

Taking the PE exam without experience
OR
Taking the PE exam with 4 or more years of experience

Beginning with the April 2015 exam administration, rule §1305 has been changed to allow candidates to take the Principles and Practice exam prior to obtaining the requisite experience.

§1305. Approval to Take the Examination in the Principles and Practice of Engineering

A. An applicant who meets all of the other requirements for licensure as a professional engineer may be permitted to take the examination in the principles and practice of engineering in the discipline in which he/she seeks licensure.

B. An applicant who has already been duly certified as an engineer intern by the board, but has not yet met the experience requirement for licensure as a professional engineer, may be permitted to take the examination in the principles and practice of engineering in the discipline in which he/she seeks licensure.

Applicants for Louisiana planning to take a Principles and Practice of Engineering (PE) Exam must meet these requirements to register directly with NCEES:

- Applicant has graduated with a BS degree from an EAC/[ABET-accredited program](#) and has submitted a transcript to NCEES.
- Applicant has passed the Fundamentals of Engineering (FE) Exam.

You must understand that passing the Principles and Practice of Engineering examination does not necessarily mean that you will receive a professional engineer license. You will still need to obtain the requisite progressive engineering experience. Please refer to Chapter 15 of the Law and Rules.

Once you pass this examination and obtain the requisite progressive engineering experience, you must complete a NCEES record before submitting the LAPELS online Licensure as a Professional Engineer by Examination.

If you ever apply for professional engineer licensure in another jurisdiction, you MAY be required to take the Principles and Practice of Engineering examination again. Some jurisdictions may not honor the “early taking” of the Principles and Practice of Engineering examination prior to obtaining the requisite progressive engineering experience.