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Dear Examinee:

Beginning in January, 2014, the Fundamentals of Engineering (FE) and the Fundamentals of Surveying (FS) exams convert from pencil and paper format to computer-based testing format (CBT).

October, 2013 will be the last time these exams are offered in the pencil and paper format. Registration for these exams in the CBT format will open on November 4, 2013, and examinees can schedule their exams as early as January 2, 2014.

Computer-based FE and FS exams will be administered only at approved Pearson VUE testing centers. At present, there are three centers in Mississippi: Jackson, Tupelo, and Mississippi State University. There are also centers in Memphis, Tuscaloosa, Mobile, and New Orleans; you do not have to take the exam in Mississippi.

There will be four testing windows for the FE and FS exams 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.

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.

Effective with the opening of registration on November 4, 2013, candidates registering to take the FE or FS exam will be continue to pay NCEES directly for all exam-related fees. This is part of the online registration process and will require payment with MasterCard or Visa. The online process allows the examinee to choose his/her exam appointment from the available times at the Pearson Vue Center of his/her choice. The exam fee is expected to be in the range of \$225.00 to \$250.00.

The FE and FS exams will be six hours in length, which will include a tutorial, breaks, the exam, and a brief survey at the conclusion of the exam.

The FE and FS exams will continue to be closed book. Supplied reference material for the exams will be electronic and will be available 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 and FS will be available for purchase after the October 2013 exam administration.

Beginning in 2014, some of our sister states (Alabama, Louisiana, Arkansas and others) will no longer “approve” applicants to take the FE and FS exam. In those states, examinees will apply directly to NCEES to take the exam, and only upon passing their exam will they apply to their state board to be enrolled as either an Engineer Intern or a Surveyor Intern.

The Mississippi Board, however, will continue to require an application for approval to take the exam, just as we have in the past. The Mississippi Board will not enroll, as an EI or an SI, anyone who was not “approved to test” by the Mississippi Board. So Mississippi residents who passed these exams without applying to the Mississippi Board for “approval to test” will have to apply to the surrounding states for their Intern enrollment (Alabama, Louisiana, Arkansas, and others).

We strongly recommend that you watch the short explanatory videos about the conversion to CBT exams on the NCEES website. Go to: www.ncees.org, then click on the right side “find out about computer testing”. Read through the explanations and watch the videos. Then feel free to contact us if you have questions by emailing:

information@pepls.state.ms.us

Finally, we also urge you to contact our office to confirm how many exam citations (opportunities) you still have available to you on your current application; for this question, email: barbaram@pepls.state.ms.us

Respectfully,

The Mississippi Board of Licensure
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