

# DEFINED TERMS

## Registration & Reinstatement Policies

TERM	DEFINITION
<b>Applicant</b>	The same as set out in section 1(1) of the PGA [Definitions and interpretation].
<b>Assessor</b>	A qualified professional engineer or geoscientist volunteer in the applicant's area of practice who reviews the applicant's submissions and validator feedback. They provide competency ratings and can request revisions from the applicant if the reported experience does not meet the minimum competency rating. Assessors make a recommendation on applicant's readiness for professional registration.
<b>Board</b>	A board established under section 23 of the PGA [Board of regulatory body].
<b>Bylaws</b>	The Bylaws of Engineers and Geoscientists British Columbia under the <i>Professional Governance Act</i> .
<b>Code of Ethics</b>	The Code of Ethics of Engineers and Geoscientists British Columbia set out in Schedule A of the Bylaws.
<b>Competency Assessment System</b>	A system for professional registration or licensure applicants to record their progress in meeting the competency requirements for engineering or geoscience experience and have it validated and assessed.
<b>Conduct Unbecoming a Registrant</b>	Conduct of a Registrant that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. brings the regulatory body or its Registrants into disrepute,</li> <li>b. undermines the standards, methods or principles that are the foundation of the profession, or</li> <li>c. undermines the principle of holding paramount the safety, health and welfare of the public, including the protection of the environment and the promotion of health and safety in the workplace in the manner that reflects the stewardship of a given profession by each regulatory body.</li> </ul>
<b>Confirmatory Examinations</b>	Confirmatory examinations are a standard set of examinations to confirm that an Applicant's knowledge is equivalent to an accredited program.

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<b>Credentials Committee</b>	<p>The Credentials Committee is established by the Board pursuant to s. 44(1) of the Professional Governance Act and s. 2.1(2) of the Bylaws, and its members are appointed by the Board.</p> <p>The Committee determines whether to grant registration, grant registration subject to limitations or conditions, or to reject an application for registration with written reasons.</p> <p>The Committee reports to the Registrar in respect to an application for Review on the Record. The Committee determines, publishes, and monitors guidelines, policies, procedures, processes, and provisions for credentials assessment and registration in the best interest of the public.</p>
<b>Direct Supervision</b>	<p>The responsibility for the control and conduct of the activities, work, or decisions related to the Regulated Practice that have been delegated to a Subordinate.</p> <p>For further information please see Engineers and Geoscientists British Columbia's <i>Guide to the Standard for Direct Supervision</i>.</p>
<b>Engineers Canada</b>	<p>Engineers Canada is the national organization that supports collaboration, standards, and programs on behalf of Canadian engineering regulators.</p>
<b>Engineering Credentials Assessment Panel</b>	<p>A panel responsible for reviewing and making recommendations to the Credentials Committee with respect to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. the experience and competencies of Applicants for Professional Registrant in the categories of professional engineer and professional licensee engineering; and</li> <li>b. the proposed authorized area of Reserved Practice for Applicants for Professional Registrant in the category of professional licensee engineering.</li> </ol>
<b>Geoscientists Canada</b>	<p>Geoscientists Canada is the national organization that supports collaboration, standards, and programs on behalf of Canadian geoscience regulators.</p>
<b>In Good Standing</b>	<p>A Registrant is In Good Standing if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the Registrant's registration is not suspended; and</li> <li>• the Registrant has paid any annual fee owing to Engineers and Geoscientists BC.</li> </ul> <p>A Registrant Firm is In Good Standing if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the Registrant Firm's registration and Permit to Practice are not suspended; and</li> <li>• there are no conditions on the Registrant Firm's registration and Permit to Practice prohibiting it from engaging in the Regulated Practice.</li> </ul>

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<b>Mutual Recognition Agreement</b>	A professional engineering agreement negotiated by Engineers Canada or a professional geoscience agreement negotiated by Geoscientists Canada to facilitate mobility and expeditious licensure between participating countries.
<b>Non-Confirmatory Examinations</b>	Non-confirmatory examinations are for Applicants who have been assigned specific examination topics to address knowledge gaps identified after a detailed academic assessment.
<b>Practice of Professional Engineering</b>	The provision of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. advice or services that are based on an engineering discipline, or</li> <li>b. advice or services that are ancillary to those described in paragraph (a).</li> </ul>
<b>Practice of Professional Geoscience</b>	The provision of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. advice or services that <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. are based on environmental geoscience, geology, geophysics, or geochemistry, and</li> <li>ii. relate to the discovery or development of oil, natural gas, coal, metallic or non-metallic minerals, precious stones, other natural resources or water or the investigation of surface or subsurface geological conditions;</li> </ul> </li> <li>b. advice or services that are ancillary to those described in paragraph (a).</li> </ul>
<b>Professional Misconduct</b>	Misconduct by a registrant as a professional relating to the performance of duties while engaged in a regulated practice, including a failure to comply with, or a breach of, the <i>Professional Governance Act</i> , or of Engineers and Geoscientists BC regulations or Bylaws.
<b>Professional Registrant</b>	A Registrant who is registered as a(n): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• professional engineer (P.Eng.);</li> <li>• professional geoscientist (P.Geo.);</li> <li>• professional licensee engineering (P.L.Eng.);</li> <li>• professional licensee geoscience (P.L.Geo.);</li> <li>• life member prior to 1998; and/or</li> <li>• honorary life member.</li> </ul>
<b>Registrant</b>	The same as defined in Schedule 1, section 5 of the PGA [Definitions in respect of the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of the Province of British Columbia].

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<b>Registrar</b>	The individual appointed by the Board as Registrar pursuant to section 31(1) of the <i>Professional Governance Act</i> .
<b>Regulated Practice</b>	The practice of professional engineering or the practice of professional geoscience as prescribed, respectively, in s. 3 and s. 7 of the <i>Engineers and Geoscientists Regulation</i> .
<b>Regulatory Authority</b>	A licensing or certification body for regulating engineering or geoscience in Canada, or an institution in another country that is, in the opinion of the Board, equivalent to Engineers and Geoscientists British Columbia.
<b>Reserved Practice</b>	A regulated practice for which the right to practise is reserved for registrants of a regulatory body.
<b>Validator</b>	Professional Registrants or equivalent licensed engineering or geoscience practitioners from a Regulatory Authority, or equivalent in the country in which the experience has been gained, and with first-hand knowledge of the Applicant's work.