



REGISTRATION POLICY

OUT OF DISCIPLINE (ENGINEERING)

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Words and terms that are capitalized throughout this document have definitions that are specific to this set of policies. Please refer to these Defined Terms when reviewing this and other registration policy documents.

PURPOSE

To provide a method of academic evaluation of an application for registration as a professional engineer (P.Eng.) under s. 5.6 of the Bylaws whose discipline of work experience is substantially different from the discipline of their undergraduate degree. These Applicants will be assessed to determine whether they have bridged the gap between the engineering fundamentals learned at the undergraduate level and the engineering fundamentals necessary for the discipline of practice.

POLICY

Out of discipline Applicants for P.Eng. registration will fall into one of two categories:

1. Academically Qualified in the Discipline of Their Undergraduate Engineering Degree

Applicants who are academically qualified in the discipline of their undergraduate engineering degree but not their discipline of work experience and have met all the conditions listed below for the low-risk Applicant profile are considered to have met all the academic and experience requirements for registration in their discipline of application.

- a) Demonstrated at least four years of satisfactory engineering work experience in the discipline of application;
- b) Submitted an experience report in the Competency Assessment System;
- c) All positive validations;
- d) Had their technical competencies validated by at least two P.Eng. Validators in the Applicant's discipline of application;
- e) At least one recent supervisor P.Eng. Validator;
- f) All competency categories validated at the minimum required rating; and

- g) Achieved all competency categories at the minimum required rating in the opinion of two competency Assessors

Applicants who have not satisfied all the conditions listed above will be assigned five Confirmatory Examinations consisting of any three of the Applicant's choosing from "Group A - Compulsory Examinations" and any two of the Applicant's choosing from "Group B - Optional Examinations", from the Engineers Canada Examination Syllabus of their application discipline.

If examinations are assigned and the Applicant has a minimum of **four** years of satisfactory¹ engineering work experience in their discipline of application, as validated and assessed through the competency assessment system, they will be offered an optional interview to determine whether they have applied engineering principles at a level that warrants exemption from examinations. If professional competency guidelines exist for the application discipline, these will be used in the interview. The interviewers will give a recommendation to the Credentials Committee for a final decision.

2. Not Academically Qualified in the Discipline of Their Undergraduate Engineering Degree

Applicants who are not academically qualified in the discipline of their undergraduate engineering degree are those who have graduated from a program equivalent to a university-level bachelor's degree in applied science or engineering from an institution of learning not approved by the Credentials Committee, or in a program not approved by the Committee.

These Applicants will be assigned five Confirmatory Examinations consisting of any three of their choosing from "Group A - Compulsory Examinations" and any two from "Group B - Optional Examinations", from the Engineers Canada Examination Syllabus of their application discipline.

If the Applicant has a minimum of **five** years of satisfactory engineering work experience in their discipline of application, as validated and assessed through the competency assessment system, they will be offered an optional interview to determine whether they have applied engineering principles at a level that warrants exemption from examinations. If professional competency guidelines exist for the application discipline, these will be used in the assessment. The interviewers will give a recommendation to the Credentials Committee for a final decision.

This policy is not intended to fetter the discretion of the Credentials Committee. The Credentials Committee has discretion to consider all available information in evaluating an Applicant's eligibility for registration as a P.Eng. based on their academic history and discipline of work experience.

For a visual representation of the process described in this policy, see [Figure 1](#) on Page 3.

RELATED POLICIES

- Minimum Academic Requirements for Registration as a Professional Engineer

¹ This work experience must demonstrate both the application of theory in your discipline of engineering as well as practical experience. Your work experience should also include the management, communication, and social implications of engineering. Note that you must obtain four years of work experience in the same discipline of engineering (your discipline of application).

- Looking to Exempt (Engineering)
- Registration Interviews

Please refer to the [Registration and Reinstatement Policies](#) page to view all relevant policies.

VERSION HISTORY

VERSION NUMBER	PUBLISHED DATE	DESCRIPTION OF CHANGES
1.0	January 30, 2026	Initial version.

Figure 1: Review of an application for P.Eng. registration whose discipline of work experience is different from the discipline of their undergraduate degree

