

Board of Professional Engineers of Queensland Policy

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1. Rationale

The purpose of this policy is to clarify the Board's position on the application of the Mutual Recognition Act 1992 (Cwlth) when an engineer has applied for registration with the Board of Professional Engineers from another jurisdiction within Australia.

2. Policy

If a notice is lodged pursuant to Section 19 of the Mutual Recognition Act 1992 (Cwlth) the Board is required to register the person as a professional engineer of Queensland unless Section 23 of the Mutual Recognition Act 1992 (Cwlth) applies and in which case the Board may refuse registration.

In determining whether section 23 of the Mutual Recognition Act 1992 (Cwlth) applies the Board must consider:

1. Is the occupation for which the person is registered in another state an equivalent occupation? If so, the Board must register that person as a professional engineer in Queensland. If not, the Board should consider the next step:
2. Can equivalence be obtained by the imposition of conditions on the person's registration in Queensland? If so the Board must register that person, but impose the relevant conditions.

In determining the equivalency the Board may refer the engineer seeking registration to Engineers Australia or an appropriate assessment entity to determine the equivalency of the occupation to that of a registered professional engineer in Queensland. The referral will be at the cost of the engineer seeking registration under the Mutual Recognition Act 1992 (Cwlth).

3. Overview

N/A

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4. Practice

N/A

5. References

- Sections 19, 20 , 23 and 29 of the *Mutual Recognition Act 1992(Cwlth)*