

# E News



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## Important Examination Information for 2014

Beginning in January 2014, the Fundamentals of Engineering (FE) and Fundamentals of Surveying (FS) exams will be offered year-round as computer-based exams at Pearson VUE testing centers. For additional information visit <http://cbt.ncees.org>

Please see <http://www.ncees.org/Exams/exam-schedule> for the PE exam schedule posted by NCEES.

Senior students at Clemson University, The Citadel, the University of South Carolina, and Bob Jones University may submit applications through their department for the examination. Other applicants should submit an application directly to the Board office. Applications are available online at <http://www.llr.state.sc.us/POL/Engineers/index.asp?file=Applications/Exams.htm> and should be submitted to the Board office by the filing deadline date. Original transcripts should also be sent to the Board office after graduating from the program. (Contact the college/university Registrar's office and request that the transcripts be sent to the Board office at the address for U.S. mail below).

## FE and FS Exam Application Deadlines

S.C. Application Receipt and Approval Window	Exam Window
September 2 – December 1	January and February
December 2 – March 1	April and May
March 2 – June 1	July and August
June 2 – September 1	October and November

The PE and PS and State Specific exams are administered in April and October at The Jamil Temple in Columbia, SC. Applications for the PE and PS are available online at

<http://www.llr.state.sc.us/POL/Engineers/index.asp?file=Applications/Exams.htm> (scroll down to the appropriate exam application and download ALL forms under that heading) and should be submitted to the Board office by the filing deadline.

Repeat candidates for any of these examinations should e-mail the Board at [engls@llr.sc.gov](mailto:engls@llr.sc.gov) for approval to retake an examination. Please include a full name, date of birth, and the last four digits of the social security number to ensure proper enrollment. Applicants that have taken the examination more than twice must complete a Certificate of Study form in order to retake it. The Certificate of Study form is available online at [http://llronline.com/POL/Engineers/PDF\\_Files/Certificate%20of%20Study.pdf](http://llronline.com/POL/Engineers/PDF_Files/Certificate%20of%20Study.pdf).

### BOARD MEMBERS

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 John P. Johnson, PE & PLS, Member

### BOARD MEETING DATES

All meetings are held at the S.C. Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation, 110 Centerview Drive, Columbia, SC and begin at 9:30 a.m.  
 November 19, 2013

### OFFICE STAFF

Lenora Addison-Miles, Administrator  
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### BOARD OFFICE HOURS

8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. Monday – Friday

### PE and PS Exam Application Deadlines

December 15 for the April exam

June 15 for the October exam

If submitting application by U.S. mail, address it to:

SC Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation

Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Surveyors

PO Box 11597

Columbia, SC 29211-1597

If submitting application by express mail, FedEx or UPS , address it to:  
 SC Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation  
 Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Surveyors  
 110 Centerview Drive  
 Columbia, SC 29210

## Administrator Jan Simpson Retires

Jan Simpson, Administrator for the Board of Professional Engineers and Surveyors, retired effective June 30, 2013.

Simpson has actively participated in NCARB regional and annual meetings since 1994, serving as a workshop presenter and panelist. Her NCARB committee service included membership on the Member Board Executives Committee, chairing it in 2004; the Committee on the Intern Development Program (IDP); NCARB Impediments Task Force; IDP Advisory Committee; and the Committee on Procedures and Documents. Simpson was the Member Board Executive Director of the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards in 2011-2013.

NCARB Past President Frank Guillot (2004-2005) awarded Simpson the NCARB President's Medal for Distinguished Service in 2005. NCARB's highest honor, the medal signifies commitment to the architectural profession and to the Council's mission to protect the public's health, safety, and welfare by leading the regulation of standards for licensure and credentialing.

Simpson graduated from Wesleyan College in Macon, GA, with a bachelor of arts in English. She was recently awarded the American Institute of Architects Presidential Citation for Distinguished Service to the Profession as Administrator of the South Carolina Board of Architectural Examiners 1994 – 2013,

The Board wishes her the best in her retirement and future endeavors.



## Meet New Administrator Lenora Addison-Miles



Lenora Addison-Miles is the new Administrator for the Boards of Architectural Examiners, Landscape Architectural Examiners, Professional Engineers and Surveyors, and the Soil Classifiers Advisory Council, effective July 1, 2013.

Addison-Miles graduated from Columbia College in 1993 with a bachelor of arts in public affairs, and a minor in business administration. She graduated from South University with high honors in 2011 with a master's degree in business administration and earned her Certified Public Manager credential from the South Carolina Budget and Control Board in 2005.

Addison-Miles began her career with state government in 1993 as an employee with the South Carolina Board of Nursing. She was hired as a full-time employee with the Residential Builders Commission in May 1994, and since that time has also worked with the Building Codes Council and the Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Surveyors, and as an administrative coordinator for the health and medically related boards. She most recently served as the Administrator for the Auctioneer's Commission, the Board of Registration for Foresters, and the Board of Registration for Geologists for 11 years, and the Environmental Certification Board for 3 years. She brings expertise in initial licensing, renewals, board meetings, compliance, administration, and management support to this position.

The Board welcomes Addison-Miles and looks forward to many years of service and support to the profession.

## Meet Sara McCartha



Sara McCartha serves as legal counsel to the SC Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Surveyors.

McCartha received a bachelor of science degree in psychology with a minor on legal studies from Clemson University in 2003 and her J.D. degree from the University of South Carolina School of Law in 2006. After receiving her J.D., McCartha clerked for The Honorable James W. Johnson, and assisted the bench on many criminal and civil cases, including cases related to the Carolina Investors/HomeGold investigation. McCartha was an Assistant Attorney General from 2007 to 2012, concentrating on complex Medicaid fraud investigations. She was a 2010 and 2011 recipient of the U.S. Office of Inspector General's Integrity Award for her work on United States vs. Saroj Parida and other state and federal cases. She provides advice to 10 professional and occupational licensing boards at LLR, and assists the Office of Governmental Affairs in legislative matters. McCartha looks forward to bringing her experience to the Board and the profession.

The Board welcomes McCartha and looks forward to many years of service to the profession.

## Meet the New Board Member

John P. Johnson, PE, PLS  
President, Power Engineering Company, Inc.



John P. Johnson, founder and president of Power Engineering Company, Inc., has been appointed to the South Carolina Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Surveyors by Governor Nikki R. Haley. Registered as a Professional Engineer and Surveyor for 35 years, Johnson's firm provides technical services in the Carolinas and Georgia. His 40-year career has led to expertise in many facets of engineering and surveying, specifically in storm drainage, erosion control, water and sewer design and rehabilitation, road design, site grading and layout.

Prior to establishing Power Engineering in 1980, Johnson served as a design engineer and surveyor for 9 years with two South Carolina based electric utilities. He is currently affiliated with the American Society of Civil Engineers, South Carolina Society of Professional Land Surveyors and the Midlands Chapter of Professional Land Surveyors. Johnson has also served the SC Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Surveyors by evaluating complaints and designing effective surveying exam questions.

As founder and president of Power Engineering Co., Inc., Johnson oversees the company's operations and is responsible for all engineering, surveying, and management functions. Johnson began the 5-year term in January, 2013.

## Thanks to Thurl Amick

The Board would like to extend its gratitude to Thurl M. Amick, Sr., PLS for his service on the Board. Amick's term expired on December 31, 2012.

Charles M. Joye, II, PE Resigns from the Board

Charles M. Joye, II has resigned from the Board to accept an appointment on the Board for the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control. Joye was appointed to the Board on January 1, 2008, by Governor Mark Sanford.

The Board wishes to extend its gratitude to Joye for his service to the field of engineering in South Carolina and wishes him luck in his new appointment.

## NCEES Credentials Evaluations Named Official Educational Credentials Evaluator for Records Program

The NCEES board of directors recently designated the organization's Credentials Evaluations service as the official educational credentials evaluator for its Records program. Beginning December 1, 2012, all NCEES Records applicants with degrees earned outside the United States from programs not accredited by ABET must have their educational background evaluated by NCEES Credentials Evaluations. Evaluations performed by any other service will no longer be accepted.

The board of directors approved the new requirement at its November 2012 meeting.

An NCEES Record contains the documentation needed for comity licensure, the process by which an individual licensed in one state applies for licensure in another jurisdiction. This includes college transcripts, exam and employment verifications, and professional references. NCEES collects and stores this information and then submits it to a state licensing board on the individual's behalf when he or she applies for comity licensure.

NCEES Executive Director Jerry Carter explained the reason for the change: "The majority of our member licensing boards only accept an NCEES evaluation when reviewing a licensure candidate, so this change will better meet the requirements of the state boards. We also hope that having a unified method for evaluations will improve the NCEES Records application process for our candidates and save them valuable time."

This change will not affect pending applications submitted prior to December 1, 2012.

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## Technology Degree Applicants

Applicants holding an accredited degree must apply for registration through the Portfolio Application Process. This is a process especially designed to grant individuals with technology degrees a Category A (unrestricted) registration and applies to both new and comity candidates. In order to qualify for the process, applicants must have a TAC/ABET accredited degree and eight years of experience after obtaining the degree.

In order to apply for the process, applicants must first submit an application to the Board.

Applications and forms can be obtained online at

[www.llronline.com/POL/engineers/index.asp?file=pub.htm](http://www.llronline.com/POL/engineers/index.asp?file=pub.htm) (scroll to the bottom of the page and download the forms under the heading labeled “Engineering Technology Graduates”). The application will be reviewed by a Board member for approval to enter the Portfolio Review Process.

Board staff will contact the applicant with guidelines and forms for submitting the portfolios when the application has been approved for the portfolio process. Portfolios must include three projects showing progressive experience, and hand calculations are required for each project. The projects can be submitted on CD per the instructions transmitted to the application upon approval for the process. Applicants should provide six copies of the portfolios and should maintain one copy to bring to the committee review and interview.

Once the portfolios are received, Board staff will send a confirmation to the applicant and will schedule a date for a portfolio review and interview. A five -member committee will be formed based on the applicant’s discipline. A date will be scheduled for the committee to review the portfolio and interview the candidate. Applicants for this process must appear before the committee for an interview in order to complete the process. Reviews and interviews are held at the Board office in Columbia, SC. Committees are typically formed in the spring and fall of each year. Applicants will be given at least two weeks notice of the review and interview date so travel arrangements can be made. The committee will make a recommendation to the Board, which will be reviewed for registration at the next scheduled Board meeting. Applicants are welcome to attend the Board meeting, but this is not required to complete the process.

This is a lengthy process that can take up to six months to complete, so it is best for applicant to submit applications well in advance of anticipating work in South Carolina. Please contact Sherri Moorer at (803) 896-4408 or at [sherri.moorer@llr.sc.gov](mailto:sherri.moorer@llr.sc.gov) with questions about the portfolio process.

### Portfolio Committee Members Needed

The Board is always in need of volunteers to serve on the Portfolio Review Committees. Committees are formed by discipline and typically meet twice a year (spring and fall) to review candidates for registration through the portfolio review process. The review process has been streamlined for more efficiency. Submissions are now being accepted and transmitted electronically. Another change is that the review and interview meetings have been combined, so committee members will only be required to travel to the Board office in Columbia one time for each review session.

Committee members will receive mileage reimbursement and one hour of continuing education for each hour they spend at the Board office performing reviews and interviews. Applicants for all disciplines are now being accepted. The Board is in particular need for volunteers in the area of civil engineering and fire protection.

Registrants interested in serving on a portfolio review committee should send a letter of interest and a resume to Sherri Moorer by e-mail at [sherri.moorer@llr.sc.gov](mailto:sherri.moorer@llr.sc.gov) or by FAX at (803) 896-4427.

## Online Services

LLR offers registrants online services at <https://verify.llronline.com/SecurePortal/Index.aspx> . Services available on this site include checking application status, entering a change of address, and printing registration cards. Registrants will need a username and password to access the system, which is provided on the renewal notice mailed to registrants.

## Registration Verifications

There is a \$5 fee to provide verification of exam scores and/or registration information to state boards. To obtain verification, please send the form and a \$5 check made payable to LLR – Engineering Board, to the Board office. Providing a self -addressed, stamped envelope will also ensure the completed form is returned to the correct address.

## State Holidays

The Board office will be closed in observance of the following State holidays:

Monday, November 11, 2013, for Veteran’s Day.

Thursday – Friday, November 28-29, 2013, for Thanksgiving Day.



Tuesday, December 24, 2013, for Christmas Eve.  
 Wednesday – Thursday, December 25-26, 2013, for Christmas Day.  
 Wednesday, January 1, 2014, for New Year's Day.  
 Monday, January 20, 2014, for Martin Luther King, Jr., Day.  
 Monday, February 17, 2014, for President's Day.  
 Friday, May 9, 2014, for Confederate Memorial Day.  
 Monday, May 26, 2014, for Memorial Day.

## Licensure Statistics as of October 16, 2013

<b>Engineer-In-Training</b>	<b>7,150</b>
<b>Professional Engineers</b>	<b>15,258</b>
<b>Land Surveyor-In-Training</b>	<b>162</b>
<b>GIS Surveyor-In-Training</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Surveyors</b>	<b>1,095</b>
<b>Certificate of Authorization</b>	<b>2,699</b>
<b>Certificate of Authorization Branch Offices</b>	<b>811</b>
<b>Temporary Engineers</b>	<b>50</b>
<b>Temporary Certificate of Authorization</b>	<b>40</b>