

WORKING TOGETHER

This living document confirms how the Accreditation Board, Qualifications Board and the chief executive officer work together for the benefit of the constituent associations, the public and the profession.

1. The highest priority of Engineers Canada is to promote consistency among the constituent associations' regulatory standards and practices.
E-1 - Consistency among the constituent associations' regulatory standards and practices to protect and serve the public interest is the highest priority among Ends. This End shall be allocated no less than 40 percent of the overall resources.
2. The constituent associations recognize and appreciate the value of the Accreditation Board and the Qualifications Board (the "boards"). The chief executive officer facilitates effective two-way communications between the constituent associations and the boards.
3. The existence and sustainability of the boards are at the pleasure of the Engineers Canada Board (the "Board"). The boards are Board committees pursuant to:
 - GP-9.5 Accreditation Board Terms of Reference - to enhance effectiveness and efficiency on matters related to the accreditation of academic engineering programs; and
 - GP-9.6 Qualifications Board Terms of Reference - to enhance effectiveness and efficiency on matters related to the qualifications for, and the practice of, engineering.
4. The chairs of the boards are Advisors to the Board and provide a key linkage between the Board and the boards (GP-1 & 3.1).
5. The work and the expertise of the boards enable the chief executive officer to achieve E-1.
6. The boards have authority:
 - to call upon specialists and to establish committees and task forces to assist in carrying out their work within the limits of their approved budgets and terms of reference; and
 - to use staff resource time for administrative support around meetings, but no authority to spend or commit other organization funds unless specifically allocated by the Board (GP-9.5 & 9.6).
7. The chief executive officer shall not cause or allow any practice, activity, decision or organizational circumstance which is imprudent, or cause or allow working conditions for staff or volunteers that are unfair, undignified, unsafe, disorganized, or unclear (EL & EL-1).
8. The chief executive officer will work with the boards to provide necessary staff and resources, while respecting Board-imposed limitations regarding financial conditions and reserve funds (EL-3 & GP-15).

9. The chairs of the boards and the chief executive officer recognize the value of mutual support to enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of work related to accreditation, qualifications and the practice of engineering:
- the chief executive officer may approach the boards to undertake additional activities to achieve E-1;
 - the boards may approach the chief executive officer for additional resources to carry out their work beyond the limits of their approved budgets and terms of reference;
 - the chief executive officer may convey additional priorities of the Board to the boards for consideration within their terms of reference; and
 - either of the boards or the chief executive officer may propose amendments to the terms of reference for consideration by Board.
10. The chairs of the boards and the chief executive officer confirm:
- the chief executive officer's commitment to ensure that the boards have the necessary additional financial and human resources available to enable them fulfill their mandates and additional requested activities, and
 - the board's commitment to provide expert advice and information to assist the chief executive officer in achieving the Ends.
11. Neither this statement of purpose nor the relationship between the boards and the chief executive officer is intended to interfere with the relationship between the boards and the Board.
12. This living document may be reviewed and revised by the boards and chief executive officer, as required.

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