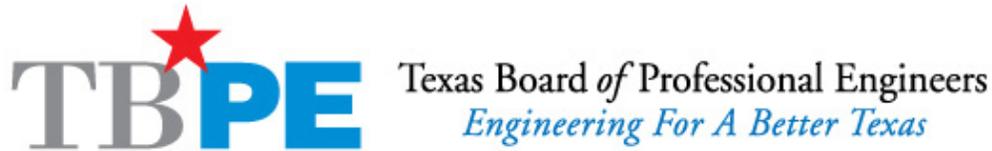


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Board Meeting Update

The Texas Board of Professional Engineers Quarterly Board and Committee Meetings were held February 14-15, 2018. Highlights include the following:

Adopted Board Rules

Rule changes were approved in the meeting which were proposed last November and posted for comment. Although there were a large number of changes, most were clarifications of existing rules. Refer to the current Law and Rules Document for these changes at: <http://engineers.texas.gov/lawrules>

Approved Policy Advisory Opinion

PAOC 43 - TREC Inspector Providing an Opinion
<https://engineers.texas.gov/policy.htm>

Disciplinary Actions

All enforcement actions approved in the Board meeting are posted on the TBPE website at <http://engineers.texas.gov/disciplinary.htm>. Enforcement actions are reported based on the date of the Board meeting at which the actions were taken.

Webinars and Outreach

TBPE continues to offer ethics outreach presentations both in person and in a webinar format for the convenience of our licensees. The free webinars have been so well received that we are now adding additional events as needed. If you are interested in scheduling a live TBPE ethics presentation at your workplace, please refer to our outreach page at: <http://engineers.texas.gov/outreach>.

- **TBPE Beaumont Regional Advisory Conference, March 28, 2018** - The free one-day conference will be held at the John and Mary Gray Library on the Lamar University Campus. The program includes presentations about licensure for students, ethics presentations for Professional Engineers, a panel discussion with TBPE Board Members, and a luncheon. Registration is open and there are spots available. The registration deadline is March 23rd. <http://engineers.texas.gov/beaumont>
- **Student Webinar, March 21, 2018, 5-6 p.m. CDT** - This webinar will cover everything you need to know about the FE exam and pursuing a Professional Engineering license in Texas. Register at: <http://engineers.texas.gov/webinars.html>
- **Ethics Webinars** - These quarterly webinars provide an up-to-date overview of agency activities, case studies, and a review of professional ethics topics. Ethics webinars are held approximately one month prior to

each quarterly expiration date. Future webinars are scheduled for June 6-7, 2018; September 12-13, 2018; and December 5-6, 2018. Webinars will be held at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. each day. Registration links will be posted 30 days prior to the webinars at: <http://engineers.texas.gov/webinars.html>

NCEES Updates

- **April 13-14, 2018, PE and SE Exams** - Registration is closed for these exams. Refer to the NCEES site for exam day policies and procedures: <https://ncees.org/exams/examinee-guide/>
The next exams will be October 26-27, 2018. Registration will open June 18, 2018, with a deadline of August 30, 2018.
- **FE Exam Fee Reductions** - Beginning January 1, 2018, NCEES reduced the Fundamentals of Engineering (FE) and Fundamentals of Surveying (FS) exam registration fees by \$50 from \$225 to \$175. For more information on the FE exam, visit <http://ncees.org/cbt>
- **PE Chemical exam transitions to computer-based testing**
The NCEES Principles and Practice of Engineering (PE) Chemical exam is now offered exclusively via computer-based testing (CBT). CBT provides greater convenience for examinees, uniform testing conditions, and enhanced security. The exam is no longer available in paper-and-pencil format. Test results will be available through a MyNCEES account within 7 to 10 days.
 - **Registration** - Registration is always open and available through your MyNCEES account. Appropriate state licensing board approval information is provided during the registration process.
 - **Testing appointments** - Testing is provided year-round at approved Pearson VUE test centers. You will be notified to schedule your exam once you have been approved by your state licensing board. The first CBT appointments begin January 2, 2018. The total appointment time is 9 hours. The actual exam lasts 8 hours; the other hour allows time for administrative tasks, including a tutorial and an optional 50-minute break.
 - **Exam format, specifications** - The computer-based PE Chemical exam contains 80 questions. It is a supplied-reference exam. A searchable electronic PE Chemical Reference Handbook will be displayed on the monitor during the exam. No other material will be allowed in the exam room. For further information, please refer to: <https://ncees.org/engineering/pe/chemical/>

Job Openings at TBPE

TBPE has several positions open currently. We are looking for a Director in our Compliance & Enforcement Division, a Program Specialist in our Licensing Division and a front desk receptionist in our Operations Division. Refer to <http://engineers.texas.gov/jobs> for job descriptions and instructions on how to apply.



Dream Big: Engineering Our World

Dream Big is the first giant-screen film to answer the call of the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) initiative, which aims to inspire kids of diverse backgrounds to become the innovators who will improve the lives of people across our entire planet as we head into the 21st Century and beyond. For more information and to find a showing near you, visit <http://www.dreambigfilm.com>

And More:

Give us feedback on how we are doing by filling out our customer service survey. Please visit our website at <http://engineers.texas.gov/feedback> or call us for a paper survey. We want to hear your suggestions on how we can improve agency operations and delivery of services.

In keeping with our efforts to modernize and increase communication with our licensees and the public, you can now follow us on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn and via an RSS feed. Join today!

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