

USE OF THE TERM "ENGINEER"
BOARD POLICY

Based upon the language in Attorney General Opinion No. 61-62 #149, dated 7/26/62, the Board believes it is a violation of chapter 18.43 RCW for an individual and/or corporation to convey the impression that they are licensed professional engineers by the use of the term(s) "professional consulting engineer, practicing engineer, (or other common derivatives thereof) in public advertising or solicitation of business., UNLESS; the Board of Registration has issued the individual a license and/or corporation a certificate to practice engineering in the state of Washington.

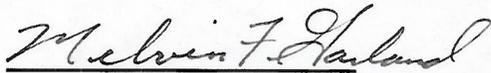
HOWEVER, while the Board recognized that, in the following selected circumstances, said use may not present a public harm issue, they continue to discourage the use of the term "engineer (or other common derivatives thereof)" by non-engineers due to the confusion the public may derive from such use.

The use of "Engineer (or other common derivatives thereof)" is allowed **WHEN:**

- no representations or inferences are being made that they are Professional Engineers offering engineering services to the public, **OR;**
- the activities being performed CANNOT be construed as engineering or related to engineering practice as defined in chapter 18.43 RCW, **OR;**
- it is part of a description of an individual's education credential, such as: "Graduate Civil Engineer," or within the internal business identifications of exempt business entities.

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