

ARCHITECT'S SEAL OF LICENSURE

§ 9.141. Requirement.

(a) A licensee shall, upon licensure, obtain a metal seal, of the design authorized by the Board, bearing the licensee's name and license number and the legend, "Architect." A stamp design identical to the prescribed seal may be obtained and used in lieu of, or in conjunction with, a seal.

(b) The following rules govern the proper use of an architect's seal:

(1) An architect may use his seal and signature only when the work being sealed and signed was prepared by the architect or under the architect's personal supervision, direction and control.

(2) When an architect issues final or complete documents to a client for the client's records, or when an architect submits final or complete documents to public or governmental agencies for final review, the seal and signature of the architect who prepared or who personally supervised the preparation of the documents, along with the date of issuance, shall be prominently displayed on the first page of all documents. Facsimile seals shall appear on all subsequent pages of plans.

(3) When an architect's signature is applied, it shall be applied near or across the seal, but not in a location that obliterates the license number.

(4) An architect may not affix or permit a seal and signature to be affixed to a document if the architect's license has lapsed, or for the purpose of aiding or abetting another person to evade or attempt to evade a provision of the act or this chapter.

Authority

The provisions of this § 9.141 amended under sections 5(a), 6(a)—(d), 8(b) and (c), 10(b), 11(a), 12(a) and (c), 13(h) and 14 of the Architects Licensure Act (63 P. S. § § 34.5(a), 34.6(a)—(d), 34.8 (b) and (c), 34.10(b), 34.11(a), 34.12(a) and (c), 34.13(h) and 34.14).

Source

The provisions of this § 9.141 amended January 30, 1987, effective January 31, 1987, 17 Pa.B. 542; amended July 10, 1998, effective July 11, 1998, 28 Pa.B. 3273. Immediately preceding text appears at serial page (206077).

Cross References

This section cited in 49 Pa. Code § 9.151 (relating to standards of professional conduct).

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Stamped Drawing Requirements

Each Page of Drawings submitted shall be **stamped and signed** by a design professional that is registered within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

PA UCC § 403.42a Permit application.

- (c) A licensed architect or licensed professional engineer shall prepare the construction documents under the Architects Licensure Law (63 P. S. §§ 34.1-34.22), or the Engineer, Land Surveyor and Geologist Registration Law (63 P. S. §§ 148-158.2). An unlicensed person may prepare design documents for the remodeling or alteration of a building if there is no compensation and the remodeling or alteration does not relate to additions to the building or changes to the building's structure or means of egress.

Architects Licensure Law (63 P. S. §§ 34.12)

Section 34.12. Seal of architect.

(a) Every architect shall obtain a seal approved by rules and regulations promulgated by the board and shall impress said seal on drawings, specifications and other design documents prepared by the individual or under the architect's personal supervision for use in this State. An architect who impresses his seal or knowingly permits it to be impressed on drawings, specifications or other design documents which were not prepared by him or under his personal supervision shall be guilty of a violation of this act and shall be subject to the penalties provided herein. Any person who impresses an architect's seal or knowingly permits it to be impressed on drawings, specifications or other design documents after the architect's certificate has expired, or has been revoked, annulled or suspended, shall be guilty of a violation of this act and shall be subject to the penalties provided herein.

(i) Each project undertaken by a firm engaged in the practice of architecture in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania must be under the personal supervision of a partner in the case of a partnership or limited liability partnership, a member of the board of governors in the case of a professional association, a shareholder in the case of a professional corporation, a director in the case of a business corporation or member or manager in the case of limited liability company who holds a certificate to engage in the practice of architecture in this Commonwealth pursuant to this act. The seal of such individuals must appear on all drawings, specifications and other design documents issued by the firm for such projects.