



Information regarding changes to the Fundamentals of Engineering (FE) and Fundamentals of Surveying (FLS) examinations due to CBT transition

As you may already know, the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES) has fully transitioned to a computer-based testing (CBT) model for the administration of the Fundamentals of Engineering (FE) and Fundamentals of Surveying (FLS) examinations. The following is important information for applicants regarding this transition:

- **All Oregon candidates must first apply with the Oregon Board and be approved before they are allowed to register with NCEES and must do so prior to each exam attempt.** If an application packet is found to be lacking any of the required documentation, the candidate will be given two weeks to provide lacking documentation. NCEES will be notified of approved applications as they are processed.
- Computer-based exams will only be administered at approved Pearson VUE testing centers.
- There are no exams given in March, June, September and December.
- Candidates may only test three times in a 12-month period.

NCEES CBT fee is \$225 per exam and must be paid directly to NCEES through the candidate's My NCEES account at ncees.org. **There are no fees associated with the OSBEELS FE and FLS application process.**

- The CBT FE and FLS exams are 5 hours and 20 minutes in length and include 110 questions. The entire appointment time is 6 hours, which includes an introduction and a break. There are seven free-standing, discipline-specific options from which to choose.
- Exams are still closed book. Searchable versions of appropriate reference materials are provided on each computer. Use of NCEES-approved calculators is still permitted.
- NCEES offers web-based practice exams for the FE and FLS at ncees.org.
- The updated NCEES Examinee Handbook is also available at the NCEES website.

For information on the OSBEELS application process, please visit www.oregon.gov/osbeels or www.facebook.com/osbeels.

For more NCEES-specific CBT information, please visit ncees.org/exams/cbt. At this site, there are links to informational YouTube videos addressing various areas of interest regarding CBT.

Video topics include:

- Computer-based testing hotkeys
- How to flag items for review
- Managing your time on exam day
- Pearson VUE exam day experience
- Pearson VUE reusable booklet
- Onscreen calculator for computer-based testing
- How to search the on-screen NCEES reference handbook