



**WV Board of Registration for Professional Engineers Approves Rule Changes; NCEES Responsible for Administration of PE Exams and Policies  
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In July, the West Virginia Board of Registration for Professional Engineers approved changes to its rules (7CSR1) to conform to statutory procedural changes made in [SB 396](#), which was approved by the Legislature in March. Changes are also being made to stay current with the national PE examination changes and reduce the regulatory burden by allowing applicants to apply directly with the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES). The Board is recommending removal of the PE re-application fee and a fee decrease for larger engineering firms renewing or reinstating their firm Certificate of Authorization licenses.

**7-1-5.2 PE Examinations.** This section has been completely re-written; 5.2.a. through 5.2.f. were deleted and replaced with the following:

5.2.b. Information regarding NCEES administration of the PE examination including times, dates and locations is available from both the Board and NCEES.

5.2.c. Persons wanting to take the PE examination shall apply for the PE directly with NCEES without prior approval of the Board.

5.2.d. PE examinees will be notified by NCEES whether the examinee passed or failed the examination.

**7-1-11 Certificate of Authorization.** The revisions also address certain designations of nonpracticing status.

11.5 Designations of nonpracticing status. The Board recognizes the following designations, all of which describe a type of nonpracticing status which does not qualify the firm or sole proprietor to practice or offer to practice engineering in the state of West Virginia:

11.5.a. COA – Inactive. A firm or sole proprietor with an active COA may elect to re-designate their status to COA Inactive upon application for inactive status, which states the firm or sole proprietor is no longer practicing or offering to practice engineering in this state and may seek reinstatement to active status only in accordance with §7-1-11.6 of these rules.

11.5.b. COA – Lapsed. A firm or sole proprietor who has not renewed their active COA status in accordance with §7-1-11.4 of these rules or has not applied for a re-designation to inactive status shall be re-designated by the Board to COA-Lapsed without further action by the Board and may seek reinstatement to active status only in accordance with §7-1-11.6 of these rules.

11.5.c. COA – Invalidated. A firm or sole proprietor who is unable to provide sufficient proof that any condition of renewal set forth in W. Va. Code §30-13-1 et seq. or these rules has been



met shall be re-designated by the Board to Professional Engineer-Invalidated without further action by the Board, and may seek reinstatement to active status only in accordance with §7-1-11.6 of these rules.