



## Ontario engineering regulator changing engineer licence application processes and EIT program starting May 15, 2023

*Ontario engineering licence application changes will help ensure a more efficient, transparent and fair process for all applicants while complying with new Ontario government requirements*

Beginning May 15, 2023, [Professional Engineers Ontario \(PEO\)](#)—Ontario’s engineering regulator—is introducing changes to its licence application process that will see new applicants receive a registration decision within six months of submitting a completed licence application.

The new application rules for obtaining a P.Eng. licence also comply with new requirements set by the Ontario government under the *Fair Access to Regulated Professions and Compulsory Trades Act (FARPACKTA)*.

The licence application changes include:

**Application eligibility**—Prospective applicants must demonstrate the required academic and experience qualifications **before applying**.

**Academic requirements**—The academic requirement to apply for a P.Eng. licence will be a bachelor’s degree in an engineering program that is accredited by the Canadian Engineering Accreditation Board (CEAB) or a bachelor’s degree that meets PEO’s acceptance criteria\* and successful completion of a confirmatory examination program.

*\*As of May 15, 2023 (or earlier), prospective applicants can check on our website to determine if their bachelor’s degree is CEAB-accredited or meets PEO’s acceptance criteria.*

**Experience requirements**—The minimum engineering work experience necessary to attain a licence will remain 48 months. However, at time of application, all applicants (including both Canadian and international applicants) will now be required to demonstrate completion of 48 months of experience that meets requirements for engaging in the practice of professional engineering, as evidenced by a competency-based assessment (CBA). A CBA is a tool to assess readiness for licensure that examines engineering competencies across several categories (technical, communication, project management, professional accountability, etc.) in which all professional engineers must be competent to support effective practice and public safety.

### **Engineering intern (EIT) program**

The EIT program will no longer be offered to new applicants as of May 15, 2023. Since the required engineering work experience under the new licensing process must be acquired before applying, the EIT program, which was designed to assist applicants as they acquired work experience, is no longer sustainable in its current form. PEO understands the value that the EIT designation holds for prospective applicants, as well as engineering employers and PEO chapters. As such, PEO will be consulting with its stakeholders to explore other options for prospective applicants looking to gain experience.

For latest updates on PEO’s licence application process, please visit the [PEO website](#).