

# OKLAHOMA LAW and SURVEYING EXAMINATION

## EXAMINATION SPECIFICATIONS

2-Hour Closed Book

Multiple Choice, Short Answer and Description/Sketch Questions

### I. United States Public Land Survey System

(Approximately 80% of the examination questions are from the following topics)

#### A. Mathematical determination of Aliquot and Government Lot Boundaries

1. Procedure for establishing and restoring Aliquot and Government Lot Boundaries
2. Using proportional measurement to calculate the position of and restore lost corners
3. Classification of Corners per current BLM Manual of Instructions

#### B. Original GLO Surveys in Oklahoma

1. Ability to read and apply Information from GLO Plats and Notes
2. Original GLO Survey Procedures
3. Riparian Boundaries and Surveys
4. Three Mile Method

#### C. Corner Perpetuation and Filing Act-Title 65 O.S. Sections 3.116-3.123

1. Compulsory Records (What corners must be filed)
2. Detailed Instructions (from the Instruction Manual for Oklahoma Certified Corner Records)
3. Ability to complete a Certified Corner Record form

### II. Oklahoma Minimum Standards for the Practice of Land Surveying

Approximately 20% of the examination questions are from the sections of the Oklahoma Minimum Standards for the Practice of Land Surveying-OAC Title 245:15-13-1 & 2.

## **General Information for the Oklahoma Law and Surveying (OLS) Examination**

The OLS is a two-part examination designed to test the applicant's knowledge of surveying principles and practices of the United States Public Land System in Oklahoma, the Instruction Manual for Certified Corner Records, and the Minimum Standards for the Practice of Land Surveying in Oklahoma.

**Part A** of the OLS is a two-hour **closed book** examination covers the material listed in the attached Examination Specifications. The exam will contain multiple choice and short answer type questions. The examinee will be expected to demonstrate mathematical competency in performing proportional measurement to restore lost corners using an approved calculator. The exam will be administered quarterly, either at the Board office at 220 NE 28<sup>th</sup> Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma or in an alternative Board-approved and proctored examination location.

**Part B** of the OLS is an **open book** examination covers the statutes and rules governing the practice of land surveying in Oklahoma. It will be provided to the applicant after all other land surveying examinations have been successfully completed. The examination can be completed at the time and location of the applicant's convenience.

**The enclosed information is for your use in preparing for Part A of the OLS examination.**

All work is required to be done with a soft-lead pencil. Please bring a good supply of pencils or lead, as well as extra batteries for your calculator.

An approved calculator and the exam materials are the only items permitted in the examination room. Cell phones or any other communication devices and reference materials are prohibited.

The following calculator models are the only ones acceptable for use:

- a. Casio:** All fx-115 and fx-991 models (Any Casio calculator must have "fx-115" or "fx-991" in its model name.)
- b. Hewlett Packard:** The HP 33s and HP 35s models, but no others
- c. Texas Instruments:** All TI-30X and TI-36X models (Any Texas Instruments calculator must have "TI-30X" or "TI-36X" in its model name.)

## **Scoring information for the Oklahoma Law and Surveying (OLS) Examination**

You will be advised of your results by mail. Do not call the Board office concerning grade information. It is very important that you notify the Board of any changes in your mailing address.