

## **21 NCAC 56 .0503 EXAMINATIONS**

(a) The Board offers the following examinations that are the national examinations of the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES) with application made directly to NCEES to take the exam:

- (1) Fundamentals of Engineering (FE): This examination is designed to test the applicant's proficiency and knowledge of the fundamentals of engineering; and
- (2) Principles and Practice of Engineering (PE): This examination is designed to test the applicant's proficiency and knowledge of engineering principles and practices.

(b) Examination Aids. Examinees may utilize examination aids as specified and published by NCEES.

(c) Examination Sequence. Before the applicant shall be permitted to be examined on the principles and practice of engineering, the applicant shall pass the examination on the fundamentals of engineering, unless the applicant can provide evidence of 20 years of progressive engineering experience, or is a full-time engineering faculty member, or possesses an earned doctoral degree in engineering. NCEES administers the fundamentals of engineering examination as a computer-based exam.

(d) Only those applicants who have met the education requirements as set forth in Rule .0501(a) of this Section, and have passed the FE exam may sit for the PE exam prior to gaining the required experience. Upon gaining the required experience, as set forth in Rule .0501(b) of this Section, an applicant may apply for the PE license.

(e) Reasonable Accommodation. An applicant may make a written request to NCEES, before the application deadline, for reasonable accommodation for the exam. Reasonable accommodation shall be granted based upon meeting the Guidelines for Requesting Religious and ADA Accommodations published by the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES).

(f) Exam Results. Exam results shall be supplied in writing as pass or fail. No results will be given in any other manner.

(g) Review of Failed Exams. An applicant who fails to make a passing score on an exam shall receive an exam analysis by NCEES.

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