

TITLE 4: ECONOMIC RESOURCES
DIVISION 3: BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS

§ 3217. Licenses, Certificates, Seals.

(a) Each certificate or license issued hereunder shall bear the date of the original licensure and shall specify whether the individual or firm to whom it is issued is authorized by the Board to practice engineering, architecture, land surveying, landscape architecture or real property appraisal.

(b) In the case of a certificate or license issued to the individual or firm authorizing such individual or firm to practice engineering, the certificate or license shall also indicate the branch of engineering which the individual or firm is qualified to practice.

(c) Each licensed individual may use a seal or rubber stamp of a design authorized by the Board bearing such person's name and the words "professional engineer," "architect," "land surveyor," or "landscape architect," or otherwise as may be authorized by the Board. In the case of an engineer, the seal or rubber stamp shall also indicate the branch of engineering they are licensed to practice.

(d) The seal, signature and date shall be placed on all final specifications, drawings, plans, design formation, calculations, reports, land surveys, and plats whenever presented to a client or when filed with public officials. The seal, signature and date of the licensee shall be prima facie evidence that the work was prepared by or under the direct supervision or control of the licensee named on the seal and is thereby certifying that he or she is competent in the subject matter and accepts full responsibility and liability for the professional work represented. Licensees shall stamp seal, sign and date only those documents which are safe for public health, property and welfare in conformity with accepted engineering, architectural, land surveying, and landscape architectural standards. The licensee shall sign and seal only work within the licensee's area(s) of competence. It shall be unlawful for a licensee to affix or permit their seal and signature to be affixed to any document described above after the expiration or revocation of a license or for the purpose of aiding or abetting any other person to evade or attempt to evade any provisions of this Act.

(e) No official of the Commonwealth who is or may hereafter be charged with the enforcement of laws or ordinances related to the construction or alteration of buildings or structures, shall accept or approve any final specifications, drawings, plans, design formation, calculations, and reports that are not sealed, signed, and dated with the seal of a licensed architect or with the seal of a licensed civil or structural engineer holding a valid license, unless the building or structure, for which the plans or specifications are submitted, is exempted from this Chapter.

(f) It shall be unlawful for the Commonwealth Recorder Office and the Office of the Division of Registration and Survey to file or record any map, plat, survey, or other documents within the definition of land surveying as set forth in this Act which do not have impressed thereon and affixed thereto the personal signature and seal of a licensed land surveyor by whom or under whose direct supervision the map, plat, survey, or other documents were prepared.

(g) The Business License Office of the CNMI Division of Revenue and Taxation shall not issue any business license to any individual or firm which includes such words, as set forth in Section 3218(a)(7), or modifications or derivatives

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thereof in its individual or firm name or logotype except those individuals or firms holding a valid license or certificate of authorization issued under the provisions of this section.

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