

Changes in Application Process Bringing More Opportunities for Examination

In a continued effort to fulfill the Board's strategic goal to provide more opportunities for examination and licensing, there will be changes to the application and examination process coinciding with the opening of NCEES's examination management system scheduled for December 12, 2016. After that date, licensure candidates in California will be able to register at NCEES for the national exam required for their intended discipline without having to apply to the Board first. The only criteria necessary to be able to do this is that each candidate must have previously passed the fundamentals examination pertinent to their intended discipline (engineering or surveying) and agree to abide by NCEES's and the Board's examination policies.

For those examinations that are still paper-based and administered each spring or fall by NCEES, this means the candidate can register with NCEES anytime the NCEES Online Registration system allows them to do so and schedule for the national examination without first submitting an Initial application or Refile application to the Board.

For those examinations that are computer-based (currently FE, FS, PS) and administered continuously, this means that each candidate can register with NCEES anytime the NCEES Online Registration system allows them to do so and schedule for the national examination without first submitting an initial application or Refile application to the Board.

Once the appropriate national examination(s) are passed and the candidate has met all experience requirements in accordance with the laws of California, the candidate would then submit an application in their desired discipline for consideration for licensure.

The requirements to pass any California state exams required for licensure have not changed. If any California state exams are required, the candidate would submit the application for licensure to the Board with the required fees for processing and review. Once the application has been reviewed and the applicant is eligible for examination, the applicant would then be notified by the Board of their authorization to schedule for the California state exams.