

What Constitutes Unlicensed Activity?

Practicing engineering or offering engineering services without a license is a violation of Florida Statute 471.003 and 471.031(1)(a), and is a serious threat to the health, safety, and welfare of the general public and to the profession itself.

Typically, the Florida Board of Professional Engineers receives cases involving individuals using the protected title of Professional Engineer (PE) or variations thereof, and individuals practicing engineering without a PE license. In most of these cases, the violations occur due to a lack of knowledge of the laws and rules associated with the practice of engineering by offenders, as well as the public.

Examples of Unlicensed Activity

- Practicing engineering without a license;
- Using a name or title tending to indicate that a person holds an active license as an engineer. Examples include: Professional Engineer, Agricultural Engineer, Air-Conditioning Engineer, Architectural Engineer, Civil Engineer, etc.;
- Presenting as his or her own the license of another; and
- Practicing with a revoked license, or a null and void license.

The actions taken by the Board related to unlicensed activity violations are a Notice to Cease & Desist, a Citation (which is a fine), or an Administrative Complaint (which can come with a recommended penalty of up to \$5,000, injunctive proceedings if the action continues, and criminal prosecutions).

To verify a license for an engineer, go to myfloridalicense.com.

To file a complaint involving either licensed or unlicensed activity, download a copy of the *Uniform Complaint Form* located on the *Complaints* page under the *Legal* section on FBPE's website (fbpe.org) or request a form from the Board's office.

If you want to talk to someone about a potential violation, please call the Board office at (850) 521-0500 and ask to speak to an investigator.



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