



Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation

Illinois Professional Engineering Board

Candidate Examination Guide for:

Professional Engineering

The Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation along with The Illinois Professional Engineering Board hope that you will find the following information useful in preparing to take examinations that will lead you toward the path of licensure as a Professional Engineer in the State of Illinois.

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NOTICE:

Each candidate is responsible for knowing and adhering to these rules regulating the administration of the Professional Engineering Examinations. Read all of the following information carefully.

EXAM REGISTRATION:

- **Automatic Approval – EAC/ABET BS degree Candidates:**

Candidates with an approved engineering degree (or those in their final year of said program) are the only candidates authorized to register and be automatically approved to sit for the FE exam.

Candidates under this option may register for the FE and/or PE exam at any time with NCEES.

- **Manual Approval – All Other Candidates:**

Candidates with a non-approved degree must apply to the Department for educational review by the Illinois PE Board prior to being approved for the FE exam.

Candidates under this option must register first with NCEES to sit for the FE exam and then submit your FE exam approval application to the Department. Once the Board has approved your education, your exam registration will be approved.

Use this application packet: [Application for FE and/or PE exam approval](#) All deficiencies noted by the Board must be corrected before you will be approved to sit for the exam. Candidates with a foreign bachelor's degree must submit an [NCEES evaluation](#) as part of the application process and may be subject to passage of the TOEFL-iBT exam.

EXAMINATIONS:

Pursuant to Section 1380.260 of the Administrative Rules, there are two examinations administered and accepted for the PE profession in Illinois:

- **For enrollment as an Engineer Intern:** NCEES - FE Examination
- **For licensure as a Professional Engineer:** NCEES - FE & PE Examinations

The FE and PE examinations are Computer Based Examinations.

The National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES) administers all NCEES exams. Examination specifications and dates for the next scheduled FE and PE examinations are available at www.ncees.org.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS:

If you move or change your email address after applying to take the FE or PE exam, you must submit your updated information via email to FPR.DesignUnit@Illinois.gov

EXAMINATION RESULTS:

DO NOT CALL THE DEPARTMENT IN REGARD TO YOUR EXAMINATION RESULTS.

- The FE and PE examination results should be available within **approximately one month** from the date of the examination and NCEES will send you an examination score notice via email.
- Once you receive your passing score information, email your exam verification to the Department for processing at FPR.DesignUnit@Illinois.gov

STUDY MATERIALS:

NCEES has developed exam preparation materials and study guides for the FE and PE Exams.

Website: <http://ncees.org/exams/study-materials/>

REFERENCE MATERIALS:

Refer to the NCEES website for reference materials.

Exams: <http://ncees.org/exams/>

Exam-day Policies: <http://ncees.org/exams/exam-day-policies/>

NCEES Examinee Guide: <http://ncees.org/exams/cbt/examinee-guide/>

REFRESHER COURSES:

For information on refresher courses, contact the Illinois Society of Professional Engineers, Inc.

Phone: 217-544-7424

Website: www.illinoisengineer.com

FAQ's FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING:

http://www.idfpr.illinois.gov/FAQ/DPR/PE_faq.pdf