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IMPORTANT CHANGE REGARDING ACCEPTANCE OF THE NCEES PE CIVIL/STRUCTURAL EXAMINATION

As of the April 2024 administration, the NCEES Civil/Structural discipline of the Principles and Practice of engineering examination is no longer offered in Illinois and will not be accepted toward satisfying the PE examination requirement.

To be licensed in Illinois as a professional engineer, applicants must pass any other 8-hour NCEES PE examination. Because the PE Civil exam specification/content no longer has a common (civil) breadth portion, it means all 80 questions on the Civil/Structural exam consists of only structural aspects, which is outside the scope of practice for a professional engineer under Section 4 (o) of the IL Professional Engineer Act and therefore unable to be accepted toward satisfying the examination for a PE license in Illinois.

The other PE Civil sub-discipline exams (Geotechnical, Transportation, Water Resources, and Construction) will continue to be accepted as their exam contents remain within the PE scope of practice.

Please note, a PE Civil/Structural exam passed prior to April 1, 2024 can be accepted as it contained the common breadth portion.

Questions regarding this change can be submitted to FPR.DesignUnit@Illinois.gov