



State of Utah

PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS LICENSING BOARD

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David Cox, CEO
NCEES
200 Verdae Boulevard
Greenville, S.C. 29607

Subject: Adding a Plumbing Module to the Mechanical Principles and Practice Exam

Dear Mr. Cox,

At our regularly scheduled meeting on January 20, 2021, the Utah Board of Professional Engineers and Professional Land Surveyors voted to support the efforts of the American Society of Plumbing Engineers to request that NCEES include a Plumbing Engineering module in the Principles and Practice Exam for Mechanical Engineering. The Utah Board concurred that there is a segment of the engineering population that is specializing in plumbing engineering and that there is not a significant representation of their specialty in the exam, putting them at a disadvantage when taking the exam.

In Utah, there were 9 individuals who took the HVAC and Refrigeration module of the Mechanical Engineering exam in 2020. We estimate that 1 or 2 of these people may opt for a Plumbing Engineering module in the exam each year.

Thank you for considering our support of this initiative. If you have questions, please contact me or members of our Board staff.

Sincerely,

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Chair, Utah Board of Professional Engineers and Professional Land Surveyors

Cc: Stephen Duncombe, Bureau Manager
Tracy Taylor, Board Secretary
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