



NCEES

advancing licensure for
engineers and surveyors

Registration FAQ's for Engineering and Land Surveying

All applicants who will be taking an NCEES engineering or land surveying examination are required to register and pay for their exams with the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES). Those who are applying to take only state-specific exams are not required to register with NCEES.

1. Why must I register with NCEES?

You need to register with NCEES to obtain a National ID number, select and pay for the exam(s) you would like to take, and choose the exam location where you would like to take the exam(s). This reserves a seat and book at the exam site.

2. What is the purpose of the National ID number?

National ID numbers will facilitate record keeping for applicants, states, and NCEES.

3. When will NCEES open the website for registration?

NCEES will post the opening dates at <http://ncees.org/engineering/>
Please note the NCEES opening and closing dates do not coincide with the final filing dates for the California state exams. California state exam applicants must abide by the posted final filing dates found at
http://www.bpelsg.ca.gov/applicants/exam_schedule.shtml

4. Do all exam candidates need to register with NCEES, or just the first time applicants?

ALL candidates taking an NCEES licensing exam in California are required to register with NCEES. NCEES licensing exams offered in California are: civil, mechanical, electrical, structural, land surveying, agricultural, chemical, control systems, fire protection, industrial, metallurgical, nuclear and petroleum.

5. What is the web address to register with NCEES?

<http://ncees.org/supplemental/launch-login/>

6. When and how will I receive my admission notice?

NCEES will email you 2-3 weeks before the exam with instructions on downloading and printing your Exam Authorization Notice(s) and Examinee Instructions. If you are taking more than one examination, you will have a separate Exam Authorization Notice for each examination. Read all forms carefully. You will be required to present the Exam Authorization notice along with a valid, government-issued identification (must contain your photograph and signature) upon arrival at the exam site. You will not receive a separate notice from the California Board.

7. I passed the FE, FS, PE, or PLS examination previously in another state. Do I need to send verification of those exams to California?

You are required to submit a complete application for licensure to the Board, including verification of passed exams. Check with NCEES to see if a verification is in your record. If not, you will need to complete a verification form found at
<http://www.bpelsg.ca.gov/pubs/forms/verification.pdf>

8. Will I have to register with NCEES every time I take an exam?

Yes. You will need to register and pay for all national exam(s) that you would like to take EACH exam cycle; your choices do not carry forward to the next exam cycle. Registering reserves a seat and book for you at the exam site you selected for that exam cycle only.

9. Can I cancel my exam or change my exam location or exam module?

You may login and change your examination site and module after completing the NCEES registration process and prior to the date that NCEES closes the site. Please contact NCEES with any questions regarding this process.

10. What are the NCEES exams offered in California?

Agricultural, Chemical, Civil, Control Systems, Electrical, Fire Protection, Fundamentals of Engineering, Fundamentals of Land Surveying, Industrial, Land Surveying, Mechanical, Metallurgical, Nuclear, Petroleum and Structural.

Please note that the NCEES Architectural, Environmental, Mining, Naval Architecture and Software exams ARE NOT administered in California and there are no plans to offer these exams in the near future.

11. What are the California State Specific Exams?

The California State Specific Exams are (Civil Engineer) Engineering Surveying, (Civil Engineer) Seismic Principles, Geotechnical, Traffic, and the California Land Surveying Exam.