

Neighboring State Licensure Recognition for Surveyors

Applicability

This document outlines the criteria and required documentation for licensure as a Professional Land Surveyor in North Carolina pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 93B-15.3, which provides a licensure recognition pathway for individuals licensed in certain neighboring states who establish residence in North Carolina.

This licensure pathway becomes effective October 1, 2025.

Note: This pathway applies only to land surveyors. It does not apply to engineers licensed under Chapter 89C of the General Statutes. Engineers must apply under the procedures in N.C. Gen. Stat. § 89C-13.

Eligibility Criteria and Required Documentation

Each applicant must satisfy the following requirements and submit the accompanying documentation:

1. Establish North Carolina residency

Provide proof of residency, such as:

- A photocopy of your North Carolina driver's license,
- A lease or utility bill in the applicant's name, or
- Mail correspondence showing the applicant's name and North Carolina residential address.

2. Current licensee in good standing with a neighboring state for at least one year

At the time of application, the applicant must hold an active license to practice land surveying in **Georgia, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, or West Virginia** and have possessed that license for at least one year.

Submit a verification letter from the licensing board in the qualifying state confirming:

- Active status in good standing; and
- Original date of licensure.

3. Be in good standing in all jurisdictions

The applicant must be in good standing in **all jurisdictions** where the applicant holds or has ever held a professional license.

Submit a **letter of good standing** from every board confirming no current sanctions or restrictions. If the applicant is only licensed in one of the applicable neighboring states, then the license verification letter in item 2 satisfies this requirement.

4. Demonstrate Professional Competency

Provide evidence that the applicant has met education, supervision, or experience requirements.

The applicant must take and pass the **North Carolina State-Specific Surveying Exam** when offered by the Board and submit a **sample plat** completed in accordance with the Standards of Practice of Land Surveying in North Carolina. See Section .1600 of Board Rules.

5. No Prior Surrender or Revocation for Unprofessional Conduct

The applicant must not have surrendered a license or had a license revoked for unprofessional conduct.

Submit copies of **any prior disciplinary orders**, even if resolved.

6. No Active or Pending Disciplinary Action

The applicant must not be the subject of **pending or unresolved disciplinary actions** in any jurisdiction.

If such actions exist, submit:

- Case number,
- Name of investigating board, and
- Copies of all related correspondence or notices.

7. No Disqualifying Criminal History

The applicant must not have a **disqualifying criminal conviction** as defined in **N.C. Gen. Stat. § 93B-8.1** (e.g., crimes directly related to practice, or violent/sexual offenses).

Submit copies of any **criminal judgments**.

8. Pay All Applicable Fees

Submit the required **\$100.00 application fee** and the **\$275.00 state-specific exam fee**.

Additional Information

- Licensure granted under this pathway is valid **only in North Carolina**.
- Licensees are subject to the same legal obligations, standards of conduct, and disciplinary authority as individuals licensed through standard procedures.
- This is an **optional pathway**; applicants may instead apply under the regular comity licensure requirements set out in **N.C. Gen. Stat. § 89C-13**.