

REQUEST FOR BOARD FEEDBACK: Minimum Time to Completion (MTC) Requirements

Director Steinagel has asked all licensing boards to review and provide feedback on the possible removal of **minimum time to completion (MTC) requirements** for licensure. These provisions currently appear in several rules affecting professions such as **Engineers, Surveyors, Elevator Mechanics, Electricians, Plumbers, and Geologists**.

Representative Thurston is specifically concerned with administrative rules that restrict how quickly applicants may complete licensure requirements. He has asked that board input be gathered, as these rules are typically board-recommended.

Boards are asked to submit **substantive, evidence-based recommendations**, where possible, by **December 31**. If no feedback is received, the Director will assume the board does not wish to provide input. Regardless, DOPL will forward any board recommendations, along with the Division's perspective if applicable, to Representative Thurston for legislative consideration.

Specifically for Professional Geologist: R156-76-302c(3) prohibits applicants from documenting more than 2,000 hours in any 12-month period.

Utah Code Ann. 58-76-302. Qualifications for licensure.

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- (4) provide satisfactory evidence of:
 - (a) with a bachelor's degree, a specific record of five years of active professional practice in geological work of a character satisfactory to the division, indicating the applicant is competent to be placed in a responsible charge of the work;

Utah Admin. Code R156-76-302c. Qualifications for Licensure - Experience Requirements.

In accordance with Subsection 58-76-302(5), active professional practice requirements are clarified or established as follows:

- (1) Professional practice shall be obtained after completing the minimum educational requirement for licensure.
- (2) One year of active professional practice shall consist of a minimum of 2,000 hours of geological work experience under the supervision of a qualified individual, or in responsible charge as permitted by law.
- (3) ~~No more than 2,000 hours of active professional practice may be gained in any 12 month period of time."~~