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MEMO

DATE: July 20, 2026

TO: Member Board Administrators

FROM: Lehmon Dekle, P.E., Chief Officer of Examinations

RE: Notice of Future Changes to NCEES Exams and Supporting Materials

This memo provides Member Boards the minimum 1-year notice required by the NCEES *Manual of Policy and Position Statements*, Exam Development Policy (EDP) 8.

As a reminder, member boards have previously been notified of the following changes, which will be effective on the dates indicated:

Fall 2026 Exam Changes

- **PE Architectural Engineering**—The PE Architectural Engineering exam will be administered with new specifications in October 2026. Exam specifications are posted on the NCEES website.

Spring 2027 Exam Changes

- **PE Civil**—The PE Civil exams will be administered with new design standards in April 2027. Exam specifications are not changing and are posted on the NCEES website.
- **PE Control Systems**—The PE Control Systems exam will be administered with new specifications and design standards in April 2027. Exam specifications are posted on the NCEES website.
- **PE Fire Protection**—The PE Fire Protection exam will be administered with new specifications and design standards in April 2027. Exam specifications are posted on the NCEES website.
- **PE Structural Engineering Breadth sections**—The PE Structural Engineering Lateral and Vertical Breadth sections will be administered with new specifications and design standards in April 2027. The number of questions will not change. Exam specifications are posted on the NCEES website.
- **PE Structural Engineering Depth sections**—The PE Structural Engineering Lateral and Vertical Depth sections will be administered with new specifications and design standards in April 2027. The exams will consist of 48 questions. Exam specifications are posted on the NCEES website.

Summer 2027 Exam Changes

- **PS**—The Principles and Practice of Surveying (PS) exam will be administered with new specifications in July 2027. Exam specifications are posted on the NCEES website.

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Fall 2027 Exam Changes

- **PLSS—**The Public Land Survey System (PLSS) exam will begin administration in late September 2027. Exam specifications are posted on the NCEES website. **NCEES will be contacting boards regarding their usage of the PLSS exam and the examinee attestation required to register for the exam.**

If you have any questions about these changes or require additional information, please contact NCEES at boardquestions@ncees.org.

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