

## 2012 Kansas Statutes

**74-7003. Definitions.** As used in K.S.A. 74-7001 et seq., and amendments thereto:

(a) "Technical professions" includes the professions of engineering, land surveying, architecture, landscape architecture and geology as the practice of such professions are defined in K.S.A. 74-7001 et seq., and amendments thereto.

(b) "Board" means the state board of technical professions.

(c) "License" means a license to practice the technical professions granted under K.S.A. 74-7001 et seq., and amendments thereto.

(d) "Architect" means a person whose practice consists of:

(1) Rendering services or performing creative work which requires architectural education, training and experience, including services and work such as consultation, evaluation, planning, providing preliminary studies and designs, overall interior and exterior building design, the preparation of drawings, specifications and related documents, all in connection with the construction or erection of any private or public building, building project or integral part or parts of buildings or of any additions or alterations thereto, or other services and instruments of services related to architecture;

(2) representation in connection with contracts entered into between clients and others; and

(3) observing the construction, alteration and erection of buildings.

(e) "Practice of architecture" means the rendering of or offering to render certain services, as described in subsection (d), in connection with the design and construction or alterations and additions of a building or buildings; the design and construction of items relating to building code requirements, as they pertain to architecture, and other building related features affecting the public's health, safety and welfare; the preparation and certification of any architectural design features that are required on plats; and the teaching of architecture by a licensed architect in a college or university offering an approved architecture curriculum of four years or more.

(f) "Landscape architect" means a person who is professionally qualified as provided in K.S.A. 74-7001 et seq., and amendments thereto, to engage in the practice of landscape architecture, who practices landscape architecture and who is licensed by the board.

(g) "Practice of landscape architecture" means the performing of professional services such as consultation, planning, designing or responsible supervision in connection with the development of land areas for preservation and enhancement; the designing of land forms and nonhabitable structures for aesthetic and functional purposes such as pools, walls and structures for outdoor living spaces for public and private use; the preparation and certification of any landscape architectural design features that are required on plats; and the teaching of landscape architecture by a licensed landscape architect in a college or university offering an approved landscape architecture curriculum of four years or more. It encompasses the determination of proper land use as it pertains to: Natural features; ground cover, use, nomenclature and arrangement of plant material adapted to soils and climate; naturalistic and aesthetic values; settings and approaches to structures and other improvements; soil conservation erosion control; drainage and grading; and the development of outdoor space in accordance with ideals of human use and enjoyment.

(h) "Professional engineer" means a person who is qualified to practice engineering by reason of special knowledge and use of the mathematical, physical and engineering sciences and the principles and methods of engineering analysis and design, acquired by engineering education and engineering experience, who is qualified as provided in K.S.A. 74-7001 et seq., and amendments thereto, to engage in the practice of engineering and who is licensed by the board.

(i) "Practice of engineering" means any service or creative work, the adequate performance of which requires engineering education, training and experience in the application of special knowledge of the mathematical, physical and engineering sciences to such services or creative work as consultation, investigation, evaluation, planning and design of engineering works and systems, the teaching of engineering by a licensed professional engineer in a college or university offering an approved engineering curriculum of four years or more, engineering surveys and studies, the observation of construction for the purpose of assuring compliance with drawings and specifications, representation in connection with contracts entered into between clients and others and the preparation and certification of any engineering design features that are required on plats; any of which embraces such service or work, either public or private, for any utilities, structures, buildings, machines, equipment, processes, work systems, projects and industrial or consumer products or equipment of a mechanical, electrical, hydraulic, pneumatic or thermal nature, insofar as they involve safeguarding life, health or property. As used in this subsection, "engineering surveys" includes all survey activities required to support the sound conception, planning, design, construction, maintenance and operation of engineered projects, but excludes the surveying of real property for the establishment of land boundaries, rights-of-way, easements and the dependent or independent surveys or resurveys of the public land survey system.

(j) "Land surveyor" means any person who is engaged in the practice of land surveying as provided in K.S.A. 74-7001 et seq., and amendments thereto, and who is licensed by the board.

(k) "Practice of land surveying" includes:

(1) The performance of any professional service, the adequate performance of which involves the application of special knowledge and experience in the principles of mathematics, the related physical and applied sciences, the relevant requirements of law and the methods of surveying measurements in measuring and locating of lines, angles, elevation of natural and man-made features in the air, on the surface of the earth, within underground workings and on the bed of bodies of water for the purpose of determining areas, volumes and monumentation of property boundaries;

(2) the planning, mapping and preparation of plats of land and subdivisions thereof, including the topography, rights-of-way, easements and any other boundaries that affect rights to or interests in land, but excluding features requiring engineering or architectural design;

(3) the preparation of the original descriptions of real property for the conveyance of or recording thereof and the preparation of maps, plats and field note records that represent these surveys;

(4) the reestablishing of missing government section corners in accordance with government surveys;

(5) the teaching of land surveying by a licensed land surveyor in a college or university offering an approved land surveying curriculum of four years or more; and

(6) the locating or laying out of alignments, positions or elevations where such work is part of the construction of engineering or architectural works.

(l) "Person" means a natural person or business entity.

(m) "Plat" means a diagram drawn to scale showing all essential data pertaining to the boundaries and subdivisions of a tract of land, as determined by survey or protraction. A plat should show all data required for a complete and accurate description of the land which it delineates, including the bearings (or azimuths) and lengths of the boundaries of each subdivision.

(n) "Geologist" means a person who is qualified to engage in the practice of geology by reason of knowledge of geology, mathematics and the supporting physical and life sciences, acquired by education and practical experience, who is qualified as provided in K.S.A. 74-7001 et seq., and amendments thereto, to engage in the practice of geology and who is licensed by the board.

(o) "Practice of geology" means:

(1) The performing of professional services such as consultation, investigation, evaluation, planning or mapping, or inspection, or the responsible supervision thereof, in connection with the treatment of the earth and its origin and history, in general; the investigation of the earth's constituent rocks, minerals, solids, fluids including surface and underground waters, gases and other materials; and the study of the natural agents, forces and processes which cause changes in the earth;

(2) the teaching of geology by a licensed professional geologist in a college or university offering an approved geology curriculum of four years or more by a person who meets the qualifications for education and experience prescribed by K.S.A. 74-7041, and amendments thereto; or

(3) representation in connection with contracts entered into between clients and others and the preparation and certification of geological information in reports and on maps insofar as it involves safeguarding life, health or property.

(p) "Business entity" means a general corporation, professional corporation, limited liability company, limited liability partnership, corporate partnership or other legal entity created by law.

(q) "Principal" means a person who serves in a business entity as an officer, member of a board of directors, member of a limited liability company or partner.

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