

**NORTH CAROLINA BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR ENGINEERS AND SURVEYORS  
PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER  
APPLICATION PROCESS**

**As of November 1, 2016, 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 to sign up for the PE exam with the exception of those seeking to waive the FE exam based upon 20 years of practice.**

**Only those applicants 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. Do not apply for the PE license until after gaining the required experience.**

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

1. Must first possess one of the following:
  - a. A bachelor's degree in engineering from an EAC/ABET accredited program.
  - b. A bachelor's degree in engineering from an ETAC/ABET accredited program, or related science curriculum.
  - c. A master's degree in engineering from an institution that offers EAC/ABET accredited programs in the same discipline. With this degree, an applicant is eligible for PE licensure with four years of progressive engineering experience from the date of graduation.
  - d. An earned doctoral degree in engineering from an institution that offers EAC/ABET accredited programs.
2. Pass the Fundamentals of Engineering exam.

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

1. Satisfy one of the degree requirements listed above.
2. Pass the FE and PE exams.
3. Present evidence satisfactory to the Board of a specific record of progressive engineering experience after the date of graduation 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) or (d) shall have no less than four years and for an applicant who qualifies under subsection (b) no less than eight years.

**Applicants seeking to waive the FE exam based on 20 years of practice** must submit an application to the Board for approval of the waiver before being permitted to take the PE exam. Applicants are urged to file their application well in advance of the NCEES exam registration deadline in order to assure the Board receives all the necessary information to review prior to the deadline.

Upon completion mail application to the Board office (**Do not staple or fold application**): **NC Board of Examiners for Engineers and Surveyors  
4601 Six Forks Road, Suite 310  
Raleigh, NC 27609**

For questions regarding application status please e-mail [abush@ncbels.org](mailto:abush@ncbels.org)

Educational institutions can send transcripts via e-mail [transcripts@ncbels.org](mailto:transcripts@ncbels.org).