

Fact Sheet About Engineering Registration Requirements in Queensland

It is a legal requirement for professional engineers to register with the Board of Professional Engineers before they can practise as a professional engineer in Queensland.

Engineers must be a Registered Professional Engineer of Queensland (RPEQ) to provide engineering services. The rule applies to all persons who in their employment provide engineering services to their employer. The exception is for persons who practise under the direct supervision of RPEQs.

Companies need to ensure that persons employed as professional engineers are registered, or work under the supervision of a registered professional engineer. The requirement applies regardless of whether the professional engineer is providing professional engineering services to his or her employer or to external clients. Requirements of the Act

Definition of professional engineering service

Professional engineering service means an engineering service that requires, or is based on, the application of engineering principles and data to a design, or to a construction or production activity, relating to engineering, and does not include an engineering service that is provided only in accordance with a prescriptive standard.

The dictionary in the legislation provides that:

Prescriptive standard means a document that states procedures or criteria:

- a. for carrying out a design, or a construction or production activity, relating to engineering; and
- b. the application of which, to the carrying out of the design, or the construction or production activity, does not require advanced scientifically based calculations.

Examples:

- AS1684 – Timber framing code, published by Standards Australia
- AS/NZS 3000:2007 – Electrical installations (known as the Australian/New Zealand Wiring Rules) published by Standards Australia.

More information is available as follows:

- At <https://www.bpeq.qld.gov.au>
- By emailing admin@bpeq.qld.gov.au
- The Professional Engineers Act 2002 (Queensland).

Currency of engineering registration can be verified at:

https://www.bpeq.qld.gov.au/imis15/BPEQ/Finding_an_RPEQ/BPEQ/Navigation/Find_an_RPEQ/Find_an_RPEQ.aspx?hkey=2072640f-1085-4743-b355-57a7bb889293

Sample RPEQ cards:

