



Engineers Yukon

National Professional Practice Exam (NPPE)

COVID-19 Update: The NPPE continues to be administered online during the scheduled dates in 2021, but due to public health restrictions, exam administrations have all been moved to remote proctoring until further notice. Remote proctoring allows candidates to take the NPPE in their home in a secure environment using a stable internet connection and webcam. All candidates who register to take the NPPE in upcoming sessions will receive further instructions by email on how to take the exam remotely. If you have any questions, please contact NPPE@apega.ca.

The National Professional Practice Examination (NPPE) confirms knowledge of professionalism, law, and ethics. Eleven engineering and geoscience self-regulatory organizations in Canada currently use the NPPE. The NPPE follows all relevant standards detailed in the Standards for Educational and Psychological Testing to ensure that the exam program is valid, reliable, and fair (psychometrically defensible).

All first time P.Eng. and L.L.(Eng.) applicants, must pass the NPPE before they can be licensed to practice. It is one of the requirements to become a Professional Member. **Note: you do not need to have already passed the exam before starting your application as registration for the exam is only available after you've submitted your P.Eng. or L.L. (Eng.) application.**

If you have passed a professional practice exam other than the NPPE in another Canadian professional engineering or geoscience self-regulatory organization, you will still need to take and pass the NPPE as part of your application process to APEGA.

If you have been assigned the Fundamentals of Engineering exam or any technical exams by APEGA's Board of Examiners (acting on behalf of Engineers Yukon), focus on passing those exams before to registering for the NPPE. Your application will be withdrawn if they are not attempted within a two-year period. If the NPPE is your last requirement to obtaining a license, you have one year from the date of the BOE's letter to write the NPPE.

Candidates are strongly encouraged to download and read the NPPE Candidate Guide before registering for the exam. It contains more detailed information than is presented here, and is optimized for printing: <https://www.apega.ca/assets/PDFs/nppe-candidate-guide.pdf>

NPPE Hold Applicants: If the NPPE is your last requirement prior to licensure, you will be given **one year** to take the exam and pass, **starting from the date of your decision letter from the Board of Examiners**. Applicants who fail to pass the exam within the allotted time will have their applications withdrawn and will be required to re-apply by completing a new application to become a licensed professional. Regardless of whether the NPPE is your last requirement prior to licensure, you will have a maximum of four (4) attempts to pass the NPPE. For example, if an applicant attempts the NPPE two times prior to the NPPE becoming the last requirement prior to licensure the applicant will have two more attempts of the NPPE (within one year) after they receive their decision letter from the Board of Examiners.

Reserved Titles and Designations

Even if the NPPE is the last requirement to register as a Professional Engineer or Limited Licence Holder, there are restrictions on the use of titles and designations until you are licenced by Engineers Yukon to practice engineering in the Yukon Territory.

The word *engineer* combined with any name, title, description, letter, symbol, or abbreviation implies you have the right to practice engineering therefore using a reserved title and/or designation (ex. J. Smith, P.Eng., Mechanical Engineer) in any electronic or print media is not permitted until you are registered with Engineers Yukon. This includes:

- social media profiles
- email signatures
- business cards
- resumes
- letters

Registering for the National Professional Practice Exam

JANUARY 24-26, 2022 (*Registration deadline: DECEMBER 3, 2021*)

APRIL 4-6, 2022 (*Registration deadline: FEBRUARY 18, 2022*)

JUNE 6-8, 2022 (*Registration deadline: APRIL 29, 2022*)

*Registration for each session will open once the deadline date for the previous session has passed.

Members-in-Training may **only** write the exam when they have submitted an application for Professional Membership (P.Eng.). You can register for the exam in [myAPEGA](#).

When you register, you will choose your preferred location from a list. After the registration deadline, you will receive an email confirming your exam location, date, and time, as well as any additional instructions.

Rescheduling & Cancelling

To reschedule or cancel your exam, email nppe@apega.ca before the registration deadline. You cannot reschedule or cancel after the registration deadline.

Testing Accommodations

APEGA can accommodate special needs because of a medical condition, including:

- extended testing time
- extra breaks

- reduced-distraction testing rooms
- larger font

To submit a request, email nppe@apega.ca to obtain the special accommodation instructions and forms. You must submit the special accommodation forms before the registration deadline. If received after the registration deadline, your exam will be rescheduled to the next session.

Exam Results

An equated score of 65 or greater is required to pass. If you passed the exam, you will not receive detailed score information. Exam results are either pass or fail based on the number of correct answers (1 point per correct answer) you achieved on the operational (scored) questions on the exam.

You are not penalized for incorrect answers. Statistical equating ensures that variations in exam difficulty from each session are taken into account to ensure fairness to all applicants taking an exam. The Educational Testing Service has published [a report that explains test equating](#) in more detail.

Exam results are usually available in 3 to 4 weeks. The results will appear in your [myAPEGA](#) account. We do not provide results over the phone or by email. If you failed the NPPE, APEGA will send you a report showing the subject areas that you were weak in.

Failure Note (non-NPPE Hold Applicants): If you fail the NPPE four (4) times, your application will be withdrawn, and you will be required to submit a new application for membership.

To retake the exam, re-apply through [myAPEGA](#)

Writing the National Professional Practice Exam

The NPPE exam has 110 multiple-choice questions based on 6 subject areas. You have 2.5 hours to complete it. Although the NPPE contains specialized vocabulary and terms, the exam is not used as a test of English language proficiency and is regularly verified (using standard readability measures) to function at a readability level of approximately grade 10.

The NPPE blueprint is a guide to help applicants determine what information they need to know and to bring to the exam in order to demonstrate their knowledge of the material. Although there are recommended study materials that are listed below, applicants can gain mastery of the topics covered on the exam any way that works best for them.

Read about the NPPE blueprint

<https://www.apega.ca/apply/membership/exams/national-professional-practice-exam-nppe/blueprint>

The following study materials can help you prepare for the National Professional Practice Exam:

Practice Tests

Several practice tests, which you can purchase, are available to help you prepare for the NPPE. Each practice test has 50 to 100 multiple-choice questions and uses questions from previous NPPEs which will show you the format of the questions and your level of preparedness for the actual NPPE. The practice test gives you detailed feedback showing you your areas of strength and weakness in terms of learning. To best use the practice tests, we recommend that you take one early in your studying process and then later to determine which areas you still need to focus on.

Order NPPE practice tests: <https://nppepractice.ysasecure.com/products>

Textbooks

Below are suggested resources to help you prepare for the NPPE. It is up to you to determine what resources are best to prepare for the exam, most applicants find using one ethics textbook and at least one of the law textbooks helpful. You can purchase textbooks directly from the publishers or through online book retailers.

- Canadian Professional Engineering and Geoscience: Practice & Ethics, Fifth Edition (2014) by Gordon C. Andrews
or
- Canadian Professional Engineering and Geoscience: Practice & Ethics, Sixth Edition (2018) by Gordon C. Andrews

- Practical Law of Architecture, Engineering, and Geoscience, Second Canadian Edition (2011) by Brian M. Samuels and Doug R. Sanders
or
- Practical Law of Architecture, Engineering, and Geoscience, Third Canadian Edition (2015) by Brian M. Samuels & Doug R. Sanders

- Law for Professional Engineers: Canadian and Global Insights, Fifth Edition, 2019 by Donald L. Marston

The following additional study material can be downloaded (at no cost):

A Guide to Patents
A Guide to Trademarks
A Guide to Industrial Designs
A Guide to Copyright

http://www.cipo.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/cipointernet-internetopic.nsf/eng/h_wr00026.html#patent

The Engineering Profession Act, Regulations and By Laws including the Code of Ethics

<http://www.engineersyukon.ca/acts-regulations-and-bylaws.php>

Questions or concerns can be directed to staff@engineersyukon.ca