

Frequently Asked Seal Questions

Q. I am a South Carolina registered PE and was recently told that when signing & sealing documents, electronic signatures and dates are now acceptable. Is this information true?

A. Yes. Effective 07/16/2004 under the [Uniform Electronic Transactions Act](#) (“UETA”), S.C. Code Section 26-6-10 et. seq., electronic signatures are acceptable between parties who agree to conduct transactions by electronic means. “Electronic signature” is defined under Section 26-6-20(8) as “an electronic sound, symbol, or process attached to or logically associated with a record and executed or adopted by a person with the intent to sign the record.”

Electronic seals are authorized in Regs. 49-207A.(2) and 49-420A.(6).

Q. Are electronic seals and signatures acceptable on plats, even though the Board statute refers to an impression seal?

A. Yes. Pursuant to the UETA and the Uniform Real Property Electronic Recording Act, S.C. Code Sections 30-6-10 et seq., electronic seals and signatures are acceptable between parties who agree to conduct transactions by electronic means. The information required on an impression seal must be present on the electronic seal. However, please note that not all jurisdictions accept electronic seals and signatures and many still require an impression seal on plats. Therefore, you must check with the local authority and determine whether there is an agreement in place with appropriate security that allows for the use of electronic seals and signatures.

Q. I was just approved for a Certificate of Authorization (COA). Can the corporate seal be a rubber stamp or does it have to be an embossed seal?

A. The Certificate of Authorization (COA) seal can be a rubber stamp (wet seal), raised embossed seal, or may be computer-generated.

Q. I am a registered South Carolina PE and recently applied for and was issued a Certificate of Authorization (COA). When do I need to put the corporate seal on my drawings?

A. The COA seal should be affixed to all documents which would otherwise require the individual seal.

Q. What are the requirements for sealing design documents in South Carolina?

A. [Seal Requirements](#)