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Reference Materials for the Rhode Island State Specific Land Surveyor Exam

The following are some suggested reference materials pertinent to the Rhode Island State Specific Land Surveyor Exam. This list is not exhaustive and other materials may be referenced.

- All Rhode Island General Laws (statutes) may be found here:
<http://webserver.rilin.state.ri.us/Statutes/>
- All Rhode Island Regulations may be found here, in the Rhode Island Code of Regulations (RICR): <https://rules.sos.ri.gov/organizations>
- Rhode Island Board of Professional Land Surveyors: <http://www.bdp.ri.gov/surveyors/>
Additional resources on the PLS Board's website, including:
 - The Ye Olde Providence Measure: <http://www.bdp.ri.gov/surveyors/resources.php>
 - Rhode Island Land Surveying Presumptions of Practice:
http://www.bdp.ri.gov/documents/PresumptionsofPractice_2020.pdf
- RI General Laws regarding Land Surveyor Registration, R.I. Gen. Laws Chapter 5-8.1 entitled "Land Surveyors" - <http://webserver.rilin.state.ri.us/Statutes/TITLE5/5-8.1/INDEX.HTM>
- RI Rules & Regulations for Professional Land Surveyors
<https://rules.sos.ri.gov/regulations/part/435-00-00-1>
- RI Department of Environmental Management (RIDEM) regulations are located in RICR Title 250, with OWTS and Wetlands located in Chapter 150.
 - RIDEM Regulations: <https://rules.sos.ri.gov/organizations/title/250>
 - RIDEM website: <http://www.dem.ri.gov/index.php>
- Coastal Resources Management Council (CRMC) Rules & Regulations are located in RICR Title 650.
 - CRMC Regulations: <https://rules.sos.ri.gov/organizations/title/650>
 - CRMC Website: <http://www.crmc.ri.gov/>

<https://bdp.ri.gov/>

- RI Department of Transportation (DOT) Rules and Regulations are located in RICR Title 290.
 - DOT Regulations - <https://rules.sos.ri.gov/organizations/title/290>
 - DOT Website: <http://www.dot.ri.gov/>

- Rhode Island General Laws Related to Land Use and Planning:

http://www.planning.ri.gov/documents/local/RIGeneral_Laws_Land_Use%20_Planning.pdf

- RI Division of Statewide Planning: <http://www.planning.ri.gov/>
- Madison's Red Book on Land Surveying in Rhode Island: Contact the RI Society of Professional Land Surveyors.
- Don Wilson's Rhode Island Boundary Law ("Blue Book"): Contact the RI Society of Professional Land Surveyors.
- Rhode Island Society of Professional Land Surveyors: <https://www.rispls.com/>
- ACSM Definitions of Surveying and Associated Terms: <https://nsps.site-ym.com/store/ViewProduct.aspx?id=3895782&hhSearchTerms+%2522definitions+and+terms%2522>.
- RI Historic Preservation and Heritage Commission (RIHPHC) regulations are located in RICR Title 530.
 - Regulations: <https://rules.sos.ri.gov/organizations/title/530>
 - RIHPHC Website: <http://www.preservation.ri.gov/>
- Here is a **non-exhaustive** list of the titles of the RI General Laws that may apply to the practice of land surveying.

Title 1 Aeronautics - <http://webserver.rilin.state.ri.us/Statutes/TITLE1/INDEX.HTM>

Title 5 Businesses & Professions:

<http://webserver.rilin.state.ri.us/Statutes/TITLE5/INDEX.HTM>

Title 23 Health and Safety -

<http://webserver.rilin.state.ri.us/Statutes/TITLE23/INDEX.HTM>

Title 24 Highways - <http://webserver.rilin.state.ri.us/Statutes/TITLE24/INDEX.HTM>

Title 32 Parks and Recreational Areas -

<http://webserver.rilin.state.ri.us/Statutes/TITLE32/INDEX.HTM>

Title 34 Property - <http://webserver.rilin.state.ri.us/Statutes/TITLE34/INDEX.HTM>

<https://bdp.ri.gov/>

Title 38 Public Records -

<http://webserver.rilin.state.ri.us/Statutes/TITLE38/INDEX.HTM>

Title 42 State Affairs and Government -

<http://webserver.rilin.state.ri.us/Statutes/TITLE42/INDEX.HTM>

Title 45 Towns and Cities -

<http://webserver.rilin.state.ri.us/Statutes/TITLE45/INDEX.HTM>

Title 46 Waters and Navigation -

<http://webserver.rilin.state.ri.us/Statutes/TITLE46/INDEX.HTM>