

The ASEE Engineering Technology Council Position Statement re. ABET–accredited Bachelor of Science Engineering Technology Graduates Access to Professional Licensure

Issue:

Professional Engineering (PE) licensing is regulated by the states. Currently, a majority of states permit graduates from ABET-accredited Bachelor of Science Engineering Technology (BS-ET) programs to obtain professional licensure; however, several do not. Those states that do have prohibitions create barriers to certain jobs for graduates from ABET–accredited BS-ET programs.

Position:

The ASEE Engineering Technology Council (ETC) strongly supports the position that graduates from ABET–accredited Bachelor of Science Engineering Technology programs are adequately prepared to become registered engineers and should, therefore, be eligible, without additional requirements, to sit for the Fundamentals of Engineering (FE) exam in all states.

Qualifying Statements:

There is no expectation that the Fundamentals of Engineering exam (FE) exam be changed to accommodate ABET–accredited Bachelor of Science Engineering Technology graduates. Nor is there an expectation that any industry-based need for licensing be changed.

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