

Draft for Consultation

Your input is requested on the following Framework Element. Engineers Canada is seeking expert feedback and validation regarding public identification of engineering expertise. Key questions for consideration:

- What should be the criteria for specialist designations?
- What are the limits on registrants self-identifying areas of interest or focus of practice?

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

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We welcome your feedback!

Public identification of engineering expertise

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Purpose and policy direction

A national system of specialist certifications will protect the public by restricting a specific specialist engineering practice to engineers who hold a specialist designation.

Consistent national guidelines regarding self-identification by registrants of areas of interest / focus will assist registrants in providing information to the public about their services in a manner which protects the public interest.

Key considerations

Specialist designation

1. Specific specialist professional engineering practices, such as structural engineering, may be reserved for those registrants who hold a specialist designation.
2. Specialist designations are additional qualifications available to those registrants who meet additional education, examination and experience requirements.
3. Specialist designations entail additional ongoing obligations to ensure competence, including continuing professional development and specialty practice hours.
4. Specialist designations are only available to actively practising professional engineers and professional engineers must continue to practise to maintain the specialist designation.

5. Specialist designations may be revoked in the same manner as a licence.

Self-identification of areas of practice

6. Registrants may describe themselves or advertise their services in a manner which indicates their areas of interest or focus of practice.
7. Registrants may not assume any title or designation that has not been duly granted and may not use the term 'specialist'.
8. Registrants must not advertise their services or expertise in an untruthful or misleading manner.
9. Registrants may only offer services, advise on or undertake engineering assignments in areas of their competence.