

Structural Committee

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Virtually via Microsoft Teams & In person

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Discussion topics

- Oregon's rule change concerning the PE Structural
 The committee discussed Oregon's recent rule change regarding structural licensing.
- Update of the PE Structural exam dates
 Marjorie informed the committee that with the new CBT SE exam, applicants can take the lateral portion of the exam year-round, but the vertical portion is only offered on specific dates, twice a year.
- Implications of decoupling
 - o Other states decoupling exam from experience
 - List of states decoupled PE/SE
 - Concerns of Pearson Vue reservation/scheduling
 - WA State rules concerning decoupling

The committee discussed the decoupling of exams from experience, and how Washington is one of the few states that currently does not decouple.

Candidates' quality of experience (are we doing enough)
 The committee talked about the possibility of updating the structural experience verification forms. From March 1st through April 14th staff will send all completed structural applications to Marjorie and Dave for review of experience.

Strategic Planning Items

The committee reviewed the strategic planning items and delegated them to the EQC.

- Develop positive strategies and offer applicants clear pathways towards professional licensure.
- Continuously challenge processes and search for better ways to accomplish our work.

• Interface with city, county and state officials and regulatory authorities to aid in regulating the practice of engineering, and surveying and on-site wastewater designs.

Action Items

- From March 1st through April 14th staff will send all completed structural applications to Marjorie and Dave for review of experience.
- Staff to research what other states are doing regarding structural experience, and decoupling.