



## TBPE Quarterly e-Newsletter

### Professional Engineer (P.E.) Edition

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#### Firm Registration Online Application

TBPE is always working to provide the best customer service possible. We are proud to announce a new streamlined online firm application process that allows you to apply online and get your firm registered faster than ever before.

<https://engineers.texas.gov/firms.htm>

The system allows:

- Online firm application;
- Payment of registration fees by credit card;
- Online verification by PE associated with the firm;
- Online status check.



#### PE Renewal Reminder

Before you get wrapped in the holidays or leave town, be sure to take care of your PE Renewal if your license expires December 31, 2018. You can pay by credit card or generate an invoice online if you prefer to pay by check. Payments not received online or postmarked and mailed by the deadline will be subject to a \$40 late fee. Late fees can be paid online after the deadline.

The URL to our online renewal system ECHO is:

<http://engineers.texas.gov/pe>

Your login name for ECHO is the email address that this reminder was sent to.

If you forgot your password, you can use this link to log in: <http://engineers.texas.gov/forgot>

If you still need your ethics credit, spots are still available for the free TBPE Ethics Webinars.

<http://engineers.texas.gov/webinars.html>

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#### Board Meeting Update

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



##### 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.

<http://engineers.texas.gov/disciplinary.htm>

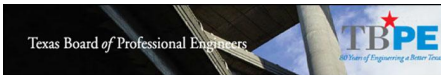
##### Board Meeting Recordings

The regular quarterly Board meeting from November 15, 2018, has been posted on the agency YouTube Channel. 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.

<http://engineers.texas.gov/recordings.htm>

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## Webinars and Outreach



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### Ethics Webinars - More Webinars Added in 2019

These quarterly webinars provide an up-to-date overview of agency activities, case studies, and a review of professional ethics topics.

The free webinars have been so well received that we added additional events. Starting in January, 2019, one ethics webinar will be held each month in addition to the multiple webinars one month prior to each quarter's expiration date. Refer to the webinar page below for the specific dates and times. Registration spots are still available for the webinars this week scheduled for December 4-6, 2018,

<http://engineers.texas.gov/webinars.html>

If you are interested in scheduling a live TBPE ethics presentation at your workplace, please refer to our outreach page. <http://engineers.texas.gov/outreach>

## NCEES Updates



### PE and SE Exam Registration is Open

Exam registration opened on November 26, 2018 for the April 5, 2019 PE and SE exams. The registration deadline is February 7, 2019. Please keep in mind the TBPE application deadline for a PE or EIT is December 7, 2018 and approval is required before registering for the exams unless you're already a Texas EIT. Refer to the [TBPE Decoupling Webpage](#) if you have questions regarding taking the PE or SE exam prior to obtaining the required experience to obtain licensure.

### PE Environmental Exam Moving to Computer-Based Testing

The PE Environmental exam will transition from pencil-and-paper to computer-based testing (CBT) in April 2019. At that time, the PE Environmental Reference Handbook will become the only resource material you may use during the CBT exam. Reviewing it before exam day will help you become familiar with reference information provided. You will not be allowed to bring a copy of the Handbook into the exam room. Instead, the CBT exam will include a PDF version of the Handbook.

<https://ncees.org/engineering/pe/environmental/>

### NCEES Discontinuing PE Software Engineering Exam

The exam will be discontinued after the April 2019 exam administration. Since the original offering in 2013, the exam has been administered five times, with a total population of 81 candidates.

<https://ncees.org/ncees-discontinuing-pe-software-engineering-exam/>



## TBPE Job Openings

TBPE has an opening for an Investigator in our Compliance & Enforcement division, a Customer Service Representative and a Program Specialist in our Licensing Division. Refer to the link below for job descriptions and instructions to apply.

<http://engineers.texas.gov/jobs>

## How are we doing?

Give us feedback on how we are doing by filling out our customer service survey or contact us for a paper survey. We want to hear your suggestions on how we can improve agency operations and delivery of services.



Survey - <http://engineers.texas.gov/feedback>



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