

Draft for Consultation

Your input is requested on the following Framework Element. Engineers Canada is seeking expert feedback and validation regarding membership rights and responsibilities. Key questions for consideration:

- What are the appropriate categories of registrants who should be eligible for membership?
- What are the appropriate types of membership?
- What rights and privileges should accompany membership?
- What responsibilities should accompany membership?

If you have any questions, or would like to submit your feedback please contact:

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We welcome your feedback!

Membership rights and responsibilities under revision

Purpose and policy direction

Common classes of membership facilitates professional mobility. Clearly defining the rights and responsibilities of different classes of members will enhance the governance of engineering regulators

Key considerations

Eligibility for membership

1. The following categories of registrants are eligible for membership:
 - a. Professional Engineers in good standing
 - b. Limited licence holders
2. The following categories of registrants may be eligible for membership at the discretion of the engineering regulator:
 - a. Other licensees / permit holders
 - b. Engineers-in-training
3. The following categories of registrants are not eligible for membership:
 - a. Organizations
 - b. Students
4. Neither citizenship nor province of residence should be a requirement for membership.

Membership categories

5. Engineering regulators may establish types of membership, including:
 - a. Regular
 - b. Life
 - c. Retired / non-practicing
 - d. Honorary

Membership rights and privileges

6. Regular members in good standing have all of the following rights:
 - a. Practice engineering in accordance with the conditions of their registration
 - b. Use of protected titles
 - c. Attending annual meetings of members and meetings of the Council
 - d. Receiving notice of annual meetings of members
 - e. Voting at annual meetings of members and in elections
 - f. Nominating or running for any position on Council
 - g. Receiving notice of the results of elections held under the Act
 - h. Attending courses, seminars, talks or presentations offered by the regulator
 - i. Receiving the regulatory body's official publication
 - j. Receiving any other notice, document or information provided by the regulator and intended for members
7. Other categories of members may have some of the same rights as regular members, but may not have all rights.
8. Members in good standing may receive privileges including:
 - a. Participation on any committee, task groups, etc. established by Council
 - b. Access to benefit, affinity or discount programs

Membership responsibilities

9. Regular members have responsibilities, including:
 - a. Ensuring that current contact information is provided to the regulator

- b. Payment of dues and fees as assessed by the regulator
 - c. Providing regular information and reports as required
 - d. Compliance with continuing competence requirements including continuing professional development
10. Membership responsibilities may be waived or reduced for certain categories of membership.
11. Waiver of compliance with continuing competence requirements may only be granted to non-practicing categories of members.
12. Regulators will establish requirements for transferring between practicing and non-practicing categories.

Definitions:

Membership: refers to those individuals who are members of the corporation which is the engineering regulator, and have the corresponding rights. Membership is not synonymous with registration.

Related:

Element: Titles, rights and responsibilities of registrants

Element: Rights and responsibilities of non-practicing members