

What you Need to Know About The 2014 Land Surveyor Exams

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Land Surveyor Review Series

PS/PLS Exam Overview

- PS/PLS Test Plans
- PS / PLS Exam Tips
- 2005-2013 Results
- PLS Diagnostic (Examples)
- CBT Tutorial
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NCEES PS Test Specifications

Effective beginning with April 2013 National PS
Exam

- Standards and Specifications – 12%
- Legal Principles – 26%
- Professional Survey Practices – 26%
- Business / Professional Practices – 20%
- Types of Surveys – 16%

<http://www.ncees.org/Documents/Public/Exam%20specifications/PS%20Apr%202013.pdf>

State PLS Test Plan

Based on a 2011 Occupational Analysis of practicing California Land Surveyors

- Project Management – 13%
- Research Pre and Post Field Analysis – 25%
- Field Work – 20%
- Mapping and Document Preparation – 28%
- Consultation and Legal – 14%

http://www.bpelsg.ca.gov/applicants/lis_test_plan.pdf

NCEES PS Exam Tips

- PS Exam is now Closed Book
 - Wrist watches are OK
- **DO NOT** bring:
 - CELL PHONES
 - Food, drinks, calculator watch , other electronic devices...

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KXECgt0JsRE>

State CBT Exam Tips

- Bring:
 - Valid Government Issued Identification
 - Candidate Information Bulletin (CIB)
 - Reference Materials
 - Calculators
- Limit the Materials
 - Books
 - Calculators
 - Scales, protractors, etc.

State CBT Exam Tips

- Other Items You Might Bring:
 - Batteries, extra glasses, other loose items
 - Put in personal locker or leave in car
 - Your exam time will NOT be stopped to retrieve from locker or car!
- **DO NOT** bring:
 - Watch, clock, gloves, electronic devices

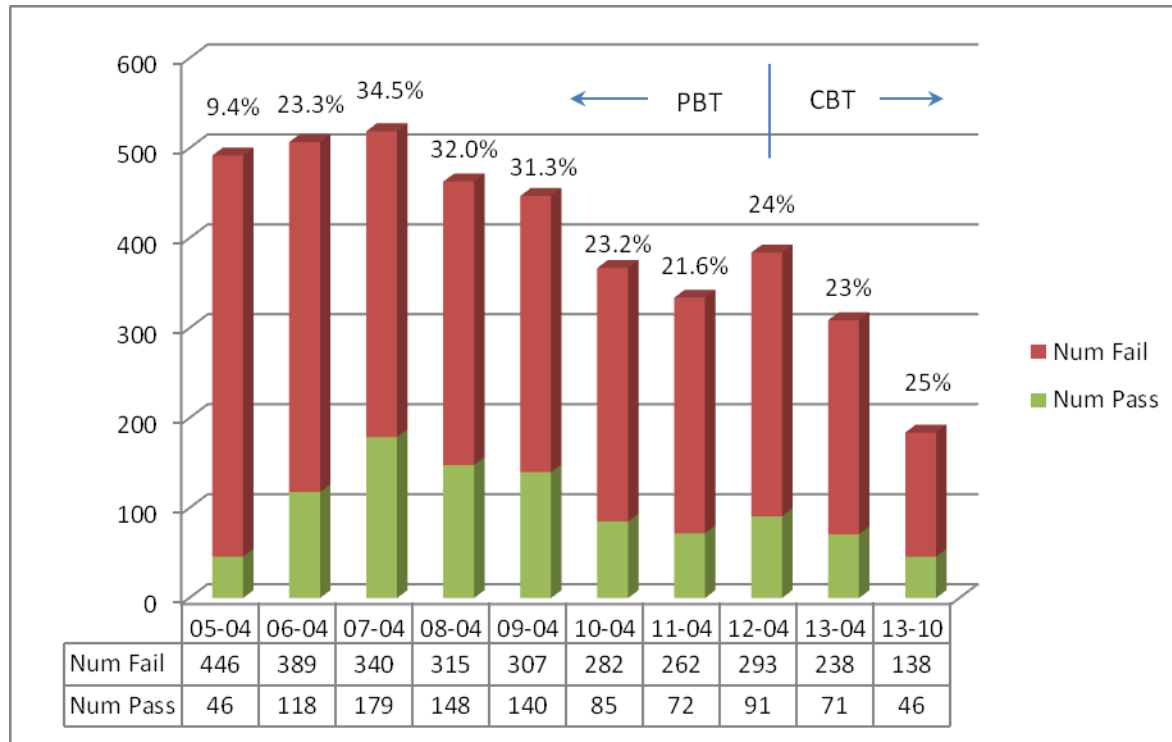
CBT – State Exam



- 250 Prometric CBT Centers
- North America



Fall 2013 Results



Results released December 18 (50 days after admin)

(Goal is 30-45 Days)

How to Understand PLS Diagnostic

- Proficient, Marginal, Deficient
- Cut Score Averaged Over Test Entire Plan
- Marginal in all Test Plan areas
 - Passing +/- a couple of points
 - Some Test Plan areas may have a Marginal Range of 3 points
- Example Diagnostic Reports Match Experience



Questions?

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