

BOARD VOTES TO RENEW LICENSES EVERY TWO YEARS BEGINNING IN 2009

At its March meeting the Board voted to join the majority of other states and renew its licenses every two years instead of annually. The vote came after an earlier report from the staff which noted that over 80% of other Engineer & Surveying Licensing Boards use a two-year renewal cycle. The change will begin in 2009 and will apply to all licenses issued by the Board, will take at least a couple of years before fully implemented and will also change the timing for reporting continuing education hours are reported.

The Board also voted to use an “odd license & year/even license & year” approach to determine when a license is to be renewed. What this means is that odd-numbered licenses will renew in odd-numbered years and even-numbered in even-numbered years. 2009 will be the first year odd-numbered licenses will pay for, and be renewed for two years. Even-numbered licenses will also be renewed in 2009 but only for one year. In 2010 even-numbered licenses will again be renewed but this time for two years. Fee amounts for the two-year renewals will be double the annual amount. The chart below illustrates the amount that will be billed for each odd and even-numbered license type beginning in 2009.

The practice of reporting continuing education when renewing licenses will continue under the new procedures. This will ultimately mean reporting at least thirty Professional Development Hours (PDH) at each renewal. In the first two years, however, the phased-in renewal cycle will cause hours to be reported according to the chart below.

LICENSE RENEWAL FEES & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT HOURS BY YEAR

	2009		2010		2011		2012	
	Dues	PDH Hours	Dues	PDH Hours	Dues	PDH Hours	Dues	PDH Hours
<i>Engineer & Surveyor Intern</i>								
Even Numbered	\$5	N/A	\$10	N/A	--	N/A	\$10	N/A
Odd Numbered \$10	N/A	--	N/A	\$10	N/A	--	N/A	
<i>Professional Engineer</i>								
Even Numbered	\$40	15	\$80	15	--	--	\$80	30
Odd Numbered \$80	15	--	--	\$80	30	--	--	
<i>Professional Surveyor</i>								
Even Numbered	\$30	15	\$60	15	--	--	\$60	30
Odd Numbered \$60	15	--	--	\$60	30	--	--	
<i>Certificate of Authorization</i>								
Even Numbered	\$50	N/A	\$100	N/A	--	N/A	\$100	N/A
Odd Numbered \$100	N/A	--	N/A	\$100	N/A	--	N/A	

The above procedures will apply to all licenses including Engineer/Surveyor Interns, Professional Engineers/Surveyors and engineering and/or surveying firms with Certificates of Authorization. Dual registrants (those that hold both engineer and surveyor type licenses) will also be renewed every two years and the engineer license number will determine whether it is considered odd or even.

If you have questions, please call the Board at (501) 682-2824.