

Draft for Consultation

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

- For each category of registrant, what should be the identified rights and responsibilities?
- Which category should be entitled to use a protected title?

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

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We welcome your feedback!

Titles, rights and responsibilities of registrants under revision – July 2016

Purpose and policy direction

Clearly defined categories of membership status, rights and responsibilities for registrants will protect the public interest and provide clarity to registrants and regulators regarding their professional obligations. Common titles, rights and responsibilities across the country will facilitate professional mobility and enhance the understanding and safety of the public.

Key considerations

1. The regulator defines and articulates distinct categories of registration.
2. The rights and responsibilities associated with each category of registrant are commensurate with the required qualifications and competencies.
3. The regulator may apply terms and conditions to any individual's licence or registration, commensurate with the individual's qualifications and competencies.
4. Professional engineers have the right to practise engineering independently in accordance with the Act, regulations, bylaws, code of ethics and code of conduct, and are accountable for their work. They have the right to use protected titles.
5. Limited licence holders have the right to practise within a restricted and specified scope of professional engineering. They are accountable for their work and must practise in accordance with the Act, regulations, bylaws and code of ethics and code of conduct. They have the right to use a protected title.

6. Holders of other types of restricted licence (provisional, temporary, etc.), have the right to practise within the restrictions set out in the licence, and are accountable for their work. They must practise in accordance with the Act, regulations, bylaws, code of ethics and code of conduct, and may use a protected title.
7. Organizations may be authorized by the regulator to practice professional engineering. Their practice must be in accordance with the Act, regulations, bylaws, code of ethics and code of conduct. A professional engineer must be accountable for all engineering work.
8. Engineers-in-training have the right to perform acts which fall within the practice of engineering under the supervision of a professional engineer, who is accountable for their work. They must become familiar with the Act, regulations and bylaws and must abide by the code of ethics and code of conduct. They have the right to use a protected title.
9. Engineering students include i) those in Canadian Engineering Accreditation Board-accredited programs and ii) those who are studying in a non-accredited program. They may be affiliated with the regulators through outreach and other programs. Engineering students do not have the right to practise engineering other than in circumstances where a professional engineer is accountable for their work. Engineering students do not have the right to use a protected title.

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 Licensing requirements and competencies: engineers-in-training
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