



LOUISIANA PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING AND LAND SURVEYING BOARD

**PLEASE NOTE: THIS DOES NOT APPLY  
TO THOSE ALREADY APPROVED FOR THE OCTOBER 2014 EXAM**

Beginning with the December 1, 2014 deadline, if you plan to apply for the Principles and Practice PE Exam, please know our rules and application process have changed.

The board has recently modified rule §1305, which allows an applicant, **certified as an Engineer Intern by LAPELS**, to take the PE exam, 'but has not yet met the experience requirement for licensure as a professional engineer'. Here is text for rule 1305 (A-B):

**§1305. Approval to Take the Examination in the Principles and Practice of Engineering**

- A. *An applicant who meets all of the other requirements for licensure as a professional engineer may be permitted to take the examination in the principles and practice of engineering in the discipline in which he/she seeks licensure.*
- B. *An applicant who has already been duly certified as an engineer intern by the board, but has not yet met the experience requirement for licensure as a professional engineer, may be permitted to take the examination in the principles and practice of engineering in the discipline in which he/she seeks licensure.*

The application for the April 2015 PE exam is currently being reviewed and changes are being made to reflect the new rule. Please check our website after September 1 to download and complete the new PE application. If you do not have the requisite four years of progressive engineering experience by the application deadline of December 1, you will complete Part I of the application.

You need to understand two important points:

- Passing the Principles and Practice of Engineering examination does not necessarily mean that you will receive a professional engineer license. You will still need to obtain the requisite progressive engineering experience. Per rule 1515, once you pass this examination and obtain the requisite progressive engineering experience, you must complete Part II of this Application and submit it to LAPELS for review. You can find the link to the board rules, and Chapter 15/Experience [here](#).
- If you ever apply for a professional engineer licensure in another state/jurisdiction you **MAY** be required to take the Principles and Practice of Engineering examination again. Some state/jurisdictions may not honor the "early taking" of the Principles and Practice of Engineering examination prior to obtaining the requisite progressive engineering experience.

If you have questions, you can email [comments@lapels.com](mailto:comments@lapels.com)

Please do not contact individual staff members. We appreciate your comments and questions, but due to the high volume of questions and comments we are receiving, it may take up to 72 hours to respond to you. Thank you for interest in licensure in Louisiana and patience with this new process.