

WHEN CAN I APPLY FOR MY P.ENG. LICENCE?

As soon as you graduate!

You don't have to wait to acquire your work experience before you apply for your licence.

Applying for a licence within six months of the date of your degree conferral may give you the opportunity to take advantage of PEO's Financial Credit Program.

FINANCIAL CREDIT PROGRAM

Graduates of an engineering program accredited by the Canadian Engineering Accreditation Board (CEAB) may be able to participate in PEO's Financial Credit Program (FCP). Under the program, eligible participants can have the cost of their application fee and first year of enrolment in the Engineering Intern (EIT) program (should they choose to enroll) credited towards payment of their registration and initial P.Eng. licence fees once they have been approved for a licence. CEAB graduates must apply within six months of the date of their degree conferral to be eligible for the program. So don't delay!

ENGINEERING INTERN PROGRAM

PEO's Engineering Intern (EIT) program provides guidance and assistance to engineering graduates as they acquire the 48 months of acceptable engineering work experience, including annual reviews of experience to ensure that an applicant is on the right track for licensure. To qualify for the EIT program, you must submit a licence application, pay the application fee and have met the academic requirements for licensure. To be considered for registration in the program, check the appropriate box on the licence application.

PREGRADUATION EXPERIENCE

PEO considers experience gained before graduation when assessing the quality of the required 48 months of satisfactory engineering experience. You may be eligible for up to 12 months credit towards experience for pregraduation experience. Visit www.engineeringstudents.peo.on.ca to find the pre-graduation record form and more information. Remember to obtain your supervisor's signature on the form!



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**STUDENT
Membership
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WHAT IS PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS ONTARIO?

Professional Engineers Ontario (PEO) was established in 1922 and operates under the authority of the *Professional Engineers Act* to regulate the practice of professional engineering and govern its members to serve and protect the public interest. It does so by ensuring all professional engineers meet rigorous qualifications for licensing and that only properly qualified individuals practise engineering.

As part of its mandate, PEO also establishes, maintains and develops standards of knowledge and skill, standards of practice for the profession, standards of professional ethics, and promotes public awareness of its role.

WHAT IS PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING?

The practice of professional engineering is defined in section 1 of the *Professional Engineers Act* as “any act of planning, designing, composing, evaluating, advising, reporting, directing or supervising (or the managing of any such act) that requires the application of engineering principles; and concerns the safeguarding of life, health, property, economic interests, the public welfare or the environment, or the managing of any such act.”

In Canada, the professional engineer (P.Eng.) designation represents the highest standards of engineering knowledge, experience and professionalism in the country.

Individuals may only call themselves a professional engineer, or a P.Eng., or use a similar title that may lead to the belief that they are qualified to practise professional engineering, if they possess a P.Eng. licence.

To become a P.Eng. in Canada, you must be licensed in the provinces/territories in which you are employed.



WHAT IS THE STUDENT MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM?

The Student Membership Program (SMP) is a great way for students to connect with PEO and the engineering community while studying engineering in a post-secondary school in Ontario.

By registering for the SMP, you'll be able to keep in touch with the association that regulates the practice of professional engineering in Ontario and connect to a community of over 87,500 licence and certificate holders.

WHY JOIN THE SMP?

The SMP is free to join and open to all undergraduate engineering students. As part of the program, you will have access to the SMP website, which provides comprehensive answers to questions about PEO and the licensing requirements.

The program also increases the level of professional knowledge among engineering students and ensures that new graduates understand the process and benefits in applying for the licence and enrolling in PEO's Engineering Intern (EIT) program.

To apply, visit: www.engineeringstudents.peo.on.ca.

SMP BENEFITS

- 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
- Notices for local events and presentations offered by PEO chapters and other organizations
- Opportunities to have your questions about licensure and engineering answered by PEO and members of the engineering community

WHY SHOULD I BECOME LICENSED?

Licensure is the mark of a professional.

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 is required.

The P.Eng. designation indicates that its holder is committed to safeguarding the public welfare and has an appreciation for work that is not only technically competent, but also based on sound professional ethics and that adheres to the standards of practice that are the hallmark of professional engineering.

Only those who are licensed may use “P.Eng.” after their name and “engineer” in their job title.

Licensure also connects you to a professional community of over 87,500 professional engineers organized in 36 chapters across the province.