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This document provides information regarding proposed amendments to Chapter 18.43 *Engineers and Land Surveyors* that the Board intends to submit to the Legislature during the 2026 Legislative session.

About the Proposed Legislation document

The Proposed Legislation document for submittal to the 2026 Legislative Session is a combination of proposed amendments from last year and this year. The recent proposed amendments were approved by the Board at the June 17, 2025 Annual Board Meeting, and the August 7, 2025 Special Board Meeting.

The Proposed Legislation document does not include all sections of Chapter 18.43, because there are no proposed amendments to them.

Not included:

- RCW 18.43.010 General provisions.
- RCW 18.43.075 Retired status certificate.
- RCW 18.43.105 Disciplinary action-Prohibited conduct, acts, conditions.
- RCW 18.43.110 Discipline of registrant-Board's power-Unprofessional conduct-Reissuance of certificate of registration.
- RCW 18.43.120 Violations and penalties.
- RCW 18.43.180 Uniform regulation of business and professions act.
- RCW 18.43.190 Military training or experience.
- RCW 18.43.900 Short title.

Understanding the Proposed Language

The black text that's underlined and/or struck out are amendments that were before the legislature in the 2025 session that did not move out of committee.

The colored text that is underlined and/or struck out are recent proposed amendments for the next (2026) Legislative session.

Section Amended	Amendments
RCW 18.43.020 Definitions	• Terms "Engineer" and "Land Surveyor" removed but kept numbers (3) & (6) in reserve. • Pronouns made gender neutral
RCW 18.43.030 Board of registration-Members-Terms-Qualifications-Compensation and travel expenses.	• Obsolete dates removed • Minor editorial changes. • "...be a citizen of the United States and shall" removed by amendment during the 2025 Legislative Session (SHB 1104)

RCW 18.43.033 Pro tem board members-Limits-Duties.	• Number of pro-tem appointments changed from two to three • Allows Board Chair to appoint an on-site designer licensed under Chapter 18.210 RCW as a pro-tem board member
RCW 18.43.035 Bylaws-Employees-Rules-Periodic reports and roster.	• Minor editorial change – removed “places of business” and replaced with “mailing addresses” • Added “professional” before the words (terms?) “engineer” and “land surveyor”
RCW 18.43.040 Registration requirements	• Rewritten to clarify requirements for registration • Separated requirements for professional engineer, structural engineer, professional land surveyor, engineer-in-training and land surveyor-in-training • Obsolete dates removed • Added language to allow for FE examination waiver • Allows flexibility in the order of experience & examination. (Decoupling) (Requirements for licensure remain the same)
RCW 18.43.050 Application-Registration fees.	• Removed redundant language about requirements. • “professional land surveyor” added • Replaced “examination” with “application processing” • Minor editorial changes
RCW 18.43.060 Examinations	• Minor editorial changes to include land surveying and land surveyor-in-training • Removed reschedule language
RCW 18.43.070 Certificates and seals	• Minor editorial changes • Added “professional” before the words “engineer” and “land surveyor” • Pronouns made gender neutral
RCW 18.43.080 Expiration and renewals of certificates-Fees-Continuing professional development	• Allows flexibility for the Board to determine renewal period and the amount of renewal • Added language about when a license becomes invalid • Changed “15” hours of professional development to “required” hours • Language reflects the current processes of the agency
RCW 18.43.100 Registration of out-of-state applicants-Waiver.	• Added “professional” before “land surveyor”

	Removed specific waiver requirement language
RCW 18.43.130 Excepted services-Fees.	- Removed temporary (30-day) license provisions. It's been about 30 years since a temporary license was issued by this Board. Currently, PEs licensed in another state can apply for here a PE license by "comity" and the initial license expires no earlier than one year after the issue date. - Added "professional" before the words "engineer" and "land surveyor" - Obsolete dates removed - Other minor editorial changes – sections renumbered,
RCW 18.43.150 Fees-Duty of board to set-Disposition.	- Minor editorial changes - Removed language regarding money transfers from the Board's account to the general fund.
RCW 18.43.170 Registration suspension-Noncompliance with support order-Reissuance.	Minor editorial changes
RCW 18.43.200 Agreement with department of licensing	- Minor editorial changes - Removed language regarding initial agreement