

VA Engineers and Surveyors FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. Do I need approval from the VA DPOR before scheduling for the examination?

A. Yes, please contact the VA DPOR (804) 367-8512. If you schedule without approval first, you will forfeit \$50.00 of your fees paid.

Q. How long is my eligibility good for after I receive approval from the VA DPOR?

A. 3 years from the time you are approved. Your eligibility date must be current on exam day.

Q. Once I receive approval for reinstating my eligibility, how do I schedule for the examination?

A. You should register with NCEES at www.ncees.org and shortly after PCS will email you instructions to schedule and pay.

Q. If I register with NCEES and schedule with PCS does this mean I have board approval?

A. NO. You must contact the VA DPOR to apply for board approval. VA DPOR's board application deadline is much earlier than the NCEES/PCS registration/scheduling deadlines.

Q. Are candidates required to register with NCEES each time they want to sit for an examination?

A. Anytime you want to sit for an examination you must register with NCEES. If you have previously registered with them there is no need to create another account, but you must complete your registration (choose your exam type and examination site).

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

A. No, proctoring into another state other than the state in which you applied to take the examination is no longer available unless you are in the military. If you have military orders, please contact NCEES to apply for this accommodation.

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

A. No, proctoring into another state other than the state in which you applied to take the examination is no longer available unless you are in the military. If you have military orders, please contact NCEES to apply for this accommodation.

Q. When will I receive my admission packet from PCS?

A. Approximately 2-3 weeks prior to the exam, NCEES will email you information regarding your Exam Authorization. The Exam Authorization will contain your exam date, time, specific testing location and other valuable exam related information. You must print your admission materials and take them to the examination with you for admittance.

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. When can I expect to receive my examination score?

A. Professional Credential Services (PCS) expects to receive candidate scores from the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES) approximately 10-12 weeks after the examination. PCS will release scores as soon as they have board approval. Typically, scores are released to candidates in mid-January for the October examination and in July for the April examination. Failing candidates must visit www.pcshq.com for instructions on scheduling for another examination.

Q. Fourteen weeks have passed since the exam, why haven't I received my score?

A. Once scores have been released; you will receive an email from NCEES notifying you that the scores are available. You may view and/or print your scores off from your NCEES record.

Q. I have received my national scores but I am still waiting on my State scores, when will I receive them?

A. VA DPOR will send your state scores US Postal service or E-Mail as soon as they receive them from PCS. It will be around the time the national scores are released.

Q. How can I receive a receipt of my fees paid to PCS?

A. Candidates may log into their PCS account to print a receipt 24 hours a day.