

Frequently Asked Temporary Permit and Temporary Permit Certificate of Authorization (COA) Firm Licensure Questions

Q. I am a Professional Surveyor in another state and not licensed in South Carolina. I have an opportunity to do a job in South Carolina; can I get a Temporary Permit to do that job in South Carolina?

A. No. The Board does not issue Temporary Permits for Surveying in South Carolina. Before you can get registration as a Surveyor in South Carolina you must take and pass the State Specific Exam.

Q. I am a Professional Engineer in another state and not licensed in South Carolina (but I have an application pending). I have a rush job that I need to do in South Carolina. Since I am already registered in another state, can I do work in South Carolina while my application is being processed?

A. No, you can not perform any work in South Carolina until you are licensed by this state as a Professional Engineer. However you may apply for a [Temporary Permit Application](#), furnish verification that you are currently registered in another state and have taken the 16 hours of exams (8 hour EIT and 8 hour PE exam) and pay the \$100 application fee. You may not begin work before your Temporary Permit number is issued. Please note this Temporary Permit will allow you to work on one job at one location not to exceed one year. Also your company will need to obtain a [Temporary Permit Certificate of Authorization \(COA\)](#) to do one job in South Carolina and that application fee is \$150.

Q. I am in the process of applying for my Professional Engineer license in South Carolina; however, the company wants me to start work in South Carolina in two weeks. What is the fastest way to get registration in your state?

A. We do have a [Temporary Permit](#) that is faster than regular Professional Engineering registration. You may apply for a [Temporary Permit Application](#), furnish verification that you are currently registered in another state and have taken the 16 hours of exams (8 hour EIT and 8 hour PE exam) and pay the \$100 application fee. You may not begin work before your Temporary Permit number is issued. Please note this Temporary Permit will allow you to work on one job at one location not to exceed one year. Also your company will need to obtain a [Temporary Permit Certificate of Authorization \(COA\)](#) to do one job in South Carolina and that application fee is \$150.