

FE and FS Exams Continue Transition to Computer-Based Testing

At the August 2010 NCEES (National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying) Annual Meeting, the state licensing boards that make up NCEES voted to begin converting the Fundamentals of Engineering (FE) and Fundamentals of Surveying (FS) exams to a computer based format. This transition will allow greater scheduling flexibility for examinees, more uniformity in testing conditions, and enhanced security for exam content.

The exams will be delivered through Pearson VUE's owned-and-operated network of Pearson Professional Centers and other select locations as determined by NCEES. Pearson Vue is a global leader in computer-based testing, with the world's most comprehensive and secure network of testing centers across 165 countries.

The NCEES Computer-Based Testing Task Force is developing a comprehensive plan and timetable for the conversion. Currently, the plan is for the FE and FS exams to be offered in a paper-and-pencil format for the last time in October 2013. The computer-based exams will then begin being offered in early 2014. The PE and PS exams, which engineering and surveying candidates are required to take after completing work experience requirements, will continue to be paper-and-pencil exams for several more years.