

Free to Join!

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Value of a P.Eng. Licence

A P.Eng. licence positions you to gain more responsibility, respect, and authority in the workplace. You can get the application fee waived by applying within six months of graduation, so you save money by not delaying! Read what others have to say about the value of being a licensed professional engineer:

"...My professional engineering designation has been a major asset to me throughout my career. It was absolutely invaluable when I owned and operated a consulting business."

Pamela Russell, P.Eng.

"The reality is that I wouldn't be able to do the work that I love to do if I didn't have a licence."

Jeff Mark, P.Eng.

"A professional engineer is expected to abide by the Code of Ethics and work with a degree of professionalism. We are expected to be competent in our area of engineering and have a high degree of personal honour and professional integrity. As in any field, the services rendered by a licensed professional come with a premium and certain expectations."

Suja John, P.Eng.

"My designation was the next logical step in my journey, and meant that I might become valuable as an employee and more marketable should I wish to change employers. I now feel that the designation is not just a step in an engineering career path, but rather an essential means of protection for both engineers and the public they serve."

Jennifer Neate, P.Eng.

"I believe that a P.Eng. designation gives me some distinct advantages; recognition from society and other professionals, a perceived image of honesty and integrity."

Matthew Xie, P.Eng., MBA

"Without my licence, my education would have been an unfinished work. Professional engineers need to be respected for the great value they bring to the public and the public has a duty to protect it."

Angelo Boschetti, M.Eng., P.Eng.

"Seeing a 'P.Eng.' after a practitioner's name provides assurance that this individual has been scrutinized by his or her peers in terms of experience, education, and ethical conduct."

Annette Bergeron, P.Eng.



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the SMP and EIT programs visit:**

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Professional Engineers
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What is Professional Engineers Ontario (PEO)?

PEO is the regulatory body that licenses professional engineers in Ontario. PEO sets standards for and regulates the practice of professional engineering in the province.

Under the *Professional Engineers Act*, PEO has the mandate to serve and protect the public interest where the practice of engineering is concerned. PEO also disciplines engineers and companies that fail to maintain the profession's standards and enforces compliance with the Act, so that only those who are qualified may practise engineering or lead others to believe they are qualified to practise.

PEO fulfills the same role as the College of Physicians and Surgeons for physicians, and the Law Society of Upper Canada for lawyers.

Why join the Student Membership Program (SMP)?

PEO's Student Membership Program (SMP) is a great way for students to connect with PEO and the engineering community.

It's free to join, and open to all undergraduate engineering students.

By registering for the SMP, you'll be able to keep in touch with the engineering regulatory association, and get a head start in establishing a connection to the engineering professional community.

SMP benefits include:

- **customized student website** with postings about engineering news/presentations/surveys and issues;
- **access to *Engineering Dimensions***, PEO's official journal;
- **important information about your engineering career**, including information on licensing;
- **invitations/email notices for local events/presentations** offered by PEO chapters and other organizations, including student pricing in some cases;
- opportunities to **have your questions about licensure and engineering answered** by PEO and members of the engineering community.

Why should I become licensed?

If you are going to be responsible for work that is defined as professional engineering according to the *Professional Engineers Act*, a **P.Eng. licence may be required by law.**

Becoming licensed gives you the right to use "**P.Eng.**" after your name and "**engineer**" in your job title. Under the *Professional Engineers Act*, you may only use "engineer" in your job title if you hold a P.Eng. licence.

The P.Eng. licence also demonstrates that you have met a rigorous educational standard, been through a demanding, hands-on internship process, and are obliged to adhere to a strict code of ethics that puts the public interest first. All of these are valued within the engineering working community and society at large, awarding you **credibility and recognition.**

Licensing also puts you within the **professional membership community** of the other 75,000 licensed professional engineers organized across the province in 36 PEO chapters.

When should I apply for my P.Eng Licence?

As soon as you graduate!

If you apply for your licence within six months of graduation through PEO's Financial Credit Program, PEO will waive your licence application fee, as well as the cost of your first year's membership in the Engineering Intern (EIT) Program, for total savings of approximately \$400.

The EIT Program provides guidance and assistance to engineering graduates as they acquire the 48 months of acceptable engineering work experience, including annual reviews of your experience to ensure that you are "on the right track" for licensing.