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## **TO INITIAL PE APPLICANTS - PLEASE READ CAREFULLY**

*As of February 2020, PE applicants who qualify will no longer make application to the Mississippi Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Surveyors to take the PE exam.*

*Instead, individuals will be allowed to register directly with NCEES, prior to having obtained the four years of engineering experience, provided they already meet the following criteria:*

- hold a Bachelor of Science degree in engineering from an EAC/ABET-accredited program*
- have taken and passed the NCEES Fundamentals of Engineering Examination.*
- are a Mississippi resident.*
- have the FE exam and your education VERIFIED in your NCEES account.*

*Only those individuals that have met the education requirements and have passed the FE exam may sit for the PE exam prior to having gained the required experience.*

*AFTER you have taken and successfully passed the NCEES Fundamentals of Engineering Examination; the NCEES Principles & Practice of Engineering Examination; AND, have obtained four (4) full years of qualifying engineering experience from the date you received your ABET EAC accredited degree in engineering, you are then eligible to complete the Mississippi “licensure application”.*

*If you have met the direct registration requirements above, please disregard the “IMPORTANT DEADLINES” segment below.*

**IMPORTANT DEADLINES** - All applications that require examinations shall be filed with the Board by **December 15** for the April examination and by **June 15** for the October examination; **no waivers will be granted**. Applications received after these dates will be processed for the next scheduled examination. The Board office staff does not have authority to waive these deadlines.

Furthermore, to allow sufficient time for Board review, all required documentation, that is, references, transcripts, and FE exam verifications from other states, must be received by **December 15** to be considered for an April examination citation and by **June 15** to be considered for an October examination citation. Applications that are not fully documented by these dates will be considered for later examinations.

Please restrict phone calls about your application status to between 2:00 & 4:00 PM; call 601-359-6165. (This allows us sufficient time to file all the mail received that day, so that you can get the most current status.) You can also email questions about the status of your application to: **barbaram@pepls.state.ms.us**

Please do not email questions about the status of your application to the Board's general information email address. This address is for the purposes of general information only.

For privacy reasons, the staff will discuss the status of your application with you only, or with your assistant whom you have designated in a letter or email to us.

**The current requirements for PE licensure are:**

an ABET EAC accredited BS engineering degree (**or** an acceptable equivalent) (**or** a graduate degree in an engineering curriculum that is ABET accredited at the undergraduate level COUPLED WITH either a non-ABET BS degree in engineering, a BS degree in engineering technology, or a BS degree in a related science)

- + the FE exam & EI enrollment
- + 4 years of qualifying engineering experience
- + the PPE exam

If your only degree is an engineering technology degree, you are not eligible for PE licensure in Mississippi and you should not submit an application. This is a state law which neither the Board staff nor Board members may waive. We do not issue refunds of application fees.