

Illinois Department of Financial & Professional Regulation

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Division of Professional Regulation: *Design Unit*

The Design Unit of the Division of Professional Regulation is responsible for maintaining the public health, safety, and welfare and to be subject to regulation and control in the public interest. Each Profession is governed by its respective Act that merits the confidence of the public, and that only qualified persons shall be authorized to engage in the practice of that profession in the State of Illinois.

The Design Unit oversees the Licensing and Registration for:

- ◆ Architecture
- ◆ Professional Land Surveying
- ◆ Professional Engineering
- ◆ Structural Engineering
- ◆ Professional Design Firm

Did you know?

Illinois licenses Professional Engineers and Structural Engineers separately. There is no overlap of licensure. Each profession has separate and distinct requirements for education, examination and experience.

A Professional Engineer in Illinois cannot offer or perform any Structural Engineering services and a Structural Engineer can only offer Structural Engineering services.

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QR Code

QR Enhanced License Certificates Offer Tech Safeguards

In an effort to increase transparency and provide the public with a quick and easy method to verify the authenticity of a professional's certificate of licensure, the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR) is now including a unique quick response (QR) code for all professions within the Divisions of Professional Regulation and Real Estate. When the QR code is scanned using a QR reader application from any mobile device, the latest license information from IDFPR's database will be displayed, including licensure status. The QR code announcement is the latest from IDFPR in their ongoing efforts to modernize the state's regulatory agency.

"Smartphone technology has revolutionized our lives and how we access information on a daily basis," said Bryan A. Schneider, IDFPR Secretary. "By utilizing the QR code on our certificates of licensure, we afford consumers an easy and efficient way to ensure the validity of our licensed professionals."

All license certificates issued by IDFPR before 7/19/2016 that do not contain the unique QR code are still considered valid. Users can access and print new certificates with a QR code anytime by accessing online eLicense search functionality from the IDFPR website at <https://www.idfpr.com/Applications/GetMyLicense/login.asp>.

For more information on IDFPR, please visit their website at: www.idfpr.com. Follow IDFPR on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) to stay current on the latest from the state's regulatory agency.

Below is a sample of what a QR Code may look like.



POINT OF INTEREST

Licenses in Renewal

The following professions are currently in renewal and set to expire on November 30, 2016.

Architect

Professional Land Surveyor

Structural Engineer

You may renew your license online at the department website here:

<https://www.idfpr.com/Renewals/defaultSSL.asp>

FILE A COMPLAINT ONLINE

Help us protect the public.

Complaints against any individual or entity regulated by the **Division of Professional Regulation** may be filed by contacting the Complaint Intake Unit.

To file a complaint, please use:

[Online Complaint Form](#)

Have Questions?

Call the Complaint Intake Unit at **312.814.6910**.



Design Profession Trivia



Q: What year did Professional Land Surveyors become registered in Illinois?

A: 1937.

The practice of land surveying includes surveying, preparation of boundary descriptions and measuring the area of any portion of the earth's surface.



Continuing Education

Visit the following sites for resources on available Continuing Education courses for your renewal requirements.

Architecture

www.aiail.org
www.alatoday.org

Professional Land Surveyor

www.iplsa.org

Professional Engineering

www.illinoisengineer.com

Structural Engineering

www.seaoi.org

Upcoming Board Meetings

We invite the public to attend the open session of our Board Meetings to gain a better understanding of what issues are prevalent in the respective professions.

November:

Architect Board – November 3, 2016 (Springfield)
Structural Engineering Board – November 16, 2016 (Springfield)
Professional Engineering Board - November 17, 2016 (Springfield)
Land Surveyor Board – November 18, 2016 (Springfield)

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Monthly Discipline Report

You may review the latest monthly discipline report here:

<http://www.idfpr.com/News/Disciplines/DiscReports.asp>

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