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CEA 109 - I DIDN'T PASS THE PE IN 2021. NOW WHAT?

“Failure is part of life”, they say. But when it comes to failing your PE exam, it just seems to hit harder than almost anything else, right? After all, you’ve put a significant amount of time, energy, and money into it. But make no mistake, you’re definitely not alone. Today, you’ll learn not only how to recover, but also what you can do to get back in the game and get it done as soon as possible.

After you receive that horrible email notifying you of your failure, the first thing you should do is give yourself some time to heal. It’s normal to feel grief and disappointment with yourself. However, this phase should not last long. Acknowledge the failure, remember that everybody goes through ups and downs in life, and keep your head up.

The shorter the “down phase”, the better. Why? Because the material you’ve studied for your failed attempt(s) is still fresh in your mind. All the knowledge you acquired can

help you perform better in the next exam you take. Even though it sounds controversial, the best thing to do after failing your PE exam is registering for the next and closest one as soon as possible.

As a repeat taker, your studying strategies are not the same as a first-time taker. As someone who has already covered all the material, even though you may still need to refresh your memory on some topics, what you’re left with is simply practicing problems. And as many as you possibly can.

But on top of that, as the PE exam transitions into a computer-based format in 2022, your studying strategies will also need a little tweak. The prep for a paper-based exam is different from that of a computer-based exam. And the road to a successful exam preparation starts with understanding the exam format and its nuances. For a complete walkthrough of the new computer-based PE exam, check out [CEA Podcast 103 - All Your Questions Answered About the PE Going CBT!](#)

With a new format comes also new testing aspects. Now, you don't have to wait six months before you can take the PE exam again if you fail. You can take it once in a quarter, with a maximum of three attempts in a 12-month period. However, you need to check with your state's licensing board to make sure they don't require you to prove anything regarding your experience or education based on the amount of time you've been trying to pass the PE exam.

Doesn't matter the format, good and solid resources such as the [Civil Engineering Reference Manual](#) and a good review course will always point you in the right direction. In fact, our [Civil PE](#) and [FE Review](#) Courses have just been [ranked #1 by Test Prep Insight](#). If you're taking either of them in 2022, then it's your lucky day. Use the code CEASAVINGS15 to get 15% off the one you need to help you with your career!

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