

HB 742 PASSED

DECOUPLING GOES INTO EFFECT FOR THE SPRING 2017 PE EXAM

HB 742 was passed by the General Assembly in the 2016 short session and will be in effect for the Spring 2017 PE exam. The window will open for the Spring exams November 1st.

Beginning November 1st PE applicants who qualify will no longer make application to the North Carolina Board to take the PE exam. The applicant will go directly to NCEES and sign up to take the PE exam.

To be eligible to take the PE exam in NC an applicant:

1. Must first possess one of the following:
 - a. A bachelor's degree in engineering from an EAC/ABET accredited program or in a related science curriculum which has been approved by the Board as being of satisfactory standing.
 - b. A bachelor's degree in an engineering curriculum or related science curriculum of four years or more, other than curriculums approved by the Board as being of satisfactory standing in sub-subdivision a. of this subdivision.
 - c. A master's degree in engineering from an institution that offers EAC/ABET accredited programs.
 - d. An earned doctoral degree in engineering from an institution that offers EAC/ABET accredited programs and in which the degree requirements are approved by the Board.
2. Take and pass the Fundamentals of Engineering Exam.

Upon passing the PE exam AND meeting the experience requirements, the applicant will then apply with the North Carolina Board for the PE license. To be eligible for the PE license in NC, the applicant must:

1. Possess one of the degree requirements listed above.
2. Pass the FE and PE exam
3. Present evidence satisfactory to the Board of a specific record of progressive engineering experience that is of a grade and character that indicates to the Board that the applicant is competent to practice engineering. Those meeting the education requirements of subsection (a), (c) and (d) shall have no less than four years and for an applicant who qualifies under subsection (b) no less than eight years.

For applicants applying to waive the FE exam based on 20 years of practice, you must still apply to the Board for approval of the waiver and being permitted to take the PE exam.

Only those applicants that have met the education requirements and have passed the FE exam may sit directly for the PE exam prior to having gained the required experience. Then upon gaining the required experience apply for the PE license.

The new application forms will be posted on the web site beginning November 1st.

A copy of HB 742 (Session Law SL 2016-105) can be found here:

<http://www.ncleg.net/Sessions/2015/Bills/House/PDF/H742v4.pdf>

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