

We are pleased to announce that IPWEA Queensland is an approved assessing authority for Registered Professional Engineer of Queensland (RPEQ) registration in the area of Civil Engineering – Public Works.

Under the Queensland ‘Professional Engineers Act 2002’, engineers practicing in Queensland are required to be registered with the Board of Professional Engineers Queensland. IPWEA Queensland provides a seamless process for assessment and draws on the highest levels of membership – that of Emeritus and Fellow – to assess applications throughout Queensland.

Why should I become an RPEQ?

Registration entitles professional engineers to use the title “Registered Professional Engineer of Queensland” or the abbreviation “RPEQ” and adds your name to the Roll of Registered Professional Engineers of Queensland. This differentiates you as a professional engineer and is confirmation that you have met certain professional, educational and competency requirements.

Who can apply?

Applicants wishing to be assessed for RPEQ need to meet the following criteria:

- A minimum four year degree in an Engineering discipline. Where a degree less than four years is held, the Assessment Board may consider additional education and training as equivalence to a four year degree.
- A minimum of five years professional experience in civil engineering after graduating.
- Technical Officers having completed MEPrac may also apply after five years experience.
- Have completed 50 hours of CPD per year for the immediate previous three years.
- Fulfil the relevant criteria as set out in the IPWEA Queensland By-Laws, Guidelines and Regulations and comply with the IPWEA Queensland Code of Ethics.

Record your CPD

Before even thinking about your application, you can go online and register: start recording your CPD so that when the time comes you are ready. Great for an up-to-date CV.

How do I apply?

From 1 April 2014, applicants wishing to be assessed by IPWEA Queensland may complete an online application form at www.rpeqassessment.com.au and will require the following information:

- Details of all qualifications held relevant to the discipline for which accreditation is sought.
- An up-to-date, detailed curriculum vitae.
- Details of CPD undertaken in the immediate 3 years prior to application.
- Referee statements from three referees who are RPEQ and are in a position to independently comment on the applicant’s work. These referees can be an IPWEAQ member, an Engineers Australia Chartered Professional or other professionals who the IPWEAQ Assessment Board deems to have the equivalent of Chartered Professional status.
- A statement about why you should be recognised as an RPEQ.

Prior to 1 April 2014 applications for RPEQ assessment may be made by completing the hard copy application form available from the IPWEA Queensland office.

How is my application assessed?

All applications for RPEQ registration will be assessed by IPWEA Queensland’s expert panel of assessors and overseen by the IPWEA Queensland RPEQ Assessment Board.

Assessment usually takes between four to eight weeks and includes an interview with a panel of three assessors. Your interview will either be conducted by video and/or telephone link, saving time and money on traveling costs.

If your assessment is successful, IPWEA Queensland will issue you with a Certificate of Assessment which you may then use to apply to the Board of Professional Engineers Queensland for registration as an RPEQ.

For more information, please contact:

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What is the review process?

All applicants approved as an RPEQ by IPWEA Queensland will be subject to a random audit of their continuing professional development (CPD) activities once every three years. Audited members and registrants will be required to demonstrate a minimum average of 50 hours of CPD per year calculated over a three year rolling period.

How much will it cost?

An assessment fee will be payable at the time of application with the Schedule of Fees set at:

- \$430 inc GST for IPWEAQ Members
- \$500 inc GST for non-IPWEAQ members
- \$430 inc GST for Engineers Australia Chartered Professional Members

You will be able to apply for IPWEAQ membership at the same time as your RPEQ assessment. Successful admission into the IPWEAQ membership will reduce the fee to \$430. Additional fees may be charged if an applicant requires reassessment of any component of their application.

Who should I contact?

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The area of Civil Engineering - Public Works includes:

Airports, Environmental Engineering, Asset and Risk Management, Bridge construction/Maintenance, Building Design/Construction, Coastal Management, Drainage, Emergency Services, Fleet/Plant and Mechanical Services, Floodplain Management, Marine Parks/ Recreation Management, Planning, Rail, Road Construction, Road Maintenance, Road Safety, Stormwater, Traffic, Engineering/Management, Transport, Waste; and Water & Sewage.

Benefits of Registration

Queensland is the only State that comprehensively registers engineers in Australia. The Board administers the Queensland Professional Engineers Act 2002 (The Act) along with promoting and advocating the engineering profession. The Act provides for the registration of professional engineers to practise in Queensland.

Registration as a professional engineer of Queensland (RPEQ) is recognition of the significant role of engineering as a profession. Engineers occupy positions of trust and responsibility within the community. Registration ensures that a high standard of preparation, conduct and practice is upheld.

Queensland has a long and proud history of registration within the engineering profession. Gaining professional registration is an important landmark in an engineer's career and means the engineer has met certain professional standards for entry into the profession in Queensland, and opens the way for continuing professional development in the future. Anyone who wishes to provide professional engineering services in Queensland must be registered with the Board. Applicants prior to admission to the Register must first satisfy the required standards of the Board. Standards which must be met relate to certain professional educational and competency requirements.

You will be identified as a 'Registered Professional Engineer of Queensland' and you will be entitled to use or publish this title or the abbreviation 'RPEQ'.

Under the Professional Engineers Act 2002, the Board provides protection for registered professional engineers ensuring that unqualified people cannot practise in providing professional engineering services in Queensland. Also, qualified engineers who are not registered can only provide services under the direct supervision of an RPEQ. Your name will be published on the Roll of Registered Professional Engineers of Queensland. This Roll is referenced widely by government authorities, statutory bodies and private clients looking to engage professional engineering services.

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