

COMITY LAND SURVEYOR APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

**COMITY LAND SURVEYOR APPLICATION - PATHWAY REQUIREMENTS:**

The applicant must attest that they meet one of the approved methods of licensure. The following five paths are excerpted from Tennessee Code Annotated § **62**[**-18-109**](https://advance.lexis.com/documentpage/?pdmfid=1000516&crid=7be65ca8-284f-4d86-8d00-31cf7b7310e1&nodeid=ACJAAPAABAAJ&nodepath=%2FROOT%2FACJ%2FACJAAP%2FACJAAPAAB%2FACJAAPAABAAJ&level=4&haschildren&populated=false&title=62-18-109.%2BApplications%2Bfor%2Bregistration.&config=025054JABlOTJjNmIyNi0wYjI0LTRjZGEtYWE5ZC0zNGFhOWNhMjFlNDgKAFBvZENhdGFsb2cDFQ14bX2GfyBTaI9WcPX5&pddocfullpath=%2Fshared%2Fdocument%2Fstatutes-legislation%2Furn%3AcontentItem%3A6864-TB30-R03J-J3W1-00008-00&ecomp=6gf5kkk&prid=887991f6-7360-4da3-8a7f-e20aa1664f1c)**.** Always refer directly to the TCA for a full and current listing of requirements.

1. **:** Obtain a baccalaureate degree from a surveying or surveying technology curriculum of four or more years, approved by the board. Accrue 2 years progressive practical experience while under direct supervision of a RLS.
2. **:** Obtain a baccalaureate degree from a surveying-related field (science, engineering, or technology) of four or more years approved by the board, with a minimum of 24 semester hours of survey-specific coursework approved by the board. Accrue 2 years progressive practical experience while under direct supervision of a RLS.
3. **:** Obtain a baccalaureate degree from a curriculum unrelated to surveying of four or more years, approved by the board, plus an addition 36 semester hours of survey-specific coursework approved by the board. Accrue 2 years progressive practical experience while under direct supervision of a RLS.
4. **:** Obtain an associate degree in surveying technology or a related science, engineering, or a similar technical field, approved by the board, with a minimum of 30 semester hours of survey-specific coursework approved by the board. Accrue 6 years total progressive practical experience while under direct supervision of a RLS.
5. **:** Obtain a high school education diploma or a general equivalency diploma (GED) with a record satisfactory to the board of 10 years total progressive practical experience while under direct supervision of a RLS. Plus 18 semester hours of survey-specific coursework approved by the Board.



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* 1. Five (5) character references are required, three (3) of whom must be a professional land surveyor. These references should each submit an approved Reference [Form](https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/commerce/documents/regboards/surveyors/forms/3415PLSReference.pdf) on behalf of the applicant so the Board can make a determination of that applicant’s character. This form must be completed and sent to the Board directly by the reference. While the form may be mailed, our preferred method of receipt is via email at [Land.Surveyors@TN.Gov](mailto:Land.Surveyors@TN.Gov)
  2. Applicants must pass the Fundamentals of Surveying (FS) and Principles and Practices of Land Surveying (PS) exams administered through the National Council of Examiners for Engineers & Surveyors (NCEES). A list of locations is available at [https://ncees.org](https://ncees.org/) and an exam fee will be paid directly at the testing center.
  3. Applicants must pass the Tennessee Specific (TS) exam administered by PSI. You can schedule the exam [here](https://online.goamp.com/CandidateHome/examination.aspx?p_category=OTHER&p_client_code=TNLS&p_exam_id=21752)
  4. Completed Experience Verification [Form](https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/commerce/documents/regboards/surveyors/forms/Experience-Verification-Form.pdf) by your supervising RLS verifying your required experience. Your supervising RLS may also be used as a reference. This form must be completed and sent to the Board directly by the RLS. While the form may be mailed, our preferred method of receipt is via email at [Land.Surveyors@TN.Gov](mailto:Land.Surveyors@TN.Gov)
  5. Applicants are required to provide two (2) plats along with separate descriptions. The plats should be sealed/stamped. Because the plat shall be modified to meet all current applicable requirements for a plat in Tennessee (Tenn. Comp. R. Regs &0820-030.07(1)(a), it should be marked “FOR DEMONSTRATION PURPOSES” or a similar notation to ensure the security of the plat. Our rules and laws can be reviewed online [here](https://www.tn.gov/commerce/regboards/surveyors/rules-and-laws.html). You can also review plat requirements, a plat example, and other frequently asked questions regarding plats supplied with an application [here](https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/commerce/documents/regboards/surveyors/posts/LS_Plat-Requirements.pdf).
  6. Official Transcripts– transmitted directly from the university to [land.surveyors@tn.gov](mailto:land.surveyors@tn.gov)
  7. Course Reporting [Form](https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/commerce/documents/regboards/surveyors/forms/LSCourseReporting3415.pdf) - Pathways 2-5
  8. Active Out-of-State License Verification [Form](https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/commerce/documents/regboards/surveyors/forms/LSOutofStateVerificationForm4814.pdf)

