



Introduction

Victoria's state government established the *Professional Engineers Registration Act 2019* on 1 July 2021.

The PER Act regulates anyone who provides a 'professional engineering service' and is administered by Consumer Affairs Victoria.

Subject to individuals meeting the prescribed qualification, experience, competence and probity requirements they are registered for a 3-year period that requires triennial renewal.

Position

IPWEA Victoria is an engineering association with a commitment to enabling better public works. Many of its members are registered engineers in the civil area since becoming subject to the Act on 1 October 2022.

IPWEAV supported advocacy for the Act by Engineers Australia and Professionals Australia from 2015-2021 and supports its operation through the following services:

Registration

By assessing the qualification, experience and competence of aspiring registrants under a BLA-approved Assessment Scheme (since July 2021).

Renewal

By verifying compliance with the Continuing Professional Development obligations of RPEVs (commencing in 2025).

Statement

IPWEAV will maintain its support for the regulation of civil engineers to ensure optimal infrastructure outcomes by advocating:

Registration

- *That suitably qualified and experienced civil engineers be supported by their employer to become registered, meet their prescribed CPD obligations and renew their registration*
- *That unregistered individuals be cautioned against the risks of providing engineering advice without the supervision or guidance of a registered engineer*
- *That a statewide employer audit be undertaken to verify the compliance of engineering and allied professional staff*

Renewal

- *That the co-regulatory model adopted for registration also be adopted for registration renewal to enhance consumer protection*