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NERC and Personnel Certification Governance Committee Outreach

System Operator Certification and Continuing Education Database (SOCCED)
Vendor Change

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PJM System Operations Subcommittee
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RELIABILITY | RESILIENCE | SECURITY

- System Operator Candidates
 - Create account; register, pay for and schedule NERC exams
- Credentialed System Operators
 - Credential renewal, transcript review, and CEH progress
- Provider Organizations
 - Submit Individual Learning Activity (ILA) applications and Award NERC Continuing Education Hours (CEH)

- Transition Date
 - Go-live currently scheduled for October 2026
- Outreach
 - Various industry channels, including the [System Operator Certification & Credential Maintenance Program](#) page on NERC.com
- Training
 - Training will be conducted by NERC, the PCGC, and the CMWG, prior to the go-live date
- SOCCED downtime
 - Short blackout period during the transition

- Personnel Certification Governance Committee (PCGC)
- Credential Maintenance Work Group (CMWG)
- 2026 PCGC & CMWG Joint Open Meetings
 - February 11 | 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Eastern
 - October 7 | 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Eastern
- 2026 PCGC & CMWG Virtual Meetings
 - May | Date and time TBD
 - August | Date and time TBD

- Submit questions via the [SOCCED Help Desk](#) located on the [System Operator Certification & Credential Maintenance Program](#) page on NERC.com



Questions and Answers