

Case History:

**Nebraska Law Related to
Structural Engineering**

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Nebraska Law

81-3402. Architecture and engineering; regulation; prohibited acts.

In order to safeguard life, health, and property...
It is unlawful for any person to

- (1) practice or offer to practice architecture or engineering in this state,
- (2) use in connection with his or her name, except as provided in sections 81-3413 to 81-3415, or otherwise assume the title architect or professional engineer, or
- (3) advertise any title or description tending to convey the impression that he or she is a licensed architect or engineer

unless the person is duly licensed or exempt from licensure under the Engineers and Architects Regulation Act.



Nebraska Law

81-3402. Architecture and engineering; regulation; prohibited acts. *(continued)*

The practice of architecture and engineering and use of the titles architect or professional engineer is a privilege granted by the state through the board based on the qualifications of the individual as evidenced by a certificate of licensure which is not transferable.

Definition of P.E.

81-3422. Professional engineer, defined.

Professional engineer means a person who is licensed as a professional engineer by the board. The board may designate a professional engineer, on the basis of education, experience, and examination, as being licensed in a specific discipline or branch of engineering signifying the area in which the professional engineer has demonstrated competence.

Nebraska Regulations

2.5.4. Licensure as a Structural Engineer; The Structural II Examination

Professional Engineers who have passed the Structural I Exam may sit for the Structural II Examination. Having passed both exams, they shall be designated a Licensed Structural Engineer and may use the designation S.E. (Structural Engineer) with their name. Those who became licensed as Civil Engineers, having answered at least six structural questions from the Civil exam, prior to March 20, 1992 shall be considered eligible for the Structural II examination.



Nebraska Board Policy

01.06.2000 Licensure for Those Passing the Structural I Examination.

Those who pass the Structural I examination on the Principles and Practice of Engineering will be licensed as a Professional Civil Engineer. Upon passing the Structural II exam, the person will be licensed as a Professional Structural Engineer and may use the initials S.E. after his or her name. 6/23/2000

History of S.E. Licensing

- 1937 – Original Act
- 1991 – Consulting Firm Requests S.E. Licensing
- 1992 – Began Administering Structural I Exam
- 1998 – Engineer and Architect Regulation Act

Structural Engineer Disciplines in Nebraska

- P.E. – Structural
- P.E. – Civil
- S.E.

Issues Related to Separate S.E. Practice Act

- Public Welfare
- Supply and Demand
- Comity / Reciprocity
- Complaints / Investigations
- Economic Considerations