

PA PLS EXAM CONSTITUENT PARTS

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To: Candidates taking the Pennsylvania state specific portion of the Land Surveying registration examination

The Pennsylvania state specific portion of the Land Surveying registration examination is comprised of 30 multiple choice questions with a 2 hour time limit to complete the examination. The questions are divided into the following 3 categories:

1. Pennsylvania Professional Practice
2. Unique Pennsylvania Legal Aspects
3. Minor Engineering/Land Development Design

Approximately 6 questions are from Pennsylvania Professional Practice, approximately 12 questions are from Unique Pennsylvania Legal Aspects, and approximately 12 questions are from Minor Engineering/Land Development Design.

More specifically, each of the 3 primary categories contains the following sub-categories:

I. Pennsylvania Professional Practice . . .

- a. Registration Law – Act 367, as amended
- b. Professional Standards
- c. Professional Ethics
- d. Statute of Limitations/Statute of Repose
- e. State Plane Coordinates

II. Unique Pennsylvania Legal Aspects . . .

- a. Record Research
- b. Retracement Surveys
- c. Senior Rights – Sequential Conveyances in a Subdivision
- d. Rights-of-Way
- e. Easements
- f. Riparian Rights
- g. Writing Boundary Descriptions
- h. Municipal Planning Code (Act 247)
- i. Condominiums
- j. Other Statutes

III. Minor Engineering/Land Development Design

- a. Stormwater Runoff/Hydrology
 - i. Rational Method
 - ii. SCS I TR-55
- b. Stormwater Management Systems
 - i. Hydraulics – pipes/swales
 - ii. Detention Facilities
- c. Erosion and Sediment Pollution Control
- d. Roadway Design
- e. Sanitary Sewer Extensions
- f. On-Site Sewage Facilities
- g. Permits
 - i. Penn Dot highway occupancy
 - ii. DEP – stream encroachments, planning modules, sewer extensions, erosion and sediment pollution control, wetlands, etc.
 - iii. SCS
- h. Utilities

The above categories and more specifically sub-categories contain the topics for the questions appearing on the Pennsylvania state specific portion of the examination. The examination may not necessarily contain a question from each sub-category. Furthermore, the examination may contain multiple questions from a particular sub-category.

The above information is to be used to assist the candidate in preparing for the examination.