



Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, and Geologists

Frequently Asked Questions Regarding Continuous Testing for the Geotechnical Engineer Examination

- 1. How will I be notified that I can schedule my exam?**

The Board will send you an Authorization to Test (ATT) letter via email. The ATT letter will provide you all the information you will need to schedule your exam. If you have not provided us a valid email, we will send your ATT via US mail.
- 2. Where will I take my exam?**

The exam will be administered by computer at Prometric test centers. A list of test centers where you may take the exam, addresses, and driving directions are located at <https://www.prometric.com/en-us/clients/California/Pages/geotechnicalengineer.aspx>
- 3. What do I do if I cannot make my scheduled exam appointment?**

Once approved by the Board for a given exam window, you will schedule your exam directly with Prometric. Exam testing fees payable directly to Prometric are not refundable. If you need to reschedule an exam for another date, time, or location, you must contact Prometric. Rescheduling fees may apply. Rescheduling an exam must be done online at www.prometric.com/california or by calling (800) 306-3926.
- 4. What if I miss or am late for my scheduled exam appointment?**

If you miss your appointment or arrive late and are not allowed to test, your entire exam testing fee will be forfeited and you must pay another exam testing fee to Prometric to schedule a new appointment.
- 5. How many times can I reschedule my exam?**

You may reschedule as many times as you wish within the exam window for which you are approved. However, every time that you reschedule, cancel, or change your exam appointment, you will be responsible for paying any rescheduling fees that may apply directly to Prometric.
- 6. Approximately how long before I get my results?**

Results for this exam will be released on regular intervals with a goal of 30-45 days after a candidate completes their exam. (For example, if you take your exam February 20th, you should expect to receive results on or around March 20th.)
- 7. Can I take the exam more than once a year?**

No, you cannot sit for this exam more than once per calendar year.

8. If I choose to take my exam in January and fail, when may I take the exam again?

You can refile for the next available exam window. Currently, the exam is only available once per calendar year, per approved candidate.

9. How long after I submit my refile application will I have to wait before I can schedule my next exam?

After submitting your refile application and fees, you will be scheduled for the next available exam window. Your ATT letter will be sent when scheduling for that exam window opens.

10. Is there a cutoff date for taking the exam for the current calendar year for which I applied?

Yes, all applications must be processed by the Board no later than October 1st of the current calendar year for scheduling of the exam within that calendar year for which you applied, although the choice to select the following year will be an option.

11. Who do I contact if I have a change of address, email or other information?

All address changes must be submitted directly to the Board using the online address change form, www.dca.ca.gov/webapps/bpelsg/address_change.php. You may also call the Board at (866) 780-5370 for more information.