Chapter 196-20 WAC
ENGINES-IN-TRAINING

WAC 196-20-005 Declaration and purpose. This chapter contains rules and procedures for applications, eligibility and examinations to be enrolled as engineers-in-training.

WAC 196-20-010 Eligibility and applications. The law requires the completion of four years of experience or having achieved senior standing in a school or college approved by the board prior to taking the fundamentals-of-engineering examination. If the applicant has achieved senior standing, that standing must be certified by an institution of higher education.

WAC 196-20-020 Experience. The board shall evaluate the following criteria in determining if the applicant has met the experience requirement:

1. Graduation in an approved engineering curriculum of four years or more from a school or college recognized by the board, is equivalent to the four-year experience requirement.
2. Four years or more of broad-based progressive experience in the fundamental knowledge of engineering theory and practice, of a character acceptable to the board, under the direct supervision of a person authorized by the board.
3. In the judgment of the board, the applicant must have demonstrated increased levels of responsibility and a continuing gain in experience and knowledge such that at the time of being approved for the fundamentals-of-engineering examination, the applicant is capable of making independent judgments and decisions under the general guidance and direct supervision of an authorized professional.

WAC 196-20-030 Examinations. The board shall administer the examination essay to determine knowledge in subsection (2)(a) through (h) of this section.

WAC 196-20-035 Examination review. The board will use the following criteria in evaluating an applicant's education and experience:

1. Graduation in an approved engineering curriculum of four years or more from a school or college recognized by the board, is equivalent to the four-year experience requirement.
2. Four years or more of broad-based progressive experience in the fundamental knowledge of engineering theory and practice, of a character acceptable to the board, under the direct supervision of a person authorized by the board.

All applicants shall submit transcripts of degrees attained or college courses taken in order to obtain maximum experience credit except, applicants enrolled in a school or college having achieved senior standing in a baccalaureate curriculum in engineering approved by the board will be eligible to take the fundamentals-of-engineering examination without submitting college transcripts.

Once an application has been approved, no further application is required. An applicant who has taken an examination and failed or who qualified for an examination but did not take it shall submit a request in writing, accompanied by the applicable fee as listed in WAC 196-26A-025, to take or retake the examination, at least three months prior to the examination date.

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WAC 196-20-020 Experience. The board shall evaluate all experience on a case-by-case basis and approve such experience as appropriate. Partial credit may be granted for experience and/or education that does not fully meet the requirements. The board will use the following criteria in evaluating an applicant's education and experience:

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WAC 196-20-030 Examinations. (1) The fundamentals-of-engineering examination is given at times and places designated by the board. The schedule of future examinations and an examination syllabus may be obtained at the internet web site of the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES).

(2) An applicant passing the fundamentals-of-engineering examination will be enrolled as an engineer-in-training pursuant to RCW 18.43.020(3).

WAC 196-20-035 Examination review. Because the examination contains only multiple choice questions and no essay (free response) questions, and the examination cannot be appealed, no review of the fundamentals-of-engineering examination will be permitted. However, examinees that fail to achieve a passing score will be provided a scoring breakdown of how they performed on the various subjects in the examination.