

Rule 8.0 CURRICULA APPROVED BY THE BOARD

8.01 **Engineering Curricula** – The phrase “Engineering curriculum of four (4) years or more from a school or college approved by the Board as of satisfactory standing” or “graduation in an accredited engineering curriculum of four (4) scholastic years or more from a school or college approved by the Board as of satisfactory standing” as used in the Law, is interpreted by the Board to mean:

1. **Baccalaureate Degree Accredited by EAC/ABET** – A baccalaureate degree accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission (EAC) of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET) or its equivalent. With respect to ABET accredited degrees, the applicant must have earned the degree no earlier than two (2) years prior to the year of initial accreditation.
2. **Degrees recognized by the ~~Washington Accord~~ Canadian Engineering Accreditation Board (CEAB)** – An applicant with an engineering degree in a curriculum recognized by the ~~Washington Accord~~ Canadian Engineering Accreditation Board (CEAB) will be considered to hold a degree equivalent to the EAC/ABET accredited degree.
3. **Foreign Degrees accredited by the EAC/ABET** – Degrees from foreign universities that are evaluated and accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission (EAC) of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET).
4. **Foreign Degrees evaluated as “substantially equivalent” to an EAC/ABET degree by ~~NCEES~~ ECEI** – Degrees from foreign universities that are evaluated by the ~~National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES)~~ Engineering Credentials Evaluation International (ECEI) and found to be “substantially equivalent” to an EAC/ABET baccalaureate degree.

The ECEI evaluation must be completed *prior to* submitting the application to the Board office.

5. **Baccalaureate Degree earned by a comity applicant within 5 years of EAC/ABET accreditation** - With reference to Rule 8.01-1, a comity PE applicant who graduated from a U.S. university with a B.S. degree in an engineering curriculum three to five years prior to the ABET accreditation of that curriculum may be considered for licensure if:
 - The applicant will submit an official transcript to the Dean of Engineering at Mississippi State University;
 - The Dean, or his designee, will compare the transcript for compliance with the course requirements of an ABET accredited curriculum and submit an evaluation report to the Board;

- Based upon the evaluation report, the Board decides the applicant's degree is substantially equivalent to an ABET accredited degree in engineering;
- All other comity licensure requirements regarding examination and experience are fulfilled.

This evaluation is not available to comity PE applicants who graduated from a U.S. university with a B.S. degree in an engineering curriculum more than five years prior to the ABET accreditation of that curriculum.