

Staff Changes

Julie Adamson has been on the AELS staff for 6 weeks and is eager to learn the intricacies of AELS. She is calm, reasonable, pleasant, quiet, and already has a grasp of the programs.

I am in the process of interviewing applicants to fill the second licensing examiner position. I've had a pretty small pool of applicants but I only need one person to complete our team.

Technology Update

The Director will discuss this with you during her report but I wanted to let you know we've discussed the next enhancements. The Director, DCED Data processing staff and I met to discuss in house enhancements to our current system. Our plan is to develop checklists, and online applications so that applicants can access and check the status of documents received by the division. Once the notary and digital signature issues are resolved within state government we could proceed to collect fees & application online. Questions about policy decisions arose: does the Board want a PIN or have checklist available to the public. A public section and a private section can be built within the system.

Exams

The NCEES and state specific AKLS exams were administered in three sites: Anchorage, Fairbanks, and Juneau. Approximately: 61 PE, 37 FE, 6 PLS, 4 FLS and 12 AKLS examinees tested. A number of candidates postponed or were no-shows. Julie Adamson accompanied me to Anchorage and we used a new site in South Anchorage with plenty of parking available. We found it was convenient to have the same site for each day.

5 Year lapsed licensee letter

We sent out letters in September to those whose license would expire and applicants would no longer be eligible for renewal. We have renewed approximately 15 registrants who decided to renew.

We are really keeping current on processing applications & have no backlog to report.