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NCEES moves ahead transition of PE Electrical and Computer: Power exam to computer-based testing to January 2021

The Principles and Practice of Engineering (PE) Electrical and Computer: Power exam is moving to computer-based testing (CBT), with appointments available year-round at Pearson VUE test centers beginning January 2, 2021.

NCEES originally planned to complete the exam's transition to CBT format in April 2021, but the organization fast-tracked the change as part of its response to COVID-19. "The April 2020 pencil-and-paper administration of the exam was canceled because of the coronavirus pandemic, so we brought the transition to CBT forward to better accommodate examinees and facilitate licensure during these challenging times," explained NCEES Director of Exam Services Tim Miller, P.E. "The exam will be available year-round instead of being offered twice per year."

The exam will be offered for the last time in pencil-and-paper format in October 2020; registration for this administration is currently open. Registration for the computer-based exam will open November 2, 2020. The specifications, or knowledge areas, for the exam will not change when it moves to the new CBT format.

The PE Electrical and Computer exam is offered in three disciplines: Power; Computer Engineering; and Electronics, Controls, and Communications. The Computer Engineering and the Electronics, Controls, and Communications disciplines are also moving to CBT after the October 2020 exam administration. However, these disciplines—which have a lower volume of examinees—will be offered annually beginning October 2021.

For more information on the PE Electrical and Computer: Power exam and the transition of NCEES licensing exams to CBT format, visit ncees.org/cbt.

ABOUT NCEES

The National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying is a nonprofit organization made up of engineering and surveying licensing boards from all U.S. states, the District of Columbia, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Since its founding in 1920, NCEES has been committed to advancing licensure for engineers and surveyors in order to safeguard the health, safety, and welfare of the U.S. public.

NCEES helps its member licensing boards carry out their duties to regulate the professions of engineering and surveying. It develops best-practice models for state licensure laws and regulations and promotes uniformity among the states. It develops and administers the exams used for engineering and surveying licensure throughout the country. It also provides services to help licensed engineers and surveyors practice their professions in other U.S. states and territories. For more information, please visit ncees.org.