



**Happy Holidays From  
The Texas Board of Professional Engineers' (TBPE)**

**Board e-Newsletter (Supplement - Rule Changes)  
December 18, 2015**

**Proposed Rules Regarding Decoupling the P.E. Exam from Experience**

These proposed rules have been posted today for public comment. These rule changes will "decouple" the P.E. examination from the experience requirements from licensure. The intent of these changes is to promote licensure of qualified engineers by allowing applicants to take the PE exam at an earlier stage of the application process and keep young engineers engaged in the process without reducing the requirements for licensure.

TBPE would like to get your feedback on the decoupling rule proposals. Refer to: <http://engineers.texas.gov/proposed.htm>

Additional information on decoupling can be found at:  
<http://engineers.texas.gov/decoupling.html>

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**Board Rule Changes**

Rule changes were necessary as a result of recent statute changes from the Legislative Session. These rules were effective December 14, 2015. Refer to [TBPE Law and Rules](#).

**Changes include the following:**

- Removal of the \$200 Professional Fee
- New Options for Military Service Members
- Revised State Contract Guidelines

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**Agency Holiday Closures**

December 23, 2015 - Agency Closes at Noon  
December 24-24, 2015 - Agency Closed  
December 31-January 1, 2015 - Agency Closed

Please don't hesitate to call and leave a voicemail or send an email to have your issue addressed when we return. Refer to the staff contact list at:

[http://engineers.texas.gov/staff\\_contact.htm](http://engineers.texas.gov/staff_contact.htm)

Give us feedback on how we are doing by filling out our customer service survey. Please visit our website at <http://engineers.texas.gov/feedback> or call us for a paper survey. We want to hear your suggestions on how we can improve agency operations and service delivery.

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