

## **NSPE Position Statement No. 09-1780 – Principles and Practice Exam**

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**Position Statement:** It is the position of the National Society of Professional Engineers (NSPE) that Licensing boards and governing jurisdictions should provide the option of taking the Principles and Practice of Engineering exam as soon as an applicant for licensure believes they are prepared to take the exam, and have passed the Fundamentals of Engineering Exam. The applicant upon passing the exam should not be eligible for licensure until meeting all other jurisdictional requirements.

### **Background**

NSPE endorses and supports the establishment and strengthening of uniform licensure laws in all jurisdictions, such as the NCEES Model Law, or other models that promote uniform standards for licensure and comity between all jurisdictions. In 2013 the NCEES council voted to remove the requirement in their model law which required candidates for licensure to have completed their required professional experience prior to being able to take the Principles and Practice exam.