

STATE BOARD OF LICENSURE FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS

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PURPOSE:

The State Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers protects the public by regulating the practice of engineering in Maine. The Board is authorized to examine qualifications of applicants, certify Engineer Interns, license Professional Engineers, renew licenses upon receipt of required fees, maintain a roster of licensees, make rules not inconsistent with state laws relating to professional engineers, investigate complaints of alleged violations of such laws and rules, conduct hearings, subpoena witnesses and evidence, and institute disciplinary action as warranted.

ORGANIZATION:

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

The Board maintains membership in the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES). Board members and staff participate in NCEES activities and serve on national committees with other member boards from all fifty states, the District of Columbia, and four U.S. territories. NCEES members promote reciprocal licensure and help assure minimum standards of competence to practice. Board members also maintain membership in professional engineering societies. These efforts keep the Board informed of trends in the engineering profession.

PROGRAM:

As of June 30, 2024, there were 7,467 professional engineers licensed in Maine. Of that total, 2,016, or 26.9%, reside in Maine.

In FY24, 603 professional engineers were licensed in Maine: 116 qualified for original licensure through examination. 487 qualified for licensure by comity with other jurisdictions. The 481 comity applicants (98.7%) who submitted an NCEES Record with their application received expedited approval because their credentials are reviewed and verified in advance by NCEES to standards that meet or exceed the standards in Maine law.

Professional qualifying examinations are administered for the Board by the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES). All NCEES exams are administered in computer-based testing (CBT) format at Pearson Vue Test Centers.

The Principles and Practices of Engineering Exam (PE) and the Structural Exam (SE) are qualifying exams for Professional Engineer licensure. The Fundamentals of Engineering Exam (FE) is the qualifying exam for Engineer Intern certification.

The NCEES SE exam is offered in CBT format in 4 separate 4-hour component parts, taken individually. A passing score is achieved only after receiving an acceptable result on all 4 component parts.

SE Exam results for FY24: There were 0 successful SE exam candidates in FY24.

The NCEES PE exams are offered in CBT format. Major exams are offered year-round, while minor exams (limited examinee pool) are offered on a single date in either April or October.

PE Exam results for FY24 are as follows:

PE exam candidates: 192

PE exam candidates passing: 119 (61.9%)

The NCEES FE exam is administered year-round in CBT format at Pearson Vue Test Centers. Applicants apply for Engineer Intern Certification after passing the FE exam and graduating from an approved degree program.

FE Exam results for FY24 are as follows:

FE exam candidates: 266

FE exam candidates passing: 140 (52.6%)

Board meetings were held on these dates during FY24: August 10, 2023; October 19, 2023; January 18, 2024; March 21, 2024; and June 20, 2024.

LICENSES:

Professional Engineer License

Engineer Intern Certification

PUBLICATIONS:

"Roster of Professional Engineers" \$20.00 (printed) - free online.

"Title 32, Revised Statutes of Maine, Chapter 19, Engineers"

"02-322 C.M.R. Ch. 1-6"

"Newsletter" - Electronic - free online and emailed to all licensees.