



BOARD OF
**PROFESSIONAL
ENGINEERS**
OF QUEENSLAND



Explanatory Notes on Registration – Mutual Recognition

Registration period and renewal

Initial registration will be to 30 June. Registration renewals are due between 1 April and 31 May each year. Ongoing registration is for a 12-month period, 1 July to 30 June.

Applying for mutual recognition of registration

Applications under Mutual Recognition will be accepted from engineers registered with another state's engineer registration authority, such as NSW Building Professionals Board, Victorian Building Authority, Northern Territory Building Practitioners Board. A Chartered Professional Engineer with Engineering New Zealand may also apply under Mutual Recognition.

Chartered (or similar) membership with a professional organisation (e.g. Engineers Australia, Professionals Australia, AusIMM) is not an accepted pathway to RPEQ registration through Mutual Recognition.

Applicants are encouraged to complete a Mutual Recognition Form available on BPEQ's website. Applications in the form of a letter will be accepted provided all the conditions of section 19 of the Mutual Recognition (Queensland) Act 1992 or section 18 of the Trans-Tasman Mutual Recognition (Queensland) Act 2003 (whichever is applicable) are met.

A copy of the applicant's original registration must be attached with the application form. The copy must be certified as true copy of the original by a Justice of the Peace, solicitor or public notary.

Deemed registration

Any applicant for registration is deemed to be registered for at least one month while a decision is made on the application. The deemed registration allows the applicant to carry out any statutory prescribed engineering registration work from the date of the application.

An applicant who is subject to deemed registration is subject to any disciplinary provisions and arrangements that are applicable to individuals who are registered. If an individual's registration is cancelled or suspended or subject to a condition on disciplinary grounds then the individual's deemed registration is affected in the same way except that BPEQ may waive any such cancellation, suspension or condition.

Deemed registration is cancelled if BPEQ grants or refuses to grant registration to an applicant. Deemed registration, which is not affected by any postponement, will continue until it is granted or refused.

Fees

Applications for RPEQ received from 1 July 2018 - 24 December 2018 must include the application fee (\$61.65) plus the annual registration fee (\$227.65). Successful applicants would then be registered to 30 June 2019.

Applications for RPEQ received from 25 December 2018 - 31 May 2019 must include the application fee (\$61.65) plus the six-month registration fee (\$114.55). Successful applicants would then be registered to 30 June 2019.

Applications for RPEQ received from 1 June 2019 - 30 June 2019 must include the application fee (\$61.65) plus the full annual registration fee (\$227.65). Successful applicants would then be registered to 30 June 2020.

Fees are GST exempt.

Conditions on registration

BPEQ may impose conditions on registration:

- to achieve equivalence of occupations; or
- to impose on the applicant/s deemed registration in Queensland a condition that applies to the applicant's registration in Queensland

For Queensland registration, BPEQ may waive a condition or undertaking on an applicant's registration imposed by the registration authority of the original state/territory if it (BPEQ) believes it is appropriate in the circumstances.

No condition imposed will be more onerous than a condition that BPEQ would impose in similar circumstances if the registration occurred other than through mutual recognition.

Refusal to grant registration

Registration may be refused if:

- the occupation is not an equivalent occupation and equivalence cannot be achieved by imposing conditions or limits on registration; or
- statements, documents or information in the application for registration are, false or misleading.

Postponement of registration

Registration may be postponed if:

- any of the statements or information provided in or with an applicant's completed application form are materially false or misleading; or
- any information has not been provided; or
- it determines that the occupation in which registration is sought is not an equivalent occupation.

The postponement of an applicant's registration will not exceed six months, starting at the conclusion of the period of deemed registration (one month).

Cancelling registration

BPEQ may cancel a person's registration if:

- it becomes aware that the person, who gained registration through mutual recognition, has had their registration (in the original state/territory) suspended or cancelled; or
- the person has been personally prohibited from practising as a result of criminal, civil or disciplinary proceedings.

Signature

The registration application is a legal document and BPEQ must receive the document as an original (i.e. by post or delivered in person to the BPEQ office – documents cannot be emailed or faxed) with a wet ink signature.

Notification

BPEQ will notify the applicant by writing whether registration was granted, with or without conditions, or postponed or refused. The notice will include a statement of the reason for the decision (and if requested by the applicant, additional information on which the reason was based).

Appealing BPEQ decision

An applicant may apply to the Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal (QCAT) for a review of a BPEQ decision (i.e. conditions, postponement, refusal or registration). BPEQ conditions will apply pending the outcome of any review.

