



Seminar 3: How to Prep for the P.E. Exam

If you are taking the PE Exam in 2020 or you just want to find out more about the new exam, this is a “must attend” session. It is also useful as a general engineering fire protection refresher. In 2020, the PE exam will change to a computer based format. The two biggest changes are that:

- 1) No references will be allowed in the exam. Instead, there will be an NCEES supplied searchable electronic manual available on the computer. The manual will list equations, relevant code extracts, material properties, and other such information. There will be no examples or explanatory material of any kind. The examinee must know exactly what to do and what information is needed. That information can then be looked up in the manual.
- 2) There will be new questions that are not multiple choice. They are called Alternate Item Type (AIT) questions. These will be explained and practiced during the session.

The session will be based on the highly successful AXA XL Risk Consulting on-line PE Review class. This class has been offered in cooperation with the SFPE and has been delivered every year since 2001. Participants are more than twice as likely to pass the exam as those who did not that the course. This course addresses all technical topics on the exam which includes everything from probabilistic risk assessments to human behavior.

Participants can expect a day of problem solving. Prior to the class, participants will be sent a list of what to bring.

You can learn more about the exam at ncees.org. No prep course by itself is enough to pass the exam. Participants taking the exam should budget 200-300 hours of study time between the course and the exam.



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