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RE-ADMITTANCE TO PREVIOUSLY FAILED EXAMINATIONS

This bulletin is directed at those candidates who have failed to pass any of the four NCEES sanctioned examinations, namely the “Fundamentals of Engineering Examination” (FE-8 hours) or the “Fundamentals of Land Surveying” (FLS-8hours) or “Principles and Practices of Engineering Examination” (PPEE-8 hours) or the “Principles and Practices of Land Surveying” (PPLS -6 hours) or the Massachusetts state specific examination, “Legal Practices and Massachusetts Law Examination for Land Surveyors” (2 hours).

Fundamentals of Engineering and Fundamentals of Land Surveying Examinations:

There are no restrictions on the number of times that an applicant make take the NCEES sanctioned FE or FLS examinations. Arrangements for retaking these examinations are made directly between the testing service and the applicant. Specific approval of the Board is not required. Any and all fees and costs involved in taking these examinations are the direct responsibility of the applicant.

Principles and Practice of Engineering Examination, Principles and Practices of Land Surveying Examination, and Legal Practices and Massachusetts Law Examination:

Applicants failing one of these examinations for the first time will automatically receive an invitation from the testing service to take the examination a second time at the applicant’s expense.

The Board of Registration of Professional Engineers and Professional Land Surveying (Board) voted at its meeting on April 27, 2006, to adopt the following policy relating to applicants for licensure who fail the principles and practice licensing examination more than once. This policy guideline does not carry with it the force or effect of law, as would Massachusetts General Law or a Board regulation. However, the Board utilizes this and other guidelines as an internal management tool in formulating decisions that relate to issues of engineering and land surveying licensure.

Policy No. 06-02

Policy:

An applicant who takes the principles and practice examination in engineering or the principles and practice examination in land surveying twice and fails both times must submit documentation demonstrating that he or she has successfully completed an educational program aimed at helping the applicant succeed on the examination prior to receiving Board approval to sit for the examination for a third time. In addition, the Board may require the applicant to sit for a personal interview for the purpose of evaluating the applicant’s updated qualifications before being approved to sit for the examination. Anyone who fails the principles and practice examination three or more times, in addition to complying with the above mentioned requirements, will not be eligible to retake the exam for a period of one year.



The applicant is responsible for all fees and other costs associated with the retaking of any of the examinations listed above. The Board must formally approve the request to retake the specific examination. The approval for the next available test is contingent upon the testing service's ability to accept the additional candidates for that particular examination.

The Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors