



CA PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER, LAND SURVEYOR, AND GEOLOGIST

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1. Where can I get additional information about the process towards obtaining my professional license?

In-Training Certification: <https://ncees.org/>

Board Website: <https://www.bpelsg.ca.gov/>

Laws & Regulations: <https://www.bpelsg.ca.gov/laws/index.shtml>

2. How do I know if I qualify?

Review the corresponding flowchart for your respective field:

<https://www.bpelsg.ca.gov/applicants/flowcharts.shtml>

3. I want to take a review course, what do I do first?

Consult your Department's Human Resources or training liaison **BEFORE** applying/paying to take a review course.

4. How do I submit a Training Request Form?

Consult your Department's Human Resources or training liaison **BEFORE** applying/paying to take a review course. Every Department has different policies regarding how they handle training requests. Failing to know specific details could result in forfeiture of your reimbursement.

5. How much time off am I allotted for taking an exam?

Per PECG MOU (2018-2020)

If an employee is scheduled to take an examination for one of the licenses listed in 1. above during his/her work day, the employee will be granted State release time to take the examination upon presentation of proof that the employee is scheduled for the examination. Such release time is limited to the time required for the exam and includes reasonable travel time to and from the nearest examination site, not to exceed the normal work shift on the exam day.

Example 1: if you are taking an 8-hour exam, you would be able to take 8 hours MAX 'off' a regularly scheduled work day plus any reasonable travel time to and from the nearest examination site. If the total time of the exam plus the travel time exceeds your regular work hours for that day, you are not eligible for any additional time compensation.

Example 2: You have an 8-hour workday. You are taking a 3 hour exam, reasonable accommodation would be 30 minutes each way (1 hour total) for making it to the testing center. This would mean approximately 4 hours for taking the exam, and you would still be required to work the other 4 hours or take personal time off to make for an 8-hour workday.

You cannot accrue hours for taking an exam.

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6. What if my exam is scheduled for a weekend?

If your exam is scheduled for a weekend, it is to be taken on your own personal time. PECG or your Department does not owe you any hours worked.

7. Do we get compensating hours for the exam?

Upon successful completion of all exams required to receive the license, you will receive 8 hours of CTO

8. I have to travel a long distance to take my exam, does the State owe me time?

The PECG MOU does not require the State to pay for travel expenses. It is recommended to discuss any potential reimbursement with your Department.

9. TRAINING COURSE/MATERIALS REIMBURSEMENT

Reimbursement for any training courses or materials related to professional licensing exams are determined by your respective Department. PECG does not reimburse any training courses or training materials.

10. BPELSG, is busy or cannot answer my question, who else can I contact?

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