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**The Texas Board of Professional Engineers**  
**Quarterly e-Newsletter**  
December 5, 2016

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**Board Meeting Update**

The Texas Board of Professional Engineers Quarterly Board and Committee Meetings were held November 16-17, 2016. Highlights include the following:

- **Adopted Board Rule Changes** - The Board adopted amendments to the rules identified below. The rule changes will be effective December 11, 2016. The new [Law and Rules Document](#) can be downloaded from the TBPE Website.
  - 131.1, 131.3, 131.63, 131.7, 131.81, 131.85 - The approved rule changes are clean up changes to make some minor corrections and updates.
  - 137.5, 137.17, 137.31, 137.33, 137.37 and 137.63 - The approved rule changes are intended to more closely align with the statute or are typographical, grammatical or add clarification to the specific rule.
  - 139.13, 139.15, 139.17, 139.19, 139.31, 139.35 and 139.47 - The approved rule changes are intended to more closely align with the statute or are typographical, grammatical or add clarification to the specific rule.
  - 133.35 - The approved rule change extends the acceptance of transcripts from NCEES and Board approved commercial evaluation services provided the transcripts were forwarded directly from the registrar of the institution.
  - 133.67 - The approved rule change clarifies the time frame when an applicant may re-apply for approval to register for the PE exam after exhausting the approved exam attempts or having the approval period expire.
- **Video Clips** - Video recordings of the Board meeting are available at: <http://engineers.texas.gov/recordings.htm> Viewing these recordings qualifies for continuing education credit under the category of self-directed study. A maximum of five credit hours may be accrued for self-directed study.
- **Disciplinary Actions**  
All enforcement actions approved in the board meeting are posted on the TBPE website. Enforcement actions are reported based on the date of the board meeting at which the actions were taken.  
Refer to: <http://engineers.texas.gov/disciplinary.htm>

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**April 2017 PE Exam Application Deadline**

**If you are interested in taking the PE exam on April 21, 2017, the TBPE Application Deadline is December 9, 2016.** All PE exam registrations require

pre-approval through a P.E. application or a valid E.I.T. (Engineer in Training) certification. Completed applications submitted prior to the deadline date will be processed in time to meet the NCEES exam registration deadline. Applications submitted after the deadline may not be processed in time to register for the exam. Submit your [E.I.T. Application](#) or [P.E. Application](#) now. The NCEES exam registration window is from December 12, 2016 until February 23, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. CDT.

### **E.I.T. and Decoupling of the PE Exam**

TBPE recently changed the requirement to sit for the PE exam through "Decoupling". Decoupling is a process that allows Texas EITs to sit for the PE exam prior to completing their experience requirement. For more information on decoupling refer to: <http://engineers.texas.gov/decoupling.html>.

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### **Webinars and Outreach**

TBPE continues to offer ethics outreach presentations both in person and in a webinar format for the convenience of our licensees. The free webinars have been so well received that we are now adding additional events as needed. If you are interested in scheduling a live TBPE ethics presentation at your workplace, refer to our outreach page at: <http://engineers.texas.gov/outreach>.

- **Ethics Webinars**

December 7, 2016, 10 a.m. & 2 p.m. or December 8, 2016, 10 a.m. & 2 p.m. - These quarterly webinars provide an up-to-date overview of agency activities, case studies, and a review of professional ethics topics. Ethics webinars are held approximately one month prior to each quarterly expiration date. Register here: <https://engineers.texas.gov/webinars.html>

- The ethics webinars have been scheduled for 2017 and will be held on: March 8, 2017, June 14, 2017, September 6, 2017 and December 6, 2017. Registration links will be posted 30 days prior to each event at: <https://engineers.texas.gov/webinars.html>.
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### **And More:**

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.

In keeping with our efforts to modernize and increase communication with our licensees and the public, you can now follow us on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn and via an RSS feed. Join today!

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