Candidate Examination Guide for:

Professional Engineering
The Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation along with The Illinois Professional Engineering Board hope that you will find the following information useful in preparing to take examinations that will lead you toward the path of licensure as a Professional Engineer in the State of Illinois.

NOTICE:
Each candidate is responsible for knowing and adhering to these rules regulating the administration of the Professional Engineering Examinations. Read all of the following information carefully.

REGISTRATION:
FE Exam: You may register to take the FE examination if you are a senior student in or a graduate of a Domestic ABET (EAC) approved BS degree engineering program.

PE Exam: You may register to take the Principles and Practice if you are a graduate of a Domestic ABET (EAC) approved BS degree engineering program or if you are an Enrolled Illinois Engineer Intern.

All other candidates must be approved by the Department prior to registering for the engineering examination(s).

All candidates taking an engineering examination must register with the NCEES at www.ncees.org to receive your candidate ID, as well as CTS at www.continentaltestinginc.net in order to reserve a seat for the exam.

The deadline to register is posted on the CTS website and is prior to the NCEES deadline. If you register with only NCEES and not CTS, you will not be allowed to sit for the exam.

EXAMINATIONS:
Two examinations are required for licensure as a Professional Engineer in Illinois.
   1. Fundamentals of Engineering Examination (FE)
   2. Principles and Practice of Engineering Examination (PE)

The FE Exam is a Computer Based Examination and administered year round.
The PE Exam primarily is a Paper and Pencil Examination and administered in April and October of each year. NCEES is undergoing the conversion of all PE discipline examinations to a Computer Based Examination January 2018-2024. Currently the Chemical discipline exam has transitioned to a Computer Based Examination and other will follow suit periodically.

Specific dates for the next scheduled examinations are available at The National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES) website at www.ncees.org.
Illinois does NOT utilize the NCEES Exam Administration to administer the exams.
Continental Testing Services, Inc. (CTS) is designated as the authorized exam administration service for the Department.

The examination specifications are available from NCEES. Website: http://ncees.org/exams/.
CHANGE OF ADDRESS:
If you move after applying to take an examination, you must submit your change of address in writing to:
Continental Testing Services, Inc.
547 South LaGrange Road
LaGrange, IL 60525

EXAMINATION RESULTS:
The FE examination results and PE exams that are CBT should be available within **approximately one month** from the date of the examination.
The PE examination results should be available within **approximately two months** from the date of the examination.

You may receive a notice from NCEES regarding your examination; however, the OFFICIAL examination results will be mailed to you by CTS as soon as they are available.
**DO NOT CALL THE DEPARTMENT IN REGARD TO YOUR EXAMINATION RESULTS.**

STUDY MATERIALS:
NCEES has developed exam preparation materials and study guides for the FE and PE Exams.
Website: [http://ncees.org/exams/study-materials/](http://ncees.org/exams/study-materials/)

REFERENCE MATERIALS:
Refer to the NCEES website for reference materials.
Exam-day Policies: [http://ncees.org/exams/exam-day-policies/](http://ncees.org/exams/exam-day-policies/)

REFRESHER COURSES:
For information on refresher courses, contact the Illinois Society of Professional Engineers, Inc.
Phone: 217-544-7424
Website: [www.illinoisengineer.com](http://www.illinoisengineer.com)

FAQ’s FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING: