



## **JAPAN PE/FE EXAMINERS COUNCIL (JPEC)**

### **MISSISSIPPI BOARD OF LICENSURE FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND SURVEYORS (MSBLPES)**

#### **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

##### **I. Purpose**

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding is to establish roles, responsibilities, and financial obligations for the professional licensure program to be maintained by the Japan PE/FE Examiners Council (JPEC) and the Mississippi Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Surveyors (MSBLPES). The program will be available to the applicants who have passed the FE and PE examinations administered by NCEES/JPEC in Japan and satisfied the MSBLPES licensure requirements for licensure as a Mississippi Professional Engineer (PE). They are hereinafter called the "JPEC applicants."

The basis for the agreement is that the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES) has entered into an agreement with JPEC to administer the Principles and Practice of Engineering Exam (PE) and the Fundamentals of Engineering Exam (FE) in Japan.

##### **II. Licensure Requirements**

If the applicant to JPEC successfully passes the FE and PE exams, the individual would apply as a Mississippi candidate for licensure as a PE and upon meeting the Mississippi (MS) requirements for licensure, as determined after review by the

MSBLPES, would be licensed as a Mississippi Professional Engineer under Mississippi Statutes 73-13-1 to 73-13-45.

- A. After successfully passing the FE and PE exams, the JPEC applicants would complete the MSBLPES application form and would be required to meet all MS requirements specified hereinafter. This requires that the applicant have a U.S. social security number or complete the MSBLPES's Affidavit form certifying as to why the applicant has no U.S. social security number.
1. The JPEC applicants must comply with U.S. immigration laws regarding citizenship and/or work visas if working in the state of Mississippi.
  2. The JPEC applicants who have not received a degree from an institution in an English-speaking country will be required, in support of their application, to submit proof of a score of 550 or higher on a TOEFL exam (test of English fluency) or a certificate of his or her proficiency by a P.E. or other professional person who is fluent in English.
  3. The JPEC applicants must have successfully passed the NCEES FE and PE examinations.
  4. The JPEC applicants' education must be accredited by the Accreditation Board of Engineering and Technology (ABET) or be evaluated by NCEES Credential Evaluation Service and found to meet the NCEES Engineering Education Standard.
  5. Five references must be provided with the application – three of whom must be United States and/or Japan licensed Professional Engineers who can attest to the quality of the applicants' experience and education.
  6. The JPEC applicants' outside-U.S. engineering experience will be evaluated by MSBLPES upon application to determine if the application be accepted by MSBLPES.
- B. The applicant would pay the MSBLPES application fee.
- C. Upon successfully meeting the requirements of Mississippi Statutes 73-13-1 to 73-13-45, as determined by MSBLPES, the JPEC applicant will be issued a Mississippi PE license and be subject to all applicable laws and rules.
- D. Mississippi statute 73-13-43 requires engineering services being offered or performed in Mississippi by a corporation, firm, or partnership to have an engineering Certificate of Authority.

### III. Effective Date

This agreement is effective as of the 1st day of April, 2015, and may be modified at any time with the concurrence of the signatories. Further, this agreement may be terminated upon due and proper written notice by either party.



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