

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON THE FUTURE CHANGES FOR THE FUNDAMENTALS OF ENGINEERING EXAM BEGINNING JANUARY 2014

NCEES is on schedule to complete the transition of the Fundamentals of Engineering (FE) exam to computer-based testing (CBT) on January 2, 2014. The transition to CBT involves significant changes to the format of the exams and the administration procedures. Listed below are some key points of interest about the conversion to CBT.

- The October 26, 2013 exam administration will be the last administration of the eight hour, FE exam in pencil-and-paper format.
- Beginning Monday, November 4, 2013, all candidates who wish to take the FE exam will register online directly with NCEES at www.ncees.org through the My NCEES account. **A \$225 exam fee payment to NCEES via major credit card will be required at the time of the online registration process.**
- Candidates will **not** be required to submit a pre-exam application or pay a pre-exam fee to the West Virginia State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers prior to registration with NCEES.
- Beginning **January 2, 2014**, the FE Exam will only be offered via CBT and will be administered only at approved Pearson-VUE testing centers. Approved Pearson-VUE testing centers are located in Charleston and Morgantown, WV, as well as over 250 other locations throughout the United States. Exact locations can be found at www.ncees.org/cbt.
- A candidate may take the exam at **any time that an approved Pearson-VUE testing center is open and seating is available**. For example, if space is available, a candidate could take the exam in Tampa, FL in January if that best fits his / her schedule.
- Seating is limited, so candidates may need to register a month or more in advance to obtain their desired date at the selected Pearson-Vue testing center.
- There will be four testing windows for the FE exam annually. Each of these windows will last two months, with a month between them. Therefore, exam appointments will be available in January and February, with no exams offered in March; exam appointments available in April and May, with no exams offered in June, etc.

Testing Open

January and February

April and May

July and August

October and November

Testing Closed

March

June

September

December

- Candidates for a CBT exam may take the exam only one time per testing window and no more than three times in a 12-month period.
- The FE will be six (6) hours in length, which will include a tutorial, breaks, the exam, and a brief survey at the conclusion of the exam. Candidates will choose one of the following disciplines in which to be tested: Chemical, Civil, Electrical, Environmental, Industrial, Mechanical and Other Disciplines.
- **A pass / fail notification from NCEES will be sent directly to the candidate within ten (10) days after taking the exam.**
- The FE exams will continue to be closed book. Supplied reference material for the exams will be electronic and will be available for review or purchase on the NCEES website.
- Examinees will be allowed to bring and use NCEES-approved calculators on CBT exams.
- Sample exams for the computer-based FE exam will be available for purchase after the October 2013 exam administration.
- Candidates registering for the October 26, 2013 FE exam, but are unable to sit for the exam or do not pass the exam, will be required to register directly with NCEES to sit for a future FE exam via CBT.
- **Once a candidate has passed the FE Exam and has met the requirements for certification, they may file an application package with this Board for certification as an Engineer Intern (EI). The FE Exam is a nationally accepted exam, but each state has different requirements for EI certification, so check with the state board in which you will be residing for their requirements.**

The NCEES exam committees, Computer-Based Testing Implementation Task Force, and NCEES staff continue to work to finalize details related to this significant change in the future delivery system of the FE exam.

Please visit <http://cbt.ncees.org> for the latest updates on the FE exam or contact Lesley Rosier-Tabor, PE at lesley@wvpebd.org if you have questions regarding CBT.