

Fundamentals or Engineering:

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Please see the Candidate Information Bulletin to answer many of the Frequently Asked Questions.

Q. I have a sealed copy of my transcript given to me from my university. Is this acceptable?

A: No. The transcript must come directly from the university. Transcripts are otherwise stamped with "Issued to Student."

Q. I have not sent my final transcript. Will I receive my results?

A: Yes, however, you will not receive your EIT certificate until the transcript is received.

Q. I passed the FE, but have not received my EIT certificate. When can I expect to receive it?

A: If you have not already requested a final, official transcript to be sent directly from your college/university, you need to do so. PCS must receive this before sending your file to the board for certification. Once the transcript has been received, you can expect about two weeks processing time. PCS will then send your file to the board. The board generally asks for 4-6 weeks processing time to send your certificate. Please ensure that PCS has your correct address (or the board if your file has already been sent to the board) so that your certificate will arrive at the correct place. Please see 'Submit Name And/ Or Address Change' header.

Q. I didn't receive my EIT certificate when I passed the FE _____ years ago; if you receive my transcript now, will it affect the issue date of the EIT?

A: No. The issue date will be the same as it would have been had we received the transcript sooner.

Q. I had my foreign degree evaluated by WES (or another institution other than NCEES). Can I send that evaluation?

A: No. The Pennsylvania Board only accepts evaluations from NCEES, as NCEES determines how closely foreign degrees match ABET's accreditation scale.

Q. What more can you tell me about the examination?

A: For information concerning the examination content, scoring information and national pass rates please visit the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES web site, www.ncees.org).

Q. What is an FE Reference Handbook?

A: The FE Reference Handbook is the only allowed reference book that FE examinees may use during the examination. PCS will provide you with a copy of this reference book at the examination. The FE Reference handbook contains charts, formulas, tables and other information related to the FE examination. Some candidates have found this handbook to be helpful in their preparation for the examination. Please visit the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES) web site, www.ncees.org, to obtain your own copy. Please note that FE examinees are not allowed to bring any reference materials, including a copy of the FE Reference Handbook, into the examination.

Q. I am a Pennsylvania applicant. Can I take the examination in state other than Pennsylvania?

A: No, proctoring is no longer allowed.

Q. I have been approved to take the examination in another state (other than Pennsylvania). Can I take the examination in Pennsylvania?

A: No, proctoring is no longer allowed.