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Queensland Engineer registration and assessment

How to apply for assessment of
qualifications, experience and competencies for
Queensland state registration

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About Queensland registration and assessment

1. The *Professional Engineers Act 2002* (the PE Act) requires that anyone carrying out a professional engineering service in Queensland or for Queensland must meet these standards and be registered as a Registered Professional Engineer of Queensland (RPEQ).

As a first step, you will need to have your qualifications, experience and competencies assessed by an assessment entity which has been approved by the Queensland Government. The Queensland Government department regulating the engineer profession in and for Queensland is the Board of Professional Engineers of Queensland (BPEQ). Engineers Australia has been approved by the BPEQ as an assessment entity, and this document will guide you through the different assessment pathways and show you how to complete your assessment with Engineers Australia.

Areas of Engineering

2. Engineers Australia has been approved to undertake assessment of professional engineers in the following 15 areas:
 - Aerospace engineering
 - Amusement rides and devices engineering
 - Biomedical engineering
 - Chemical engineering
 - Civil engineering
 - Electrical engineering
 - Environmental engineering
 - Fire safety engineering
 - Geotechnical engineering
 - Information, telecommunications and electronics engineering
 - Mechanical engineering
 - Mechatronics engineering
 - Naval architecture engineering
 - Petroleum engineering
 - Structural engineering

Mutual Recognition

3. If you are currently registered under a mandatory statutory registration scheme as a professional engineer in another Australian jurisdiction, you should contact the [BPEQ](#) directly for advice on how to register using mutual recognition. Automatic mutual recognition does not apply in or out of Queensland.

Assessment Pathway

4. If you are not using mutual recognition, there are three RPEQ eligibility assessment pathways available under Engineers Australia's assessment scheme:
 - State Registration Eligibility (QLD) assessment pathway (non-members of Engineers Australia only)
 - National Engineering Register (NER) assessment pathway
 - Chartered assessment pathway
5. Engineers Australia can assess you for registration under the PE Act whether you are a member of Engineers Australia or not. The State Registration Eligibility (QLD) assessment pathway is available only to non-members, whilst the NER and Chartered assessment pathways are only available to Engineers Australia members.
6. Under each of the three assessment pathways there are two components of the assessment:
 - The first component is an Entry to Practice (Stage 1) Assessment in which the acceptability of your qualifications is determined.
 - The second component is an Independent Practice (Stage 2) Assessment in which the acceptability of your experience and competency is determined.

Figure 1: State Registration Eligibility (QLD) assessment pathway

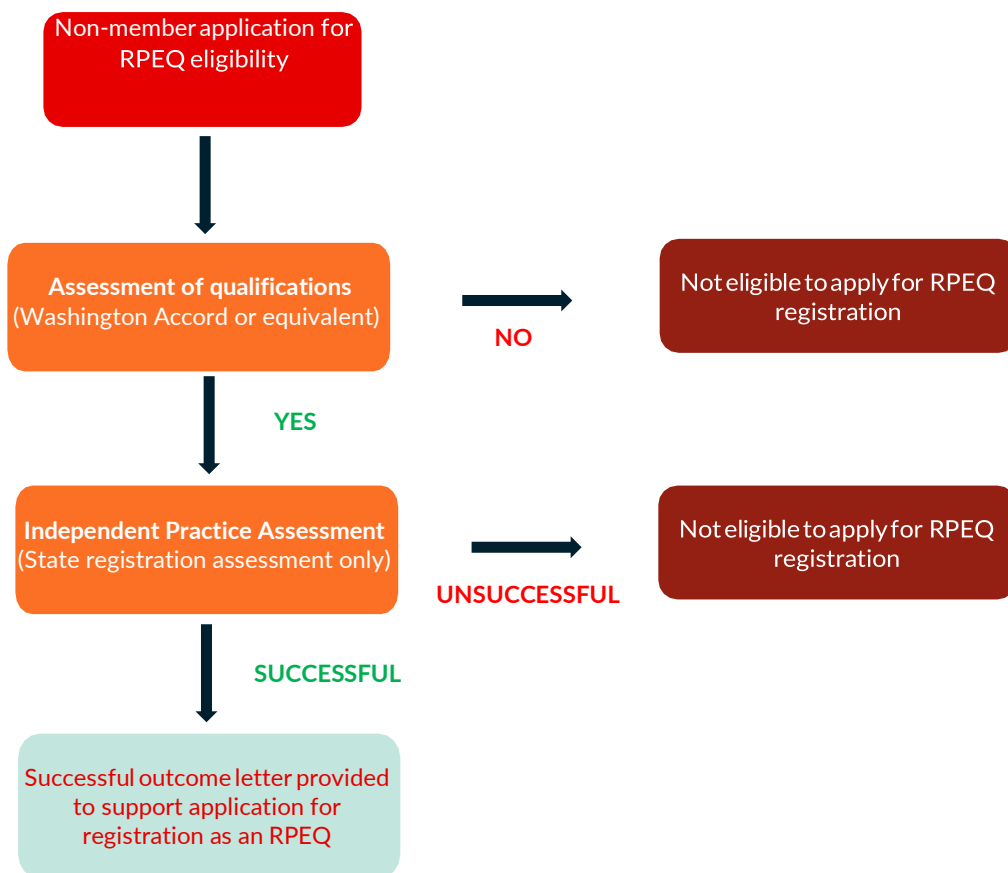


Figure 2: Non-members seeking Engineers Australia membership

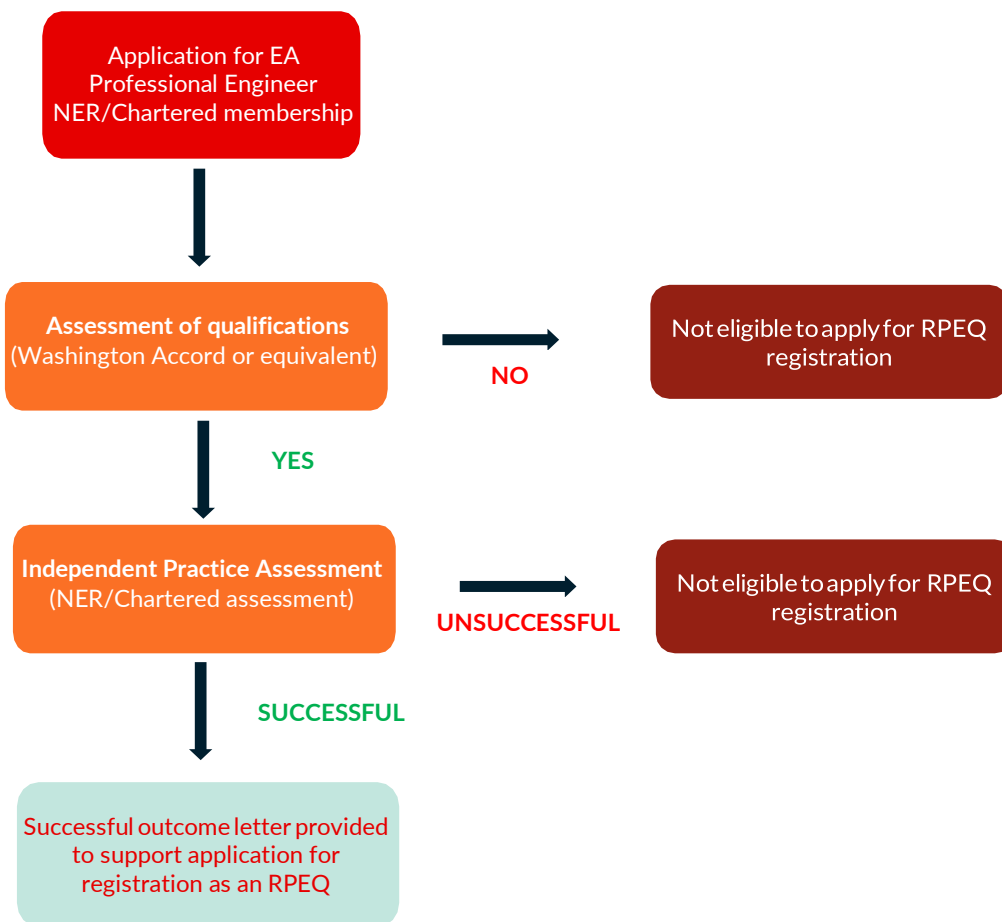
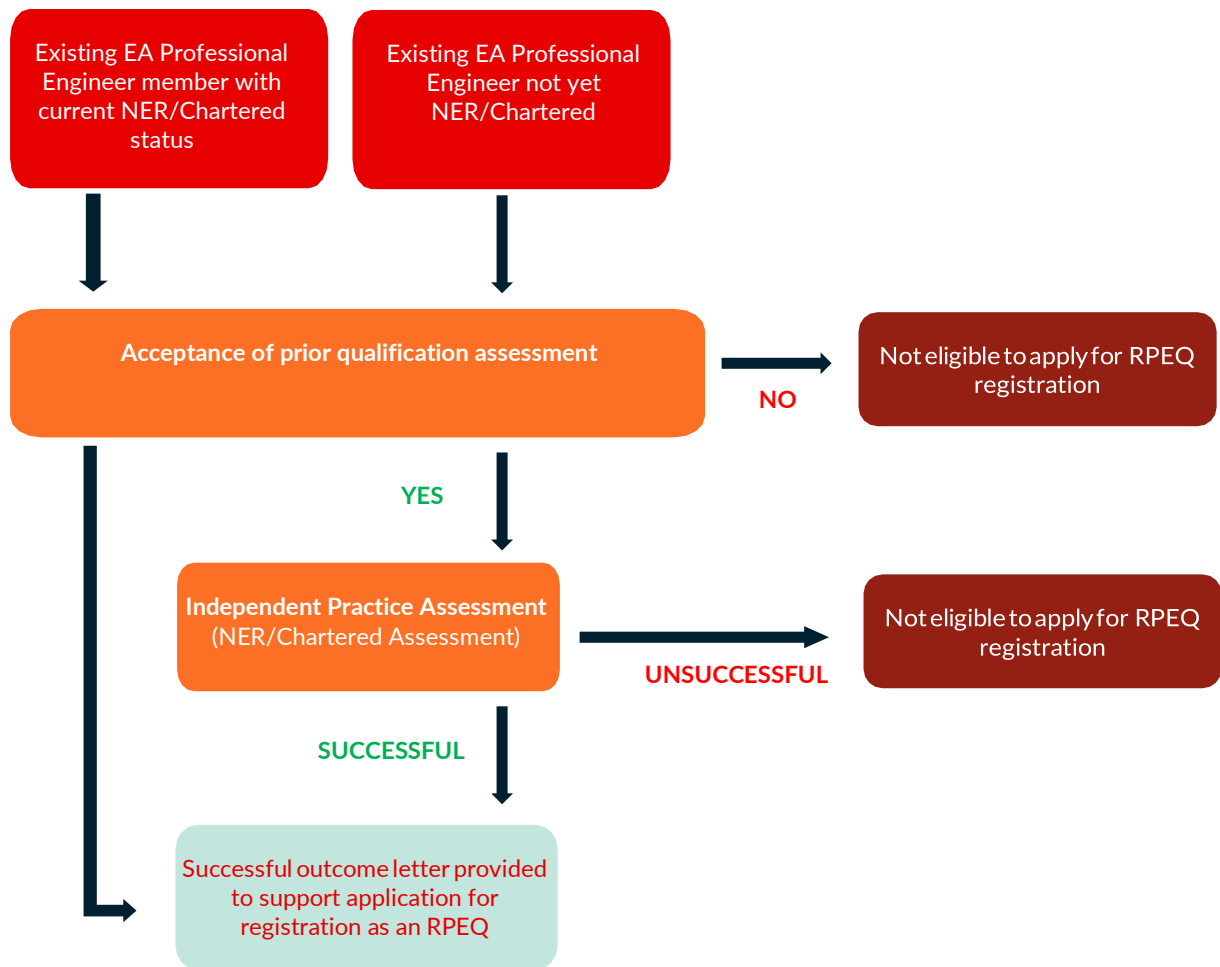


Figure 3: Members of Engineers Australia



Non-members

State registration eligibility assessment (QLD)

7. If you are NOT a member of Engineers Australia and are NOT registered in another state, you can be assessed by Engineers Australia for RPEQ. Under the State Registration Eligibility (QLD) pathway you will need to apply for:
 - Entry to Practice (Stage 1) Assessment, if you do not hold a Washington Accord qualification,
 - Independent Practice (Stage 2) Assessment, and
8. The qualifications for the RPEQ in each of the areas of engineering are shown in Table 1.

Qualifications

9. You must hold a relevant Washington Accord recognised engineering (degree or equivalent).

Assessment application process

10. To begin the State Registration Eligibility (QLD) assessment, you will need to create an account in the Engineers Australia [member portal](#).
11. Complete your application via the **State Registration Eligibility** tile (apply for an eligibility outcome for a statutory registration scheme(s)).
12. If you do not have a qualification accredited under the Washington Accord, you will need to apply for an Entry to Practice (Stage 1) Assessment first.
13. If you do have a qualification accredited under the Washington Accord, you will proceed directly to the Independent Practice (Stage 2) Assessment.
14. For each of the prescribed area(s) of engineering an applicant is applying for registration in, the applicant shall have:
 - Five years relevant of full-time equivalent work experience in the past ten years with at least four years of full-time equivalent post-graduation¹.
15. If you meet the assessment standard of the RPEQ eligibility assessment pathway, you will be able to access your RPEQ Assessment Letter from Engineers Australia. Your RPEQ Assessment Letter will note in which area(s) of engineering you are eligible to register. It is your responsibility to apply to the BPEQ for registration as a professional engineer. The eligibility requirements and process to register with the BPEQ are available on their [website](#).

¹ For a traditional career path, Engineers Australia considers that five years of engineering experience provides a sound base to develop the professional maturity for independent practice without supervision. Applicants using the State Registration Eligibility (QLD) assessment pathway will be required to demonstrate five years of professional engineering experience.

Entry to Practice (Stage 1) assessment

16. Entry to Practice (Stage 1) [competency](#) is typically demonstrated through the successful completion of an engineering education program at an Australian higher education institution, accredited by Engineers Australia under the Washington Accord. Many overseas accredited engineering qualifications are also recognised under the Washington Accord. [Check your qualifications here.](#)
17. If your Assessor confirms that you hold a qualification accredited under Washington Accord, your Entry to Practice (Stage 1) competency will be confirmed and your application will move to the second component, the Independent Practice (Stage 2) Assessment.
18. If you already have an Entry to Practice (Stage 1) Assessment or a Migration Skills Assessment (MSA) Outcome Letter from Engineers Australia that confirms your academic qualifications meet the current academic requirements, you do not need to complete another qualification assessment. You should upload a copy of the qualification assessment letter you have received from Engineers Australia with your application.

Independent Practice (Stage 2) assessment

19. To apply for an Independent Practice (Stage 2) Assessment, you will need to upload the following documentation in colour:
 - Photo identification.
 - Change of name documents (if applicable).
 - Evidence of your qualifications, including transcripts and testamurs.
 - A [detailed CV](#).
 - The names and contact details of two [referees](#) who can verify your work experience.
 - Evidence of your English language competence, if you do not meet the exempt criteria.
 - Details of formal and informal continuing professional development (CPD), that is relevant to the application.
 - Summary statement of your demonstrated competencies in the following five elements from the 'Australian Engineering Competency Standards Independent Practice - Professional Engineer' in the relevant area(s) of engineering:
 - Element 1 – Deal with ethical issues
 - Element 2 – Practice competently
 - Element 4 – Develop safe and sustainable solutions
 - Element 6 – Identify, assess and manage risks
 - Element 13 – Local engineering knowledge, according to their area of practice including a knowledge of standards and practices.
 - Evidence of any professional memberships you hold.
20. The Assessor will review the documentation that you have provided and advise if additional documentation/evidence is required. The Assessor will then contact your referees to confirm the validity of your claims and arrange an interview with you to validate your identification, your experience and competency claims.
21. If you meet the assessment standard of the Independent Practice (Stage 2), you will be eligible for a RPEQ Assessment Letter which will note the area(s) of engineering you are eligible for QLD registration.
22. As a non-member, your RPEQ Assessment Letter will only be made available to you via the

Engineers Australia [member portal](#) for 12 months before it expires.

Members

Not yet NER or Chartered

23. If you are a member of Engineers Australia and NOT currently on the NER or NOT Chartered and NOT registered in another state, you will need to complete an Independent Practice (stage 2) Assessment to gain NER or Chartered status as a professional engineer
24. Information to join the NER is available on the [NER page](#), and information about applying for Chartered is available on the [Chartered page](#) of our website.

NER or Chartered

25. If you are a registrant on the NER or Chartered and NOT registered in another state, then you do not need further assessment of your qualifications, experience, or competencies. You are considered to have successfully completed all the components of the RPEQ eligibility assessment and qualify to access your RPEQ Assessment Letter.
26. To access your RPEQ Assessment Letter, login to the Engineers Australia [member portal](#) and generate your RPEQ Assessment Letter via the **Registration tab**. There is no fee payable to download the RPEQ Assessment Letter.
27. Your RPEQ Assessment Letter, will state which area(s) of engineering you are eligible to register as a professional engineer, based on your NER or Chartered area(s) of practice. It is your responsibility to apply to the BPEQ for registration as a professional engineer. The eligibility requirements and process to register with the BPEQ are available on their [website](#).
28. If you are seeking a RPEQ Assessment Letter, in an area of engineering which does not directly match your NER area(s) of practice, you will need to login to the [member portal](#) and select **National Engineering Register (NER)** to apply for an additional area(s) of practice.
29. If you are seeking a RPEQ Assessment Letter in an area of engineering which does not match your Chartered area(s) of practice, visit the [Areas of Practice](#) webpage to add an area of practice.

Continuing Professional Development (CPD)

33. Under the *Professional Engineers Act 2002*, the BPEQ's requirements are and to continue to be eligible for registration, professional engineer:
- i. Complete a minimum of 150 hours of structured continuing professional development (CPD) over a three-year period leading up to the renewal or restoration of their registration;
 - ii. Undertake a minimum of 75% (112.5 hours) of the 150 hours as technical CPD;
 - iii. Undertake a maximum 25% (37.5 hours) of the 150 hours as non-technical CPD;
 - iv. Undertake as a minimum, 1 hour of non-technical CPD covering ethics;
 - v. Undertake as a minimum, 1 hour of non-technical CPD covering risk management.

If you are a non-member of Engineers Australia your CPD audit will be conducted by the BPEQ, and you will need to meet the BPEQ's CPD requirements.

34. For members of Engineers Australia:
- a. Professional engineers working part-time², the CPD period is extended from three to five years.
 - b. Professional engineers on a career break³, the CPD period is extended from three to five years.

Members will need to meet Engineers Australia's CPD requirements, which can be found on our [website](#).

35. Upon your renewal of your registration, you do not need to have your qualifications, experience and competency reassessed, but you will have to prove that you have been undertaking an amount of CPD specified by the BPEQ.
36. If you are a member of Engineers Australia, the BPEQ requires Engineers Australia to conduct your CPD Audit and Practice Review. If you satisfy Engineers Australia's CPD Audit and Practice Review, you will have also satisfied the BPEQ's requirements for your renewal of registration.

² Part-time employment is defined as working less than 24 hours per week over the previous three-year period.

³ A career break is defined as a period of leave from the workforce of at least six months and less than five years, for example serious illness, parental leave, extended travel, caring for family members, unemployment, elite sporting commitments, or other career breaks as assessed by Engineers Australia on a case-by-case basis.

More questions?

The assessment timeframe

37. The timeframe for the assessment of your application will depend on whether a decision can be made based on the documentation you submit or whether additional information is required.
38. Engineers Australia is committed to providing an assessment outcome within 90 calendar days from the time of receiving all the relevant documentation for a State Registration Eligibility (QLD) application pathway.

Fees

39. The current fees for all assessment types discussed in this guideline document, can be found on the Engineers Australia [website](#)

Need more information?

40. For information about Engineers Australia's assessment for registration under the *Professional Engineers Act 2002* contact the Registration Team at registration@engineersaustralia.org.au

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