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Policy on Exceptional Waiver of FE Exam

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AUTHORITY

Idaho Code 54-1223 waives the fundamentals examination for certain individuals.

Idaho Code 54-1223(2) identifies the authority of the Board to waive the fundamentals of engineering examination for exceptional individuals and 54-1223(3) waives the fundamentals of engineering examination for those with an earned Doctor of Philosophy degree.

POLICY FOR WAIVING THE FUNDAMENTALS FOR EXCEPTIONAL INDIVIDUALS

01. Waiver of the Fundamentals of Engineering Examination. In order to be considered “exceptional” under Section 54-1223(2), Idaho Code, an applicant for licensure as a professional engineer, either by examination or by comity, who seeks waiver of the fundamentals of engineering examination, must have a record of twelve (12) or more years of licensed progressive experience and contributions in professional or technical areas and contributions beyond the ordinary in one of the following two (2) areas:
 - a. Business or industry; and
 - b. Community or cultural.
02. Activities That the Board Believes Are Exceptional. Examples of activities that the Board believes are exceptional are serving as an officer or committee chair, originating projects or initiatives, investing time or energy into the community, authoring significant publications, and receiving significant awards.
03. Activities That the Board Believes Are Ordinary. Examples of activities that the Board believes are only ordinary are completing routine job assignments, holding membership in professional and technical societies, contributing money to causes, attending community events, and owning a business.
04. Written Request for Exceptional Designation. An applicant who seeks waiver of the fundamentals of engineering examination must submit a written request for the exceptional designation accompanied by two (2) written references supporting and explaining the applicants’ contributions that are beyond the ordinary.
05. This waiver only applies to those who have previously held a professional license in another jurisdiction.