

Exam Qualifications Committee Report

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Virtually via Microsoft Teams In-Person SeaTac

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Discussion Topics

The committee reviewed 6 applications for consideration to take either the PE exam or obtain licensure by comity.

- PE by exam ENG24002071
 - Approved
- PE by exam ENG24002697
 - Approved
- PE by exam ENG2402736
 - o Requesting the applicant to submit additional information
- PE by initial ENG2403088
 - o Requesting the applicant to submit additional information
- PE by initial ENG2403094
 - o Requesting the applicant to submit additional information
- PE by comity ENG2403114
 - Requesting the applicant to submit additional information

Mr. Fuller and Ms. Cramer will work together to notify the four applicants of the requirements they need to meet to move forward with their applications.

The committee reviewed language updates on the PE application and determined that one additional update needs to be completed on the verification form.

o Staff to add additional language to the verification form: The competency of

licensed engineers in Washington State is based on education, examination, and experience. You are declaring your knowledge of this applicant's experience and your belief of their readiness to seal construction documents. **Verifiers must use full description**

Decoupling progress update (see report from January 27, 2025 committee meeting)

- Attestation examples NCEES
 - Staff provided attestations for review to be added to the NCEES website once decoupling takes effect. Staff to also add the RCW/WAC hyperlink for examinees to review. If approved by the board, the attestation will read:
 - Application to the Washington State Board is not required before examination. However, you must have passed the FE exam and have that information available in your account as follows:
 - If you took the FE exam from October 2010 through the present, your passing results will show in your exam history. You will be automatically approved.
 - If you took the FE exam before October 2010, you must request for your FE exam to be verified in your account. To accomplish this, look on the right side of your dashboard when you log in, where there will be a link to Exam Verification. Click on Request Verification at the top of the page and follow the steps to request your state board where you took and passed the exam. Keep in mind that some state boards require ample time to process the verification, and plan accordingly.

Once both the NCEES Fundamentals Examination (FE) and the Principles & Practice Examination (PE) are passed, and you meet the board's requirements then applications for licensure may be submitted to the Board.

- Guam response/MBA response concerning what states use the CA Seismic exam
 - The committee discussed if we want to move forward with making PE: Civil applicants take and pass the CA Seismic exam for licensure. It has been decided by the committee to table this discussion until further notice.

Strategic Planning Items

- Review comity regulations for each profession and how they relate to other states
- Investigate decoupling all exams