

# Board of Professional Engineers of Queensland Policy

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## 1. Rationale

The Board is occasionally approached by professional engineers and engineering firms to provide legal and technical advice in interpreting the requirements of the *Professional Engineers Act 2002* (the Act) to their particular circumstance. This Policy sets out to explain the Board's role and position in relation to provision of such advice.

## 2. Policy

The primary functions of the Board, as stated in s.80 of the Act are as follows:

- (a) to assess applications made to it under the Act;
- (b) to register persons who are eligible for registration and issue certificates of registration;
- (c) to conduct, or authorise, investigations about the professional conduct of registered professional engineers and contraventions of the act
- (d) to keep a register
- (e) to advise the Minister about
  - i. eligibility requirements for persons applying for registration, or renewal or restoration of registration; and
  - ii. the suitability of assessment schemes for approval; and
  - iii. the operation of the Act in its application to the practice of engineering;
- (f) to review the eligibility requirements mentioned in paragraph (e)(i)
- (g) to perform other functions given to the Board under this or another Act;
- (h) to perform a function incidental to a function mentioned in paragraphs (a) to (g)

Essentially the Board is a statutory body which administers the Act and is staffed by administrative officers. It is not its role, to provide in-depth

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legal or technical advice on specific circumstances relating to professional engineers, be they registered or not.

### **3. Practice**

The Board will direct enquiries to relevant parts of the Act but it will not provide technical or legal advice on interpreting how the Act relates to a specific circumstance.

### **4. References**

Nil