

**STATE BOARD OF LICENSURE FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS**

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**PURPOSE:**

The State Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers was established in 1935 to protect the public through the regulation of the practice of engineering in the State of Maine by establishing and maintaining professional standards. The Board is authorized to examine, certify, and license applicants who qualify as Professional Engineers or Engineer-Interns in Maine; to renew licenses upon payment of specified fees; to publish and distribute a roster of all licensed professional engineers; to make rules not inconsistent with state laws relating to engineers; and to investigate complaints of alleged violations of such laws and rules, conduct hearings, subpoena witnesses and institute disciplinary action as warranted.

**ORGANIZATION:**

The Board is composed of seven members. The Governor appoints five Professional Engineers and one public member for five-year terms. The seventh member of the Board is the Chief Engineer of the Department of Transportation, who serves ex-officio. The Board members elect a chair and vice-chair from their membership each year.

The Board maintains membership in the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES). Board members participate in NCEES activities and serve on national committees with other member boards from all fifty states, the District of Columbia, and four territorial jurisdictions. This facilitates reciprocal licensure processes and helps assure minimum competence to practice. Board members also maintain membership in state and national engineering societies. These efforts keep the Board informed of trends and activities in the engineering profession.

**PROGRAM:**

As of June 30, 2013, a total of 5874 professional engineers were licensed in Maine. Of the professional engineers licensed in Maine, 1995, or slightly fewer than 34%, have a residential address in Maine.

During FY 2014, 282 candidates were licensed as professional engineers. Of those candidates, 62 qualified for original licensure through written examination, 2 qualified through oral examination, and 218 qualified for licensure by comity with other jurisdictions. The applications of the 186 comity applicants whose records are maintained by NCEES had an expedited approval process because their credentials were previously verified by NCEES. Statutory change eliminated the oral exam option effective October 9, 2013.

Professional qualifying examinations are administered each fall and spring under an agreement between the Board and the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES). The Principles and Practices Exam (PE) and the Structural Exam (SE) are qualifying exams for professional engineering licensure. The Fundamentals of Engineering Exam (FE) is a qualification for engineer-intern certification.

Fall examinations given at Orono, ME in October, 2013 had the following results:

PE exam candidates: 58	PE passed: 40
SE exam candidates: 5	SE passed: 2*
FE exam candidates: 143	FE passed: 85

Spring examinations given at Orono, ME in April, 2014 had the following results:

PE exam candidates: 92	PE passed: 65
SE exam candidates: 6	SE passed: 0*

\*The SE exam is a two-component exam. A passing score is reflected only after a candidate has successfully completed both portions of the exam.

As of January, 2014 the FE exam is administered exclusively as a computer-based examination during four two-month testing periods each year, with registration for the FE exam open year-round. Statute and Rule changes were implemented to facilitate access to the computer-based FE exam. Instead of applying to the Board to be approved to sit for the exam, applicants now apply for Engineer-Intern Certification only after passing the FE exam.

The Board held six meetings during fiscal year 2014: August 15, 2013, November 21, 2013, January 16, 2014, March 20, 2014, May 1, 2014, and June 19, 2014.

**LICENSES:**

Professional Engineer License  
Engineer-Intern Certification

**PUBLICATIONS:**

"Roster of Professional Engineers" \$10.00 - available online for free.  
"Title 32, Revised Statutes of Maine, Chapter 19, Engineers"  
"02-322 C.M.R. Ch. 1-6"  
"Newsletter" - Twice each year