

Introduced by

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1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact section 43-19.1-16.2 of the North Dakota Century Code,  
2 relating to qualifications of land surveyor interns; to amend and reenact sections 43-19.1-16 and  
3 43-19.1-16.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to regulation of land surveyors and  
4 land surveyor interns; to repeal section 43-19.1-16.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating  
5 to qualifications of land surveyor interns; and to provide an effective date.

6 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

7 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 43-19.1-16 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
8 amended and reenacted as follows:

9 **43-19.1-16. Registration - Professional land surveyor.**

10 Any~~An~~ individual who shows, to the satisfaction of the board, that the individual is otherwise  
11 qualified and is over the age of eighteen years is eligible for registration as a professional land  
12 surveyor, if the individual has passed a board-approved examination regarding state laws and  
13 rules or other surveying issues specific to the state and:

- 14 1. Holds a certificate of registration to engage in the practice of land surveying issued ~~on~~  
15 ~~the basis of a minimum sixteen-hour written examination~~ by proper authority of a state,  
16 territory, possession of the United States, the District of Columbia, or any foreign  
17 country, based on requirements and qualifications as shown by the individual's  
18 application which, in the opinion of the board, are equal to or higher than the  
19 requirements of this chapter;
- 20 2. ~~Has a baccalaureate degree in engineering or surveying from an institution that offers~~  
21 ~~accredited programs approved by the board, followed by at least four years of land~~  
22 ~~surveying experience of a character satisfactory to the board, who has passed a~~  
23 ~~written examination of at least sixteen hours designed to show that the individual is~~

1           ~~qualified to practice land surveying;~~Holds a certificate as a land surveyor intern issued  
2           ~~by the board and:~~

3           a.   In addition to experience that may be required to qualify for certification as a land  
4           surveyor intern, completed at least four years of land surveying experience of a  
5           character satisfactory to the board; and

6           b.   Passed a board-approved written examination in the ~~principals~~principles and  
7           practice of land surveying; or

8           3.   ~~Has at least eight years of active experience in land surveying of a character-~~  
9           ~~satisfactory to the board, and who has passed a written examination of at least sixteen-~~  
10           ~~hours designed to show that the individual is qualified to practice land surveying; or~~

11           4.   ~~Is registered as a land surveyor by the state of North Dakota, under the provisions of~~  
12           ~~former chapter 43-24, on the thirtieth day of June 1967.~~

13           **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 43-19.1-16.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
14           amended and reenacted as follows:

15           **43-19.1-16.1. Qualifications of land surveyor interns.**

16           1.   ~~Before July 1, 2026, an applicant for certification as a land surveyor intern may qualify~~  
17           ~~for certification by meeting the requirements of this section or section 43-19.1-16.2.~~  
18           ~~After June 30, 2026, a qualified applicant for certification as a land surveyor intern~~  
19           ~~must meet the requirements of section 43-19.1-16.2.~~

20           2.   An applicant for certification as a land surveyor intern who has at least four years of  
21           qualifying land surveying experience of a character satisfactory to the board, of which  
22           a formal education in an accredited engineering or land surveying curriculum may  
23           constitute a part thereof, may receive from the board, upon passing a written  
24           examination on the fundamentals of mathematics and the basic principles of land  
25           surveying, a certificate stating that the applicant has passed the examination and been  
26           recorded as a land surveyor intern.

27           **SECTION 3.** Section 43-19.1-16.2 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and  
28           enacted as follows:

1        **43-19.1-16.2. Qualifications of land surveyor interns.**

2        The board shall certify as a land surveyor intern an otherwise qualified applicant who has  
3 passed a board-approved written examination on the fundamentals of mathematics and the  
4 basic principles of land surveying and:

5        1. Has a baccalaureate degree in land surveying from an institution that offers  
6 board-approved accredited programs;

7        2. Has a baccalaureate degree in a board-approved program other than land surveying  
8 and:

9        a. Has board-approved educational training in land surveying in connection with the  
10 baccalaureate degree or other program; and

11        b. Has at least two years of qualifying land surveying experience of a character  
12 satisfactory to the board;

13        3. Has an associate degree in land surveying from a board-approved program and has at  
14 least two years of qualifying land surveying experience of a character satisfactory to  
15 the board; or

16        4. Has a certificate in land surveying from an institution that offers a board-approved  
17 program and has at least four years of qualifying land surveying experience of a  
18 character satisfactory to the board.

19        **SECTION 4. REPEAL.** Section 43-19.1-16.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is repealed.

20        **SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.** Section 4 of this Act becomes effective July 1, 2026.