

**NORTH CAROLINA BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR ENGINEERS AND SURVEYORS  
PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR  
APPLICATION PROCESS**

Upon passing the Fundamentals of Surveying (FS) and Principles and Practice of Surveying (PS) exams, and meeting the education and experience requirements, the applicant will then apply to the North Carolina Board to be seated for the North Carolina State Specific Exam. After passing this exam your license will be issued.

**To be eligible for the PLS license in North Carolina, the applicant must:**

Satisfy the education requirements per G. S. 89C-13 ([G. S. 89C](#)).

Pass the FS and PS exams.

Satisfy the experience requirements per G. S. 89C-13 ([G. S. 89C](#)) and present evidence satisfactory to the Board of a specific record of progressive surveying experience after the date of graduation that is of a grade and character that indicates to the Board that the applicant is competent to practice surveying.

Submit an acceptable map.

- Maps should be a simple 18" x 24" single page plat.
- All maps must be from actual surveys and comply with the North Carolina Standards of Practice for Land Surveying ([Board Rules](#)). If the map is for recordation, it must also comply with G. S. 47-30 ([Mapping Requirements for Recordable Maps](#)). For your reference, there is a sample map on the Board's web site ([Sample Map](#)).
- All maps must contain a statement that the fieldwork, calculations and drawing was done by the applicant.
  - The applicant's name must be identified in the statement and signed by a Professional Land Surveyor.
- If after Board review the map needs to be revised, the applicant should cloud, describe and date the revisions.

Pass the North Carolina State Specific Exam. The state exam tests an applicant's knowledge of the laws, procedures and practices pertaining to land surveying in North Carolina. This is an open book exam administered at the Board office. Applicants may bring bound reference materials and a calculator as approved by NCEES ([Approved Calculators](#)). The state exam is administered four times a year:

<u>Exam Period</u>	<u>Deadline for Completed Application</u>
January	December 1 <sup>st</sup>
April	March 1 <sup>st</sup>
July	June 1 <sup>st</sup>
October	September 1 <sup>st</sup>

Upon completion mail application to the Board office (**Do not staple or fold application**):  
**NC Board of Examiners for Engineers and Surveyors**  
**4601 Six Forks Road, Suite 310**  
**Raleigh, NC 27609**

For questions regarding application status please e-mail [sbryant@ncbels.org](mailto:sbryant@ncbels.org).

Educational institutions can send transcripts via e-mail to [dtaylor@ncbels.org](mailto:dtaylor@ncbels.org).