Frequently Asked Retired and Emeritus Registration Status Questions

1.   Does the Board have an inactive status for Individual Registrations?

A.   The Board does not have a formal "inactive" classification; however, if you are no longer providing engineering or surveying services, you may apply for Retired Registration Status. If you do not wish to renew your registration, we ask that you notify the Board's office in writing.

2.   How do I qualify for Emeritus Engineer or Emeritus Surveyor status for renewals?

A.   If you have been registered for fifteen consecutive years or longer **and** you are sixty-five years of age or older **and** you are no longer engaging in or offering to engage in the practice of engineering/surveying in South Carolina, you may place your license in the Emeritus status. To apply for Emeritus status, complete an Emeritus Registration Status form and return to the Board (no fee required). Once approved, the Board will send you a letter confirming this status change. You may then refer to yourself as an Emeritus Engineer/Surveyor. However, you may not provide any engineering/surveying services at all.

3.   What is Retired status?

A.   If you are no longer engaging in or offering to engage in the practice of engineering/surveying in South Carolina and your SC registration is current, you may complete a Retired Registration Status form and return to the Board (no fee required). Once approved, the Board will send you a letter confirming this status change. You then may refer to yourself as a Retired Engineer/Surveyor. However, you may not provide any engineering/surveying services at all.

4.   Can I change from the Retired status back to Active status?

A.   Yes, by completing reinstatement application, paying a renewal fee and obtaining at least 30 hours of continuing education. A reinstatement packet may be requested by contacting contact.engls@llr.sc.gov please indicate that you wish to reinstate your license and include your full name and registration number.

5.   Can I change from the Emeritus status back to Active status?

A.   Yes, by completing the reinstatement application, paying a renewal fee and obtaining at least 30 hours of continuing education. A reinstatement packet may be requested by contacting contact.engls@llr.sc.gov please indicate that you wish to reinstate your license and include your full name and registration number.

6.   Can I change from Lapsed (Expired) status back to Active status?

 A.   Yes, by completing the appropriate reinstatement application (short-form or long form – depending on the number of years in Lapsed status), paying all back renewal fees with penalties, and obtaining at least 30 hours of continuing education. Upon Board approval of your reinstatement, your license will be Active with the same registration number. A reinstatement packet may be requested by

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