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## NCEES EXAM REGISTRATION CHANGES IN ILLINOIS

Historically, registering for a National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES) examination in Illinois has been a dual registration process, where candidates register with both NCEES and Continental Testing Services (CTS) who has been the test administration entity used by the Division of Professional Regulation (DPR).

As a result of recent NCEES exam administration & procedural changes and upon the recommendations of the Professional Engineer, Structural Engineer and Land Surveyor Boards, DPR determined it is no longer necessary to utilize a separate exam registration & administration entity as NCEES has automated many of these functions over the last several years and is capable of working directly with DPR staff to facilitate the non-automated functions pertaining to exam registration and proctoring.

Based on this change, **effective November 1, 2021**, candidates registering for any NCEES examination in Illinois will only register with NCEES going forward.

What this means is that candidates will no longer be required to pay an additional exam registration fee, be subject to a separate exam registration application & deadline or submit transcripts or exam certifications to CTS. This change will also enable DPR the ability to streamline the application and approval process with the impacted design boards.

DPR would like to thank you in advance for your patience during this transitional process and asks that if you are mentoring an individual who this change may impact, please let them know so they are aware.

Please note:

- Candidates must carefully review the registration information on the NCEES system for the respective examination and meet the educational and/or experience requirements (which may include Board pre-approval) when registering with NCEES, otherwise the registration will not be approved.
- Candidates applying for the Professional Land Surveyor License must still register with CTS for the Illinois Jurisdictional examination as this is not an NCEES exam.

With Respect,

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# RENEWAL UPDATE

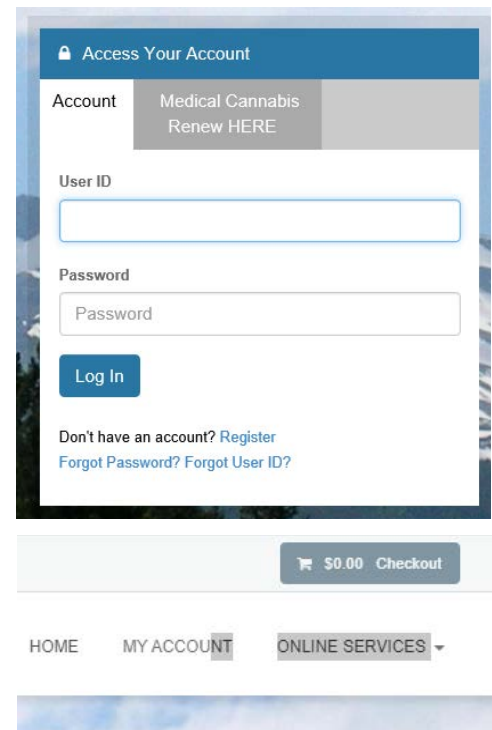
The Professional Engineer license is set to renew this year, with an expiration date of November 30, 2021. DPR recently implemented a new renewal interface through our Online portal system and as a result, the renewal window for each profession has not "opened" at the same time as in previous renewals.

When the PE renewal is available, all active PE licensees should receive a courtesy email with instructions to renew the license.

At right is a screenshot of the new Online renewal portal you will interface with when you renew your PE license. If you do not currently have an Online account set up with DPR, you will be required to create one prior to completing your renewal.

Once you log in to your account, you will click on the "Online Services" link in the top Right of the page and select the Renew License option in the sub-menu.

DPR would like to thank you in advance for your patience during this transitional process.



**IMPORTANT NOTE: a Variance has been granted for the P.E. profession extending the license renewal window through February 28, 2022. You may use that expiration date on all technical submissions until you are able to renew your license.**

## Monthly Enforcement Actions Taken

Information regarding disciplinary actions taken by IDFPR against unlicensed individuals and licensed professionals and businesses are public record and available on our website. Many of these actions are the final outcome of what began as a complaint submitted to the Department. Recent Enforcement Reports are available below:

[June 2021 Enforcement Report](#)

[July 2021 Enforcement Report](#)

## Upcoming Board Meetings

We invite the public to attend the open session of our Board Meetings to gain a better understanding of what current topics and issues are prevalent in the respective professions as well as how the Board is working to ensure the health, safety and welfare of the public are being protected.

*Note: As unforeseen issues may occur, always check the Department website to ensure that the Board is meeting and at what location.*

### November

**Architect Board**, 11/5/2021 WebEx

**Structural Engineering Board**, 11/17/2021 WebEx

**Professional Engineering Board**, 11/18/2021 WebEx

**Professional Land Surveyor Board**, 11/19/2021 WebEx

## CE/PDH CREDIT

*Reading this newsletter provides credit toward your Illinois Design Profession license renewal requirement of Illinois state statutes and rules. This shall serve notice and certify that the person named below has earned .25 CE/PDH by reading and comprehending this issue of the DesignTimes, Illinois DPR quarterly newsletter.*

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