

Draft for Consultation

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

- What is the regulator's continuing obligation to non-practicing members?
- What are the appropriate rights and privileges of non-practicing members?
- What are the appropriate responsibilities of non-practicing members?

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

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We welcome your feedback!

Rights and responsibilities of non-practicing members

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Purpose and policy direction

One or more clearly defined categories of membership status, rights and responsibilities for non-practicing members will protect the public and provide clarity to members regarding their professional obligations.

Key considerations

1. The interests of the public and the profession are served by the regulator recognizing individuals as members even when they are not actively engaged in the practice of engineering.
2. Members who are not engaged in active practice should be subject to different rights and responsibilities from those who are active.
3. Non-practicing members are defined as members who:
 - a. are not conducting any activity that is within the definition of the practice of engineering
 - b. who are not using the P.Eng. designation in a manner which could lead the public to reasonably place reliance on the professional skills or judgement of the engineer
4. Non-practicing status may be temporary or permanent, and may apply to individuals who are:

- a. on leave (medical / parental)
- b. unemployed/not working
- c. retired
- d. not currently resident in the province / country

Rights and privileges

- 5. Non-practicing members retain all the rights and privileges of membership, with the exception of:
 - a. the right to practice engineering
 - b. the right to use a protected title in any situation which could lead a member of the public to reasonably place reliance on the individual's professional skills and judgement
 - c. the right to run for positions on Council

Responsibilities

- 6. Non-practicing members are subject to lesser responsibilities than practicing members, specifically:
 - a. reduction or waiver of dues or fees
 - b. exemption from continuing competence requirements including continuing professional development

Transition

- 7. Members in good standing are granted non-practicing status upon a request accompanied by appropriate supporting documentation.
- 8. Non-practicing members may return to active practice upon request after a period of less than two years of inactivity.
- 9. Members wishing to return to active practice after a period of more than two years may be required to demonstrate proof of current competence.

Related:

Element: Rights, titles and responsibilities

Element: Membership rights and responsibilities