a space for signature. The size of the stamp together with the size of letters and spacing of lines may be varied to suit individual requirements. The stamp may be imprinted directly on the tracing and signature affixed thereto thus eliminating the necessity of duplicate signatures on prints.

C. The certification by each of the professions responsible for the preparation of bound specifications, reports, or other documents shall be shown on the title sheet or first sheets.

The certification by each of the professions responsible for the preparation of plans or plats shall be shown on each sheet of the set of plans, or each plat.

1. The board registers applicants as an architect, a professional engineer or a land surveyor.

2. The official roster designates the branch of engineering in which the registered engineer was examined. An applicant for registration as a professional engineer is examined in the branch of engineering which he selects and in which he is deemed qualified as an applicant by the board.

3. A professional engineer may engage in practice in any branch of engineering; provided, however, that a professional engineer who affixes his certification and signature to plans, specifications, or other documents may be required to establish, to the satisfaction of the board that the work was performed according to recognized and acceptable engineering standards and practice.

D. The following wording shall be incorporated in the certification:

I hereby certify that this plan, specification, or report was prepared by me or under my direct supervision and that I am a duly Registered Architect under the laws of the State of Minnesota.

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Date \_\_\_\_\_ Reg. No. \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that this plan, specification, or report was prepared by me or under my direct supervision and that I am a duly Registered Professional Engineer under the laws of the State of Minnesota.

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Date \_\_\_\_\_ Reg. No. \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that this survey, plan or report was prepared by me or under my direct supervision and that I am a duly Registered Land Surveyor under the laws of the State of Minnesota.

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Date \_\_\_\_\_ Reg. No. \_\_\_\_\_

4 MCAR S 7.019 Seal. Each registrant may, upon licensure, also obtain a seal of a design approved by the board bearing the licensee's name and the legend, "Registered Architect," "Registered Professional Engineer," "Registered Land Surveyor,"

or "Registered Landscape Architect." Plans, specifications, plats, reports, and other documents prepared by a licensee may be stamped with the seal during the life of a licensee's certificate if the certificate remains unrevoked, has not expired, or has not been suspended. The stamped seal may be used on documents in addition to the signed and dated certificate required under 4 MCAR S 7.018.

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4 MCAR S 7.020 Investigator. To assist it in the performance of its statutory duties, the board may hire an investigator to make inquiries, ascertain facts, and obtain statements.

4 MCAR S 7.021 Professional corporations. Professional corporations and foreign professional corporations are required to file periodic reports with the board in accordance with Minn. Stat. S 319A.21.

4 MCAR S 7.022 Exempt classes of buildings.

A. Purpose. The purpose of these rules is to indicate circumstances where the services of a licensed architect or engineer are not required pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, sections 326.02-326.16.

B. General requirement. Plans and specifications for the erection, enlargement, alteration, or remodeling or renovation of any building, structure, or other work shall be prepared and certified by an architect or engineer licensed pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, sections 326.02-326.16 except as set forth below:

1. Statutory exception. Building components or classes of buildings enumerated in Minnesota Statutes, sections 326.02, subd. 5 and 326.03, subd. 2(a)-(d).

2. Remodeling or renovation exception.

a. Any remodeling or renovation to part or all of an existing building, structure or work which does not:

(1) change the load on its mechanical or electrical systems or change the live or dead load on its structural systems, in either case, in such a manner that a violation of the Uniform Building Code, 1976 edition, might occur.

(2) change the building's access or exit pattern, in such a manner that a violation of the Uniform Building Code, 1976 edition, might occur, or

(3) change the Uniform Building Code (UBC) occupancy classification of the building.

b. Any remodeling or renovation, of any kind, in a

building in the UBC occupancy classes and consistent with the size, dwelling unit, and number of stories and basement thresholds specified in Table 1.

3. Classes of buildings exceptions. Any new construction of or new addition to a building in the specified UBC occupancy classes and consistent with the size, dwelling unit, and number of stories and basement thresholds specified in Table 1. Provided that an exemption under this paragraph shall not apply:

a. for a second new building to be constructed by the same person on the same parcel or a contiguous parcel to a new building previously exempted hereunder or for a second addition to the same building where a prior addition was exempt hereunder, in either case, within twenty-four calendar months after the date of building permit issuance. Same person means the same owner or same general contractor, or ownership or general contractor entity having one or more participants in common with, the owner or general contractor of the first building. The person seeking a building permit shall certify that the same person has not utilized this exemption within the prior twenty-four month period. Parcel means a non-subdivided tract of land.

b. for an addition to an existing building, where the existing building exceeds the exemption size thresholds under this paragraph if the addition results in either of the effects set forth in 4 MCAR S 7.022 B.2.a. (1) or B.2.a. (2), regardless of the size of the new addition proposed.

c. for new construction within a larger building (e.g., individual shops within a shopping center) where the larger building exceeds the exemption size thresholds under this paragraph if the new construction results in either of the effects set forth in 4 MCAR S 7.022 B.2.a. (1) or B.2.a. (2), regardless of the size of the new construction proposed.

#### C. Definitions.

1. Definitions. All terms used herein shall be as defined in the Uniform Building Code, 1976 edition, unless otherwise specified in these rules. The abbreviation "UBC" as used in this rule means the Uniform Building Code, 1976 edition.

2. Occupancy. Occupancy shall be specified by the owner and verified by the building official in the manner provided in the UBC.

#### D. General provisions.

1. Plans mandatory. The exceptions in 4 MCAR S 7.022 B.2. and B. 3. shall be available only if the building permit applicant supplies the responsible building official with two sets of plans and specifications for the building or remodeling. The name and address of the preparer of the plans and specifications shall appear thereon. The plan preparer

shall certify that reasonable care has been given to compliance with applicable laws, ordinances, and building codes relating to design.

2. Non-applicability of exemptions. Notwithstanding the exceptions in subsection B.3. the responsible building official may require plans and specifications to be designed and prepared by a licensed architect or engineer, if he finds a hazard to life, health, safety, or welfare due to the unusual circumstances of the building or structure or an unusually large number of potential occupants in relation to square footage for a particular use.

3. Nonexclusivity. Nothing herein shall preclude or supersede any provisions of other applicable laws or regulations.

4. Severability. If any provision of this rule is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions of this rule which can be given effect without the invalid provision, and to this end the provisions of this rule shall be deemed severable.