

Frequently Asked Seal Questions

Q. I am a South Carolina registered PE and was recently told that when signing & sealing documents, electronic signatures and dates are now acceptable. Is this information true?

A. Yes. Effective 07/16/2004 under the [Uniform Electronic Transactions Act](#) (Section 26-6-50B) and (Section 26-6-70(A)(D)), electronic signatures are acceptable between parties who agree to conduct transactions by electronic means. Electronic seals are authorized in Reg. 49-207A.(2).

Q. Are electronic seals and signatures acceptable on plats, even though the Board statute refers to an impression seal?

A. Yes. Pursuant to the Uniform Electronic Transaction Act and the Real Property Electronic Recording Act (Section 30-6-10), electronic seals and signatures are acceptable between parties who agree to conduct transactions by electronic means. The information that would be on an impression seal must be present on the electronic seal. Electronic seal is an option for those who choose to use it.

Q. I was just approved for a Certificate of Authorization (COA). Can the corporate seal be a rubber stamp or does it have to be an embossed seal?

A. The Certificate of Authorization (COA) seal can be a rubber stamp (wet seal), raised embossed seal, or may be computer-generated.

Q. I am a registered South Carolina PE and recently applied for and was issued a Certificate of Authorization (COA). When do I need to put the corporate seal on my drawings?

A. The COA seal should be affixed to all documents which would otherwise require the individual seal.

Q. What are the requirements for sealing design documents in South Carolina?

A. [Seal Requirements](#)