Candidate Examination Guide for:

Structural Engineering
The Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation along with The Illinois Structural 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 Structural Engineer in the State of Illinois.

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

**REGISTRATION:**
All candidates must submit a written application to and be approved by the Department prior to registering for the engineering examination(s).

AFTER Board approval, all candidates must register with the NCEES at [www.ncees.org](http://www.ncees.org) to receive your candidate ID, as well as CTS at [www.continentaltestinginc.net](http://www.continentaltestinginc.net) in order to reserve a seat for the exam(s).

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.

Applications are only valid for three (3) years from the date of receipt. You must have an active application to apply for an exam and it must be active on the date of the exam in order for your examination to be validated.

**EXAMINATIONS:**
Two examinations are required for licensure as a Structural Engineer in Illinois.

1. Fundamentals of Engineering Examination (FE)
2. 16-Hour Structural Engineering Examination (SE)

The FE Exam is a Computer Based Examination and administered year round. The SE Exam is currently a Paper and Pencil Examination and administered in April and October of each year.

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](http://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 FE and SE examination specifications are available from NCEES. Website: [http://ncees.org/exams/](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 should be available within approximately one month from the date of the examination. The SE 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 SE Exams. Website: http://ncees.org/exams/study-materials/

REFERENCE MATERIALS:

REFRESHER COURSES:
For information on refresher courses for the FE exam, contact the Illinois Society of Professional Engineers, Inc. (ISPE) Phone: 217-544-7424 Website: www.illinoisengineer.com

For information regarding refresher courses for the SE exam, contact the Structural Engineers Association of Illinois (SEAOI) Phone: 312-726-4165 Website: www.seaoi.org

FAQ’s FOR STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING: