

Information regarding changes to the Fundamentals of Engineering (FE) and Fundamentals of Surveying (FS) examinations due to computer-based testing (CBT)

The National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES) transitioned to a computer-based testing (CBT) model for the administration of the Fundamentals of Engineering (FE) and Fundamentals of Surveying (FS) examinations.

- FE and FS exams are offered year-round through CBT. The Principles and Practice of Engineering (PE) will continue to be offered in April and October and will still be in pencil-and-paper format. The Principles and Practice of Surveying (PS) exams will be offered in pencil-and-paper format for the last time in April 2016. Beginning October 2016, the PS exam will be offered via CBT.
- Candidates should register DIRECTLY with NCEES (www.ncees.org) to take the FE/FS exam at any time that an approved Pearson VUE testing center is open and seating is available. For example, a SC candidate may take the exam at a location in California.
- Computer-based exams are only administered at approved Pearson VUE testing centers located in major cities throughout the country. Approved testing centers are located in Columbia, Greenville, and North Charleston, SC.
- ***Candidates wishing to take the FE or FS exam should register with NCEES, and designate “South Carolina” as your exam state to ensure the Board receives your results. Passing the FE or FS exam does NOT guarantee certification. After passing the exam, you must apply with the Board and meet the education requirements of SC Code of Laws Section 40-22-220 (EIT), or 40-22-225 (LSIT) to be considered for certification.***
- NCEES computer-based exams are offered in testing windows throughout the year:

NCEES FE and FS Testing Windows
January - March
April - June
July - September
October - December

- Candidates will select an exam date and location when registering with NCEES.
- Candidates may only take the exam one time per testing window and no more than three (3) times in a 12-month period which begins with the examinees first attempt.
- CBT fee is \$175 per exam and will be paid directly to NCEES, www.ncees.org, via major credit card at the time of registration.
- The CBT FE and FS exams will consist of a 6-hour test center appointment, which includes an introduction and break. Candidates will have 5 hours and 20 minutes to complete 110 questions.
- FE exam candidates will choose **one** of seven free-standing, discipline-specific exams: Chemical, Civil, Electrical, Environmental, Industrial, Mechanical and Other Disciplines.
- NCEES-approved calculators are permitted.
- Exams are closed book. Searchable reference materials will be provided on each computer.
- Visit the NCEES website, www.ncees.org for additional information and an updated Examinee Handbook.
- Computer-based practice exams are available for purchase through the NCEES website.