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Principles and Practice of Engineering Examinations

(1) NCEES Examinations. The uniform, national examinations are written and scored by the NCEES, and administered by NCEES Exam Administration Services in Spring and Fall. (Note: Consult NCEES for examination dates, times, locations, costs, and details.) The NCEES-examined branches of professional engineering recognized by the Board are:

(a) Agricultural (Agricultural and Biological Engineering NCEES examination).

(b) Building Systems (Architectural Engineering NCEES examination).

(c) Chemical.

(d) Civil.

(e) Control Systems.

(f) Electrical (Electrical and Computer Engineering NCEES examination).

(g) Environmental.

(h) Fire Protection.

(i) Industrial.

(j) Mechanical.

(k) Metallurgical (Metallurgical and Materials Engineering NCEES examination).

(l) Naval Architecture and Marine.

(m) Nuclear.

(2) The California examination branch recognized by the Board is Geotechnical. (Note: The California Geotechnical Engineering Examination is written, scored, and administered by the State of California, but is available at Oregon test sites. Consult the California Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, and Geologists for examination dates, times, test site locations, cost, and details).

(3) Oregon Specific Examinations. The Oregon Specific examinations are written, scored, and administered by the Board. (Note: See <http://www.oregon.gov/OSBEELS/Pages/index.aspx> for examination dates, times, costs, and details.)

(a) Oregon examination branches recognized by the Board are:

(A) Acoustical.

(B) Forest.

(b) The Acoustical Engineering Examination and Forest Engineering Examination are each held once a year, in April. To sit for the Acoustical Engineering Examination or Forest Engineering Examination, a completed Examination form and required examination fee must be postmarked or hand delivered to the Board office by 5:00 p.m. on February 1.

(c) To withdraw from the Acoustical Engineering Examination or Forest Engineering Examination, and forward the Examination form and examination fees to the following year, a written request to withdraw and forward the Examination form and examination fees must be received by the Board offices no later than March 1. Examination forms and fees may only be forwarded upon withdrawal once. After one withdrawal, the original Examination form will no longer be forwarded and examination fees will not be forwarded or refunded.

(d) To withdraw from the Acoustical Engineering Examination or Forest Engineering Examination without forwarding, and request a refund of the fees, a written request to withdraw and for the fees to be refunded must be received by the Board offices no later than March 1. After one withdrawal, examination fees will not be refunded.

(e) The cutoff scores for the Acoustical Engineering Examination and Forest Engineering Examination are 70 points out of 100 points.

(f) Examinees may request reasonable accommodations to the examination's administration.

(A) Reasonable accommodations will be provided for examinees who have a documented disability within the meaning of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Reasonable accommodations may be provided for examinees whose religious convictions prohibit them from testing on the scheduled examination dates.

(B) Requests for reasonable accommodations must be submitted on the Board approved form, and accompanied by supporting documentation, by the deadline of February 1.

(4) Review of Examinations. With respect to the Acoustical Engineering and Forest Engineering Examinations administered by the Board, the Applicant may submit a written request to review the Applicant's own examination results. The Board will allow a two-hour examination review when the Applicant failed the examination and the Applicant achieved a score within five points of the cutoff score. With respect to such reviews;

(a) The Applicant may examine the test booklet, solution pamphlet and answer key.

(b) The Acoustical Engineering and Forest Engineering Examination applicant may review the examination on only one occasion. The Board will prescribe a time and place for the review. Applicants must notify the Board at least five days before the scheduled date that they review their examinations. Applicants who fail to review their examination at the prescribed time and place will not be allowed to reschedule a review of the examination.

(c) All examination reviews will be conducted in the presence of a person designated by the Board.

(d) Except as allowed by the Board for persons requiring disability assistance, no person may accompany the Applicant during the examination review.

(e) The Applicant will not take any materials into nor remove any materials from the location where the examination review is conducted.

(f) The Applicant may prepare and submit a written request for rescoring the Applicant's examination, provided that the Applicant's score otherwise satisfies the requirements of this section, while at the location where the examination review is conducted.

(5) The Board may rescore an essay response for a qualified applicant if the applicant demonstrates, in writing, sufficient technical justification that their solution deserves reconsideration. The Board's rescore determination is final and not subject to further review. An applicant requesting the Board to rescore an examination must submit a complete written request within the two-hour timeframe.

(6) Oregon Specific Examination Subversion.

(a) An application of any Applicant who is under investigation by the Board for examination subversion, as defined in OAR 820-005-0040, will not be considered by the Board until the investigation and any ensuing disciplinary action are complete.

(b) An Applicant disciplined for examination subversion is subject to imposition of civil penalties and denial of registration. A Registrant who is disciplined for examination subversion is subject to imposition of civil penalties and suspension or revocation of registration.

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