

**The Texas Board of Professional Engineers  
Quarterly e-Newsletter**

***Engineer in Training (E.I.T.) Edition***

September 12, 2017

---

**NCEES Updates**

- **October 27-28, 2017 - PE and SE Exams** - Refer to the [NCEES website](#) if you have any questions about the upcoming PE and SE exams regarding exam day policies.
  - **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/>
-



## New Videos

Board staff recently developed a "How to Apply for a P.E. License" video series. The 5 videos are all available in a public playlist on YouTube. Playlist Link: <http://engineers.texas.gov/videos>

---

## E.I.T. and Decoupling of the PE Exam

TBPE recently changed the requirement to sit for the PE exam through "Decoupling". Decoupling is a process that allows Texas EITs to sit for the PE exam prior to completing their experience requirement. For more information on decoupling, please refer to: <http://engineers.texas.gov/decoupling.html>.

---

## Board Meeting Update

The Texas Board of Professional Engineers Quarterly Board and Committee Meetings were held August 16-17, 2017. Highlights include the following:

- **2018 Board Officers**

Daniel O. Wong, Ph.D., P.E. - Chair  
Dr. Sina K. Nejad, P.E. - Vice-Chair  
R. Kyle Womack, P.E. - Secretary  
Edward L. Summers, Ph.D. - Treasurer

- **Video Clips** - Video recordings of the Board meeting are available at: <http://engineers.texas.gov/recordings.htm>. Viewing these recordings qualifies for continuing education credit under the category of self-directed study. A maximum of five credit hours may be accrued for self-directed study.
  - **Disciplinary Actions** - All enforcement actions approved in the Board meeting are posted on the TBPE website. Enforcement actions are reported based on the date of the Board meeting at which the actions were taken. Please refer to: <http://engineers.texas.gov/disciplinary.htm>.
- 

## 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, refer to our outreach page at: <http://engineers.texas.gov/outreach>.

- **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. The webinars held September 6-7, 2017 were well attended with 3,484 attendees.

Future webinars are scheduled for December 6-7, 2017; March 7-8, 2018; 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: <https://engineers.texas.gov/webinars.html>.

---

**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!

NOTE: This email was sent from an unmonitored mailbox; direct replies will not be read.

To contact the Board, please visit our website at:

[http://engineers.texas.gov/staff\\_contact.htm](http://engineers.texas.gov/staff_contact.htm).

TBPE Staff  
Texas Board of Professional Engineers  
1917 S. Interstate 35  
Austin, TX 78741  
512-440-7723  
[info@engineers.texas.gov](mailto:info@engineers.texas.gov)

TBPE Board Members  
Daniel O. Wong, Ph.D., P.E. - Chair  
Dr. Sina K. Nejad, P.E. - Vice-Chair  
R. Kyle Womack, P.E. - Secretary  
Edward L. Summers, Ph.D. - Treasurer

Lamberto (Bobby) Ballí, P.E.  
Albert Cheng  
Sockalingam "Sam" Kannappan, P.E.  
Cathy Norwood, P.E.  
Elvira Reyna