Renewal Notices Out Soon

Business Entities whose name begins with the letter A-L should receive their renewal notice in early November. The current Certificates of Authorization for these business entities will expire on December 31, 2014. Certificates may be renewed online at www.ksbtp.ks.gov.

Landscape Architects whose last name begins with the letter A-L should receive their renewal notice in early November. Your current license will expire on December 31, 2014. Licenses may be renewed online at www.ksbtp.ks.gov.

New Online Renewal Process!

Access to the new Online Renewal Portal can be found through our website at www.ksbtp.ks.gov. All users will be required to Register before they can begin the renewal process. Additional instruction documents and FAQ’s will also be available on the Individual and Business Entities renewal information pages on the Kansas Board of Technical Professions website.
Online Renewal “Registration” for Individuals

From the home page of the online renewal portal you will need to select “Register a Person” from the Menu bar at left. For Registration, use the Renewal ID and Registration Code which are specific to each licensee and will be provided on your Renewal Notice. KSBTP will require Social Security Numbers and Birth Dates during the renewal process; you will not be able to complete your renewal without providing this information. (If you have not previously provided your 9-digit Social Security Number and Birth Date to the Board office you will not be able to use this information to register.) Include the letter(s) prefix as part of your professional license number. See the chart below.

Individual License Number Prefixes
(Example: A1234):
- Architects = A
- Professional Engineers = PE
- Professional Geologists = PG
- Landscape Architects = LA
- Professional Surveyors = PS

Business Entity Certificate of Authorization Number Prefixes
(Example: A-678):
- Architecture = A-XXX
- Engineering = E-XXX
- Geology = G-XXX
- Landscape Architecture = LA-XXX
- Surveying = LS-XXX

Online Renewal “Registration” for Business Entities:
Certificates of Authorization

Business Entities will also need to register to begin the renewal process. For Registration, use Renewal ID and Registration Code. The Renewal ID and Registration Code will be specific to each Certificate of Authorization and will be provided on the Renewal Notice. For companies who have multiple professions and Certificates each will have to be registered and renewed separately. Include the letter and “ - ” prefix from the chart above.
Beginning the Online Renewal

Once you have completed the Registration process and created your Username, Password and set up a security question, you can then return to the Home Screen/Login Screen and begin the Renewal process. After logging in you will be brought to the Licensing Home Page which will display all licenses you hold, even those that are not currently in need of renewal. On the Menu Bar you will choose the “Renew License” option and be taken to the Application for License Renewal page where you will see only the licenses that are currently in a Renewal Pending status. Here you will click Continue and start the renewal process.

Home Screen Menu Bar

The Home Screen Menu Bar will assist you in the renewal process and anytime during the year to update your personal (Demographic) and work (License Address) information.

Renewal Screen Menu Bar

The Renewal Screen Menu Bar allows the licensee to move back and forth through the online renewal pages as they update information. A licensee may also choose to stop mid-renewal and come back to complete the process at a later date. All boxes will need to be checked for the renewal to be considered complete and payment to be made.

**All pages must be complete and licensee must receive confirmation by the expiration date of their license for their practice to remain uninterrupted.**
IN THE MATTER OF AMERICARE PROPERTIES INC

Summary: On January 22, 2014 the Kansas State Board of Technical Professions received a report of alleged violation from a Kansas licensed engineer. In that report the reporting individual indicated that Americare Properties, Inc. was listed as the engineer on a set of preliminary development plans submitted to the City of Lawrence. A license search of the licensure records maintained by the Kansas State Board of Technical Professions revealed that Americare Properties Inc. was not licensed to provide engineering services in the State of Kansas nor did it hold a certificate of authorization allowing it to do so. Following receipt of the alleged violation the matter was referred to one of the Board’s licensed engineer investigators for an investigation. The investigator determined that there had been a clear violation of the provisions of K.S.A. 74-7001 since the representation in the title block of the plans indicated the “engineer” was Americare Properties, Inc. which was an unlicensed entity.

Board Action: The Board and Americare Properties, Inc. resolved this matter by way of a Settlement Agreement and Consent Order. The terms of settlement provided that Americare Properties, Inc. had practiced, offered to practice or held itself out as authorized to practice the technical profession of engineering in the State of Kansas without being licensed to do so. Additionally, the terms of settlement included: 1. Americare Properties shall immediately cease and desist from practicing, offering to practice or holding itself out as authorized to practice the technical profession of engineering in the State of Kansas until such time as it has obtained a certificate of authorization to do so. 2. Americare Properties shall immediately cease and desist from using any letterheads, business cards, websites or any advertisements, including telephone book listings which refer to Americare Properties as providing engineering services. 3. Americare Properties, Inc. shall pay a fine in the amount of $500.00 and the Board’s expenses incurred in the investigation and prosecution of the matter in the amount of $890.24 for a total fine and costs of $1,390.24.

Status: Americare Properties, Inc. has paid in full the fine and costs required by the Settlement Agreement and Consent Order and the case has been closed.

IN THE MATTER OF AG COMPLIANCE

Summary: On March 8, 2013 the Kansas State Board of Technical Professions received a report of alleged violation from a Kansas licensed engineer which indicated that Ag Compliance had developed numerous spill prevention control and counter measures plans for Kansas businesses without being licensed or holding a certificate of authorization issued by the Board to do so. The provisions of 40-CFR-112 requires that a professional engineer must certify spill prevention control and counter measures plans if the oil/fuel storage facility exceeds 10,000 gallons. Following receipt of the alleged violation report the Board assigned the matter to one of its licensed engineering investigators for the purpose of conducting an investigation and providing it with an opinion as to whether or not the activity engaged in by Ag Compliance was in violation of the Kansas statutes governing the practice of the technical professions in the State of Kansas. That investigation was conducted and ultimately the complaint committee of the Board directed that a formal complaint be filed against Ag Compliance alleging that it had engaged in the unlicensed practice of engineering in the State of Kansas when it prepared the spill prevention control and counter measures plans.

Board Action: The Board and Ag Compliance resolved this matter by way of a Settlement Agreement and Consent Order. In that Settlement Agreement and Consent Order Ag Compliance further agreed to the following: 1. Ag Compliance, shall immediately cease and desist from practicing, offering to practice or holding itself out as authorized to practice the technical profession of engineering in the State of Kansas until such time as it has obtained a certificate of authorization to do so. 2. Ag Compliance, shall immediately cease and desist from referring to itself as an engineer or an engineering firm or offering to practice engineering by advertising for and soliciting work involving the development and/or designing of oil/fuel storage facilities in which the storage capacity exceeds 10,000 gallons. 3. Ag Compliance, shall immediately cease and desist from using any letterheads, business cards, websites or any advertisements, including telephone book listings which refer to it as an engineering firm or providing engineering services. 4. Ag Compliance shall pay a fine in the amount of $1,000.00 and the Board’s expenses incurred in the investigation and prosecution of this matter in the amount of $1,000.00 for a total fine and cost of $2,000.00.

Status: Ag Compliance has paid in full the fine and costs required by the Settlement Agreement and Consent Order and the case has been closed.
Disciplinary Action, continued

IN THE MATTER OF INNOVATIVE CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, INC.

Summary: In early 2014 the Kansas State Board of Technical Professions received information that Innovative Construction Services, Inc. was practicing, offering to practice or holding itself out as authorized to practice architecture and/or engineering in the State of Kansas without benefit of licensure. Following receipt of that information the Board assigned the matter to one of its licensed engineering investigators for the purpose of conducting an investigation to determine whether or not Innovative Construction Services, Inc. had offered to practice or held itself out as authorized to practice the technical professions of engineering and/or architecture by maintaining a website indicating that the company was in fact holding itself out as authorized to practice engineering and/or architecture in the State of Kansas without benefit of licensure.

Board Action: The Board and Innovative Construction Services, Inc. resolved this matter by way of a Settlement Agreement and Consent Order which contained the following terms of settlement: 1. Innovative Construction Services, Inc., shall immediately cease and desist from practicing, offering to practice or holding itself out as authorized to practice the technical profession of engineering and/or architecture in the State of Kansas until such time as it has obtained a certificate of authorization to do so. 2. Innovative Construction Services, Inc., shall immediately cease and desist from referring to itself as an engineer or architect or an engineering or architectural firm or from using the term engineering or architecture or referring to itself as providing engineering or architectural services in the State of Kansas until such time as it has obtained a certificate of authorization to do so. 3. Innovative Construction Services, Inc., shall, cease and desist from using any letterheads, business cards, websites or any advertisements, including telephone book listings which refer to it as an engineering or architectural firm or providing engineering or architectural services. 4. Innovative Construction Services, Inc. shall pay a fine in the amount of $500.00 and all expenses of the Board including attorney fees incurred in the prosecution of this matter in the amount of $500.00 and the Board’s investigative costs in the amount of $660.00 for a total fine and costs of $1,660.00.

Status: Innovative Construction Services has paid in full the fine and costs required by the Settlement Agreement and Consent Order and the case has been closed.

NCEES Votes to Change Education Initiative in Model Law 2020

At the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES) Annual Meeting held August 20-23, 2014 in Seattle, Washington, the delegates indicated by a strong vote (47 – 20), to turn back the ten year attempt to require a Bachelor’s degree plus 30 college credit hours for the ‘model law’ educational requirements to become a licensed Professional Engineer. The Kansas Board members voted to have the educational requirements remain the same for the NCEES Model Law and Model Rules to continue to require an engineering bachelor’s degree from an EAC/ABET-accredited program to fulfill the education requirement for initial engineering licensure.

The NCEES Advisory Committee on Council Activities has been charged to develop the NCEES position statement supporting additional engineering education beyond a bachelor’s degree, but not require it. NCEES voted to remove these requirements to avoid confusion and unintended comity licensure barriers while it works on the specifics of the requirement. For more information, please go to www.NCEES.org.

NCEES Updates Specifications for PE Civil Exam

NCEES has introduced new specifications for its PE Civil exam, effective with the April 2015 exam administration. Specifications have been updated for all five of the PE Civil exam module options: Construction, Geotechnical, Structural, Transportation, and Water Resources and Environmental. Exam specifications indicate knowledge areas to be tested and their relative weights of emphasis. As the developer of the exams used for engineering licensure in the United States, NCEES periodically conducts surveys of licensed engineers working in industry, government, private practice, and academia to gather information about the knowledge and skills required of professionals in a particular discipline. NCEES uses the results to update its exam specifications. New specifications are available online at ncees.org. The updated practice exams will be published in November 2014.
Kansas Landscape Architect Elected Secretary of International Organization

RESTON, VIRGINIA - Philip J. Meyer has been elected to a two-year term (2014–2016) as Secretary of the Board of Directors for the Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards (CLARB).

Meyer served as the CLARB Region IV Director from 2011 to 2014 and the Region IV Alternate Director from 2008 to 2010. He has been active with CLARB since 2003, serving also as a grader for exams and a member of the Nominating Committee.

For the State of Kansas, Meyer is a member of the Statute Revision Committee for the Kansas Board of Technical Professions. He has served as Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary for the Board and twice served as Chair of the Architect, Landscape Architect, and Geologist Sub-Committee. He has also served the board by being a member of disciplinary hearing panels, the complaint committee, the continuing education committee and other special focus committees.

Closer to home, Meyer is a member of the City of Wichita Design Council and the Wichita Area Builders Association and is active with volunteer opportunities throughout the community.

Meyer earned a bachelor degree of Landscape Architecture in 1985 from Kansas State University. He is currently licensed in Kansas and Missouri. He is also a CLARB Certified landscape architect.

About CLARB: Since 1970, CLARB has been dedicated to ensuring that all individuals who affect the natural and built environment through the practice of landscape architecture are sufficiently qualified to do so. CLARB and its members work together to establish standards for education, experience and examination required for the professional licensure of landscape architects. CLARB’s members include the licensure boards that regulate the profession of landscape architecture in the United States; Puerto Rico; and the Canadian provinces of Alberta, British Columbia and Ontario.

RENEWALS AND REINSTATEMENTS

The Board makes every effort to notify individuals and business entities of renewal deadlines. It is the licensee’s responsibility to make sure the individual license or business entity has been renewed. Each year the Board sends out renewal notices to the last address provided to the Board. Update your address on the website at: QUICK LINKS >Change of Address. Licenses are marked EXPIRED 30 days after the renewal date. Licenses are then CANCELLED 60 days after the renewal date. If license is cancelled, you must complete a REINSTATEMENT application.

UPDATED KSBTP STATUTES & REGULATIONS NOW ONLINE

The revised KSBTP Statutes and Rules and Regulations can now be found on the Board’s website in final form. They can be found individually under STATUTES & RULES or as a single PDF document by going to:

AGENCY MISSION

The Mission of the Kansas State Board of Technical Professions is to provide maximum protection of the health, safety, property and welfare of the people of Kansas by assuring that the practice of architecture, engineering, geology, landscape architecture and surveying in the state is carried out only by those persons who are proven to be qualified as prescribed by the statutes and rules and regulations of the Board.

NEW LICENSE STATUSES: INACTIVE & EMERITUS

K.A.R. 66-6-10. License Statuses. describes two license statuses of INACTIVE and EMERITUS available to licensees who renew on or after November 1, 2014.

Licensees who are currently on RETIRED or DISABLED status will be transitioning to INACTIVE Status. INACTIVE status requires renewal every two years and payment of the appropriate fee. No continuing education will be required. INACTIVE status means a licensee cannot practice a technical profession in Kansas while on this status.

If you renew online and are currently on RETIRED or DISABLED status, the online renewal portal will show your status at renewal time as “RENEWAL PENDING INACTIVE”. Upon completion of the renewal process, the status on the LICENSURE SEARCH will show as INACTIVE.

If you renew online and you are currently on ACTIVE status, the online renewal portal will show your status at renewal time as “RENEWAL PENDING”. When you reach the QUESTIONS page of the renewal process, if you indicate a status change to INACTIVE, upon completion of the Renewal Process, a LICENSURE SEARCH will confirm your INACTIVE status. Please be aware some online transactions may take more processing time than others.

This change can also be made with a paper renewal form. Contact the Board office to request a paper renewal form.

To return to ACTIVE status from INACTIVE status, you must complete a RETURN TO PRACTICE application which is available on the web page.

EMERITUS STATUS

EMERITUS status is a choice for licensees who are at least 60 years of age and have no pending disciplinary action before the Board. Individuals on EMERITUS status will be able to use their professional title in conjunction with the word “EMERITUS,” however they cannot practice a technical profession in Kansas.

EXAMPLE: John Doe, P.E., Emeritus

To apply for this status, complete the one-time, one-page application available on the website. No fee and no proof of continuing education are required. Licensees do not renew while on EMERITUS status.

To return to ACTIVE status from EMERITUS status, submit a REINSTATEMENT application. An approval letter for the Reinstatement will be sent, however no licensure card will be issued.

Licensure verifications may be printed from the web page LICENSURE SEARCH.
**NCARB Board Approves Streamlining and Overhauling of the Intern Development Program (IDP)**

The National Council of Architectural Registrations Boards (NCARB) Board of Directors has voted to approve significant changes that will streamline and overhaul the Intern Development Program (IDP), which most states require to satisfy experience requirements for initial licensure as an architect. The changes will only be applicable where adoption has occurred by individual jurisdictional licensing boards. “Streamlining of the IDP requirements will reduce complexities while ensuring that intern architects still acquire the comprehensive experience that is essential for competent practice, and result in a program that is both justifiable and defensible,” said NCARB President Dale McKinney, FAIA.

The Kansas State Board of Technical Professions is considering the changes but has not approved them at this time. The Board will study the impact these changes may have on Kansas licensees and future licensees.

More information is available on the NCARB web site at [www.ncarb.org](http://www.ncarb.org)

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**NCARB – New ARE Retest Policy Change**

On October 1, the retest policy changed from a six-month wait to 60 days, with candidates being limited to attempting the same division no more than three times in any running year. For more information on specific situations, please contact NCARB at [www.ncarb.org](http://www.ncarb.org).

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**NCEES 2015 PE and PS EXAM DATES AND DEADLINES:**

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This KSBTP Newsletter is your official notification for your professional license. When your email address changes, go to the NEWSLETTER Sign Up section located on the lower right corner of the website homepage and enter your new address. This will ensure that you will continue to receive your official notifications from the Kansas Board of Technical Professions. This does not update information for your license. It is only for purposes of receiving this newsletter.

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**CANCELLED PROFESSIONAL LICENSES - OCTOBER 2014**

For the June 30, 2014 renewal date, the Board office cancelled the following number of licenses for non renewal:
- Professional Geologists: 17
- Architects: 124

If you would like to know the status of a specific license, visit our website at [http://www.ksbtp.ks.gov/home](http://www.ksbtp.ks.gov/home) to perform a LICENSURE SEARCH. Detailed instructions for LICENSURE SEARCH can be found on page 10 of this newsletter.
Fifth Floor Views

It’s that time of year again. Autumn. The leaves change color. The temperature changes. Football teams change strategy. Change. It’s all around. The Kansas Board of Technical Professions is excited for a change that means a new renewal process with higher security for licensees to renew a license and update contact information. We’ve been migrating to the new software since December 2013. We are now ready to launch it for licensees during the first round of renewals which opens November 3, 2014 for Landscape Architects and Business Entities with names beginning with A-L. These licenses all have expiration dates of December 31, 2014.

Each renewal notice will include instructions for the new process. This KSBTP Newsletter also has information and screen shots of the renewal process. “Help sheets” for each process are available on the KSBTP Web page.

We are excited to begin this transition. We have operated on dated technology for many years. It requires custom programming and we felt it was limiting our ability to provide the latest technology to secure data for licensees.

Also, as part of the transition the Board office will no longer print ‘pocket cards’. Licensees can verify their license number and status online 24/7 with the LICENSURE SEARCH feature of the website and print a verification. The new system also offers an App for license verification for iPhone and Android users. Go to your App store and download the free App “MyLicense Verification”.

We know change is hard. We know there will be problems with the new technology. We appreciate your comments and suggestions as we roll out this new process. Let me know what you think. I can’t fix every concern, but I would welcome comments to help us improve. Technology drives many changes. Telephones have changed. Automobiles have changed. Technology has changed and can provide online safety for our most important asset – YOU, the licensee.

-Mary Leigh Dyck, Executive Director

‘MyLicense Verification’ App

For license verification ‘on the go’ check out the MyLicense Verification app available for iPhone and Android users.
No pocket license card...no problem. CHECK OUT THE NEW LICENSURE SEARCH. GO TO WWW.KSBTP.KS.GOV

DO THE SEARCH! Use different criteria to narrow the Search. Search for an individual or a business.
KSBTP Certificates of Authorization for Business Entities
Issued July 16, 2014-October 14, 2014

ENGINEERING
BT Engineering, PLLC E-2427
Ruby+Associates, Inc. E-2428
J C Hines and Associates, LLC E-2429
R.E. Warner & Associates, Inc E-2430
ARUP USA, INC. E-2431
Kraemer Consulting Engineers, PLLC E-2432
Gish Fabrication & Machine, LLC E-2433
ORR Protection Systems, Inc. E-2434
Valley Civil Design Group LLC E-2435
Roof Spec, Incorporated E-2436
Storm Services Engineering, LLC E-2437
ARTIN LLC E-2438
Tower Engineering Solutions, LLC E-2439
New Millennium Building Systems, LLC E-2440
Integrated Engineering Consultants, Inc. E-2441
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Cardno, Inc. E-2443
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Bowen, Collins & Associates, Inc. E-2451
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Landmark Structures I, LP E-2455
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Schwan Consulting SE L.L.C. E-2457
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Babcock & Wilcox Construction Co., Inc. E-2461
Pure Engineering Services Inc. E-2463
James Westbrook Engineering, Inc. E-2464
Cammack GeoConsulting, P.A. E-2465
Basement Engineering & Structural Technologies E-2466
CaliChi Design Group, LLC E-2467
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ARCHITECTURE CONT.
JRA Architecture, LLC A-1034
Architects Schipper Kastner, P.C. A-1035
Durand-Hollis Rupe, Inc A-1036
Kolbrook Design, INC. A-1038

SURVEYING
Toth and Associates, Inc LS-298
Atwell, LLC LS-299

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE
SMH Consultants, P.A. LA-100

GEOLOGY
Parsons Environment & Infrastructure Group G-0130

NAME CHANGES
Automated Engineering Services Corp. E-1329
TO: AMEC AES, Inc.
Hinson Miller Kickirillo Architects PLLC E-785
TO: HMK Architects, PLLC

REINSTATEMENTS
Schmidt & Stacy Consulting Engineers Inc. E-1831
C. H. Guernsey & Company A-686
Klitzing Welsch Associates, Inc A-764

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www.ksbtp.ks.gov