

PE exam Decoupling

Rule Changes

§133.3 Engineer-in-Training Application and Certification

(a) To become enrolled as an Engineer-in-Training (EIT), an individual must:

- (1) submit an EIT application in a format prescribed by the Board,
- (2) submit an official transcript in accordance with §§133.33 or 133.35 of this chapter (relating to Proof of Educational Qualifications), and
- (3) pay the fee as established by the Board.

(b) A certificate as an engineer-in-training expires eight years from the date of issuance. Although the certificate has an expiration date, the records of the Board will indicate that an individual has passed the Fundamentals of Engineering examination and these records will be maintained in the file indefinitely and will be made available as requested by the individual or another licensing jurisdiction.

(c) The certificate may be renewed upon receipt of an application in a format prescribed by the Board and payment of the EIT certification fee established by the Board.

(d) Effective January 1, 2002, official transcripts will be kept on file and an EIT may request its use when filing the professional engineer application.

(e) If the applicant for EIT certification does not submit all documents required within ~~one year~~90 days of the original application date, the application shall expire and the applicant must reapply and pay a new application fee.

§133.61 Engineering Examinations Required for a License to Practice as a Professional Engineer

(a) Applicants are required to take two written experience and knowledge examinations, furnished and graded by the NCEES or by the board, or request a waiver of such examinations pursuant to §133.69 of this chapter (relating to Waiver of Examinations), and the Texas Engineering Professional Conduct and Ethics examination, furnished and graded by the board.

(b) All examinations shall be in the English language.

(c) Experience and knowledge examinations may be a Fundamentals of Engineering examination and a Principles and Practice of Engineering examination prepared by the NCEES or equivalent as determined by the board.

(d) The board shall publish examination information which shall include at least the following:

- (1) the places where the examinations shall be held;
- (2) the dates of the examinations;
- (3) the deadline date for an examinee to schedule an examination, if applicable;
- (4) fees for each examination; and
- (5) types of examinations offered.

(e) Examinations may be scheduled by timely submission of registration information in a format specified by the Board with the appropriate examination fee.

(f) Individuals who plan to take an examination must have their registration completed by the close of regular business on the date established by the applicable examination schedule ~~adopted by the board~~.

(g) Applicants providing an official verification from NCEES or an NCEES member board certifying that they have passed the Fundamentals of Engineering and/or Principle and Practices of Engineering examination(s) in that state shall not be required to take the examination(s) again.

(h) Examination registration fees may be collected by the board or a contracted exam administrator and shall be refunded or transferred to future examination administrations in accordance with established board or exam administrator policy and if approved by the executive director.

(i) Examination candidates who have been called into active U.S. military duty or who are re-assigned military personnel and will not be available to sit for an examination may request **an extension of the approved examination period defined in §133.67 of this chapter (relating to Examination on the Principles and Practice of Engineering) cycle be postponed and any paid examination fees encumbered toward a future examination date**. Such candidates shall submit adequate documentation, including copies of orders, and a request to ~~postpone extend~~ the **approved examination cycle period** to the board. The candidate shall notify the board of their availability to resume the examination ~~cycleperiod~~ **cycleperiod**.

within 60 days of release from active duty or when they are deployed to a location that provides a board approved examination.

(j) All examinations shall be administered to applicants with disabilities in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. §12101 et seq.), and its subsequent amendments. Special accommodations can be provided for examinees with physical or mental impairments that substantially limit life activities.

(1) Any individual with a disability who wishes to request special accommodations must submit an official request and supporting medical documentation in a format specified by the contracted exam administrator that has been generated by an appropriate licensed health care professional.

(2) The request must be submitted prior to the exam registration deadline established by the contracted exam administrator.

(3) The board or the contracted exam administrator may request additional documentation to substantiate a request for special accommodations.

(4) The requestor will be notified of approval of the request or reason for denial of the request by the board or contracted exam administrator.

(k) Pursuant to Texas Occupations Code §54.002, if an examination candidate's religious beliefs prevent the candidate from taking an examination on a religious holy day that conflicts with the normally scheduled examination date, the candidate shall submit a request ~~in a format adopted by the board~~ to the contracted exam administrator and the board to take the examination on an alternate date.

(l) Upon successful passage of the experience and knowledge examinations, or being granted a waiver of one or both examinations pursuant to §133.69 of this chapter (relating to Waiver of Examinations), an applicant shall be considered to have met the examination requirements for licensure as a professional engineer in Texas.

§133.65 Examination on the Fundamentals of Engineering

(a) An undergraduate student who is within two regular semesters (not including summer sessions) of graduating may take the examination on the fundamentals of engineering provided that the student is enrolled in a degree program which is:

(1) an engineering program accredited or approved by the EAC/ABET;

(2) a four year baccalaureate technical program accredited or approved by the ETAC/ABET;

(3) an engineering-related science program of four years or more that has been approved by the board; or

(4) a non-engineering related curriculum or other degree in which the student has provided evidence acceptable to the executive director as meeting the minimum requirements of §1001.302(a)(1)(A) or (B) of the Act.

(b) Persons who demonstrate that they meet the educational requirements for a license and who have not passed the examination on the fundamentals of engineering may apply to take the examination in accordance with the applicable examination registration requirements.

(c) Persons who do not meet the criteria of subsection (a) of this section, but who need only to complete the examination on the fundamentals of engineering to fulfill the graduation requirements of a degree program that would meet the educational requirements for a license, may apply to the board to take the examinations in accordance with the applicable examination schedule ~~adopted by the board~~.

§133.67 Examination on the Principles and Practice of Engineering

(a) The examination on the principles and practice of engineering is open only to licensed engineers who wish to take the examination for record purposes and to applicants who have received board approval to take it. **Applicants who are granted certification as an Engineer-in-Training in accordance with §133.1 of this Chapter or submit equivalent qualifications at the time of application for licensure shall be approved to take the examination on the principles and practice of engineering.**

(b) ~~An a~~ Applicants approved to take the examination on the principles and practice of engineering ~~shall~~:

(1) shall be advised of the ~~first examination~~ date ~~for which he or she is they are~~ eligible;.

(2) shall schedule to test in ~~an any~~ area of competency ~~as demonstrated by their appropriate to his or her~~ experience or education;.

(3) shall be solely responsible for timely scheduling for the examination and any payment of examination fees; ~~and~~.

(4) shall have no more than ~~four consecutive three~~ examination ~~administrations attempts~~ **within a four year period starting with the date of the first exam taken by the applicant, including the examination given on the date of the first available examination, to pass the examination. No extensions shall be granted e** Except as provided for in §133.61(i) of this chapter (relating to Engineering Examinations Required for a License to Practice as a Professional Engineer), ~~no extensions shall be granted under any circumstances.~~

~~(A) Once an applicant has scheduled for an examination that is offered once per year, the consecutive administrations shall be counted as one annually as long as the applicant does not schedule to sit for an examination that is offered twice per year.~~

~~(B) Once an applicant has scheduled for an examination that is offered twice per year, either for the first time or after scheduling for an examination that is offered once per year, the~~

~~remaining consecutive administrations shall be counted as two annually from that examination forward until the four consecutive administrations expire.~~

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(5) shall have no more than three attempts for each component if An applicant taking the Structural Engineering examinations and must receive acceptable results for all components of the exam within a four year period starting with the date of the first exam taken by the applicant. consecutive exam administrations.

(6) shall have no more than eight years from the date of approval to complete the allowed exam attempts.

(c) For the purposes of this section, exam attempt means a unique administration of an examination or exam component of any discipline for which attendance is documented.

~~(c)(d) An applicant who does not pass the examination on the principles and practice of engineering within the approved examination period described in subsection (b) of this section is considered not approved and may not re-apply for approval until he or she has obtained at least one (1) year of additional engineering experience as described in Subchapter E (relating to Experience) of this chapter or until the applicant has completed at least six (6) additional semester hours of formal college level classroom courses relevant to the applicant's dominant branch or discipline of experience. Applications for applicants who do not pass the examination within the allotted time specified in subsection (b) (4) of this section shall be denied pursuant to §133.87 of this chapter (relating to Final Action on Applications) Applicants meeting the additional experience or education requirements must apply in accordance with §133.21 of this chapter and receive approval for additional exam attempts.~~

~~(d)(e) The examination on the principles and practice of engineering shall be offered according to the schedule determined by the NCEES or by the board.~~

§133.71 Examination for Record Purposes

~~AAn engineer currently licensed in Texas engineer may take an examination for record purposes. An individual may only take the examination on the principles and practice of engineering for record purposes if the individual is currently licensed in Texas as a professional engineer or has been given permission by the board to do so.~~ Unless required to do so by the Board, an individual who has passed the examination in a specific discipline may not re-take the examination in that discipline.

§133.87 Final Action on Applications

(a) Upon approval of an application by the executive director, the licensing committee, or the board in a manner provided in this subchapter, the executive director shall:

(1) issue a license subject to the applicant's taking and passing the examination on the principles and practice of engineering according to §133.67 of this chapter (relating to Examination on the Principles and Practice of Engineering) ~~and paying the Professional Fee in accordance with §1001.206 of the Act;~~ or

(2) issue a license to an applicant who has passed the examination on the principles and practice of engineering or who has had that examination waived ~~and has paid the Professional Fee in accordance with §1001.206 of the Act.~~

(b) The board shall deny an application if any of the following occurs:

(1) the application has been administratively withdrawn for a period of six months;

(2) Pursuant to §133.85 (Related to Board Review of and Action on Applications) three of the professional engineer board members vote to deny an application on the basis that the applicant does not meet the requirements of §1001.302 of the Act;

~~(3) or A~~ majority of the full board voted to deny an application on the basis that the applicant does not meet the requirements of §1001.302 of the Act; or

~~(3)(4)~~ the applicant did not pass the examination on the principles and practice of engineering in the prescribed time.

~~(c) An applicant who has been denied a license for failure to pass the examination on the principles and practice of engineering with prescribed time may not re-apply for a license until one (1) year has passed from the date on the notification of failure to pass the examination or until the applicant has completed at least six (6) additional semester hours of formal college level classroom courses relevant to the applicant's dominant branch or discipline of experience.~~

~~(d)~~ The board by vote shall confirm the action taken on a license at its next regularly scheduled meeting.

~~(e)(d)~~ The executive director shall advise the applicant in writing of any decision of the executive director, the licensing committee, or the board, as applicable.