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TPCB Exam Schedule



Computer-based exams for PTOE, PTP, RSP1, and RSP2 may be taken during the following time frames :

June 1 to 30, 2020 - applications must be received by midnight, April 2, 2020

October 1 to 31, 2020 - applications must be received by midnight, July 23, 2020

February 1 to 28, 2021 - applications must be received by midnight Dec. 3, 2020

There are three exam periods throughout the year: February, June, and October. For deadline information, click here and for information about exam locations, click here.

Do You Need PDHs to Renew Your PTOE or PTP Certification in 2020? If you are looking to get PDH credits in order to renew your PTOE or PTP certification then ITE has you covered! The ITE Learning Hub offers a robust and diverse webinar program with both live and ondemand presentations. Webinar attendees can earn 1.0 or 1.5 PDH credits per webinar when completing an evaluation.

A full list of upcoming webinars can be found at <u>https://www.ite.org/professional-and-career-</u> <u>development/learning-hub/educational-offerings/</u>. ITE also sends out regular promotions on upcoming webinars. If you are not receiving these and would like to, please contact Pam Goodell at <u>pgoodell@ite.org</u>.

ITE's Annual Meeting and Exhibition is also a great way to earn PDHs. The technical program has a solid reputation for offering topics of relevance to transportation professionals, offering case studies and knowledge on the key trends that will shape the changing transportation landscape. Those attending these meetings can typically earn more than 15 PDH credits. At the same time, these meetings are a great way to reinforce existing skills, gain new insights, and network in-person with more than 1,500 transportation professionals. This year's meeting will be in New Orleans, LA USA August 9-12. For more information, visit https://www.ite.org/events-meetings/joint-ite-international-and-southern-district-annual-meeting-and-exhibit/.

RSP2 Certificant John R. Campbell, P.E., RSP2 Shares Thoughts on the RSP2 Exam and How It Can Help You!

I highly recommend the RSP certification process to anyone interested in reducing the number of serious injuries and fatalities on the roadway network. The study materials contain amazing resources – such as the FHWA's *Road Safety Fundamentals* publication. It is a phenomenal document covering topics ranging from the history of road safety to strategies for changing human behavior. Overall, the exam process helped our whole safety team at TADI further understand the intricacies of safety analysis and the multidisciplinary approach necessary to attain Vision Zero!

-John Campbell, P.E. RSP2



Congratulations to Everyone Who Passed the First RSP2 Exam

The first Road Safety Professional, Level 2 (RSP2) exam was held in October 2019. Five people passed the behavioral specialty, thirty-seven people passed the infrastructure specialty, and four ambitious people passed both the behavioral and infrastructure specialty.

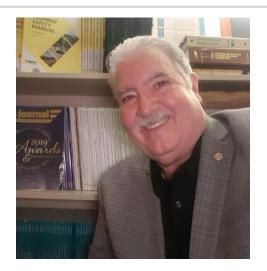
To check out a list of individuals who passed the RSP2 exam, visit the <u>TPCB Certification Holders</u> <u>Searchable Directory</u>.

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PTOE Profiles : Ben Ben Colucci Rios, Ph.D., P.E., PTOE (F) and Jeff Young, P.E. (M)

PTOE Perspectives

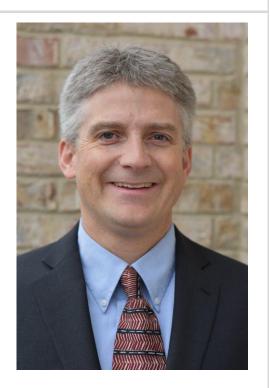
The first exam for the Professional Traffic Operations Engineer (PTOE) certification was administered in January 1999 by the Transportation Professional Certification Board. Twenty years later, the certification remains among the most prestigious in the industry. One ITE member shares his experience holding the certification, and another explains why his agency requires professionals submitting traffic studies have a PTOE.



Ben Colucci Rios, Ph.D., P.E., PTOE (F) Director, Puerto Rico LTAP Professor, Department of Civil Engineering and Surveying University of Puerto Rico at Mayagüez (UPRM)

ITE JOURNAL: Tell us a little more about your history of obtaining the PTOE certification.

BEN COLUCCI RIOS: After completing my Ph.D. at Purdue University in 1984, I started working as an assistant professor at the University of Puerto Rico at Mayagüez in transportation engineering. I also started writing proposals for the Highway and Transportation Authority in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Federal Highway Administration. I received an award to establish the Puerto Rico Transportation Technology Center (T2) - Puerto Rico LTAP (Local Technical Assistance Program). This center provides training and technical assistance to transportation professionals in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands in all areas associated with the planning, design, construction, operations, and maintenance of the built highway transportation infrastructure. In the late 1990s, I realized how critical it was to better prepare myself for the challenges the transportation engineers will face in the upcoming millennium. Eugene Wilson, P.E. (H) originally told me about the PTOE



Jeff Young, P.E. (M) Assistant County Engineer McHenry County Division of Transportation Illinois, USA

ITEJ: Tell us a little more about your work at McHenry County. What are some of the day-to-day challenges you help solve and the types of projects you work on?

JEFF YOUNG: As the assistant county engineer at the McHenry County Division of Transportation (MCDOT), I oversee the administration, planning, design, and construction activities for the county. We have a great staff that makes my job a lot easier. There are always bumps in the road that come up unexpectedly, and it's key to address them immediately. This can range from an elected official who has questions about a construction project, a utility conflict with a roadway design that needs resolving by bringing the right people into the conversation, or a resident who has a concern about the safety at an intersection. We strive to solve problems using "small" solutions that can be implemented quickly.

certification and the benefits that come with it. I started studying ITE's PTOE Refresher Course, and realized I could obtain additional in-depth knowledge of vital areas within the traffic operations discipline.

To read more of this interview, please continue on to our online *ITE Journal* <u>here</u>.

Then there are those issues that need a "bigger" project to find the answer. Every day is different and a challenge which makes working at the county exciting.

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Certification Refresher Courses

PTOE, PTP, RSP Level 1, and RSP Level 2 (Behavioral and Infrastructure Specialties) Refresher Courses and Practice Exams ITE provides a full suite of preparatory materials for the upcoming 2020 certification exams.

P <u>TOE Refresher Course</u> <u>PTOE Practice Exam</u> <u>PTP Refresher Course</u> <u>RSP1 Refresher Course</u>