

Frequently Asked Examination Questions

1. How often are exams given and where are they held?

A. NCEES has now transitioned all exams (FE, FS, PE and PS) to a computer-based format, with the exception of the PE Structural exam. All CBT exams are offered at approved Pearson VUE test centers. Some PE exam disciplines are administered year-round, and others are administered on a single day each year. Contact NCEES for more information.

2. What is the South Carolina Board of Engineers and Surveyors exam application deadline?

A. PE exam candidates must apply with the SC Board for approval to take the PE exam, **before** registering with NCEES. Applications for the PE exam are available online at <https://llr.sc.gov/eng/pe.aspx> (scroll down to the appropriate exam application and download **ALL** forms under that heading) and should be submitted to the Board office.

The Principles and Practice of Surveying (PS) exam transitioned to computer-based testing (CBT) effective October 1, 2016. The new PS exam will allow for year-round testing at approved Pearson VUE test centers. PS exam candidates must apply with the SC Board for approval to take the PS exam, **before** registering with NCEES. Applications for the PS exam are available online at <https://llr.sc.gov/eng/pub.aspx> (scroll down to the appropriate exam application and download **ALL** forms under that heading) and should be submitted to the Board office.

The SC State Specific Surveying (SS) exam is available in a computer-based format and is offered twice a year at PSI Testing Centers. The exam is offered the first Friday in May and November. Candidates must apply with the Board for approval to take the State-Specific Surveying exam.
Application Deadlines for State-Specific Exams:

February 1 (for May exam) and August 1 (for November exam).

Candidates wishing to take the FE and FS exams should apply **directly** with NCEES. There is NO application to file with the Board office to take the FE and FS exams.

3. What are the exam fees?

A. Examination fees are determined by and should be paid to [NCEES Exam Administration Services](#).

4. Where can I get study materials to help me prepare for the exam?

A. Contact [NCEES Exam Administration Services](#).

5. Once I submit an application to the Board, how long does it take to process?

A. Please allow 3-4 weeks for processing the PE and PS applications, Board review, and notification to you.

6. Once I am approved by the Board to sit for the PE or PS exam, how do I pay for it?

A. We will send you instructions and the NCEES website for registering and paying for the exam. You should not register for it until the Board approves you to sit for the examination.

7. What should I do if I have a foreign degree or a non-EAC/ABET accredited degree?

A. You must have an education evaluation. The Board accepts education evaluations from NCEES, or the SC Board Consultant.

8. Once I have passed the Fundamentals of Engineering Exam, how do I get an EIT card?

A. You may apply for EIT Certification at the link below:
<https://llr.sc.gov/eng/pub.aspx>. Official transcripts are required and must be sent directly to the Board office in an envelope sealed by the Registrar's Office. Upon receipt and approval of your online application and official transcripts, the EIT certification card will be mailed.

9. Once I have passed the Fundamentals of Surveying Exam, how do I get an LSIT card?

A. You may obtain the LSIT application at the link below:
<https://llr.sc.gov/eng/pub.aspx>. Official transcripts are required and must be sent directly to the Board office in an envelope sealed by the Registrar's Office. Upon receipt, your education will be evaluated to determine if it meets the statutory requirements of SC Code of Laws Section 40-22-225(B). Upon approval, the LSIT certification card will be mailed.

10. How do I register to retake the PE or PS examination?

A. Please email contact.english@llr.sc.gov with your request to retake the PE or PS exam. Please include your full name the last four of your social security number, your birth date, current address and the approximate date you last took the exam. Candidates failing the same topical examination two times must complete a *Certificate of Study Form*, <https://llr.sc.gov/eng/pub.aspx>. You will receive notice from the Board office once your request has been processed, and then you may contact NCEES to reschedule the exam.

11. How do I register to retake the FE or FS examination?

A. Contact NCEES directly, www.ncees.org to reschedule the exam.