

Legal Requirements to become a Professional Land Surveyor (PLS) in Utah

Educational Requirements

Utah Administrative Code R156-22-302c states: In accordance with State of Utah Code Title 58-22-302(3)(c), an applicant applying for licensure as a professional land surveyor shall verify completion of one of the following land surveying programs affiliated with an institution that is recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) and approved by the Division in collaboration with the Board:

- (a) an associates in applied science degree in land surveying or geomatics;
- (b) a bachelors, masters or doctorate degree in land surveying or geomatics;
- (c) an equivalent land surveying program that includes completion of a bachelors, masters or doctorate degree in a field related to land surveying or geomatics comprised of a minimum of 30 semester hours or 42 quarter hours of course work in land surveying or geomatics which shall include the following courses:

(a) successful completion of a minimum of one course in each of the following content areas:	(b) the remainder of the 30 semester hours or 42 quarter hours may be made up of successful completion of courses from the following content areas:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) boundary law; (ii) writing legal descriptions; (iii) photogrammetry and remote sensing (iv) public land survey system; (v) studies in land records or land record systems; (vi) surveying field techniques; and 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) algebra, calculus, geometry, statistics, trigonometry, not to exceed six semester hours or eight quarter hours; (ii) control systems; (iii) drafting, not to exceed six semester hours or eight quarter hours; (iv) geodesy; (v) geographic information systems; (vi) global positioning systems; (vii) land development; and (viii) survey instrumentation.

Experiential Requirements (summary)

Source reference: Utah Administrative Code R156-22-302g. Qualifications for Licensure -- Experience Requirements -- Specific to Professional Land Surveyor

50% Field and 50% Office experience working under the direct supervision of a licenced professional land surveyor (PLS) for the following periods whereas one year is considered 2000 hours per R156-22-302d(1)(2):

6 years with an AAS degree in Surveying or Geomatics	3 years with an MS in Surveying or Geomatics
4 years with a BS in Surveying or Geomatics	2 years with a PhD in Surveying or Geomatics

Examination Requirements (summary)

Source reference: Utah Administrative Code R156-22-302j. Qualifications for Licensure -- Examination Requirements for Professional Land Surveyor

Passing score for the NCEES FS examination

Passing score (75%) for the Utah Professional Land Surveyor Examination

Passing score for the NCEES PS examination. Prior to registering for the NCEES PS exam an applicant shall complete the educational requirements (R156-22-302c) and provide verification to NCEES of passing the NCEES FS examination.