

## Professional Engineers Ontario (PEO) and the Ontario Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities

Professional Engineers Ontario (PEO) and the Ontario Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities have released a fact sheet on the engineering profession in Ontario. This fact sheet is available online, and gives detailed information on the requirements and process of professional engineering licensure in Ontario.

The URL is: [www.equalopportunity.on.ca/english\\_g/apt/engineer.html](http://www.equalopportunity.on.ca/english_g/apt/engineer.html) Attached, you will find a letter that was sent to Canadian embassies, consulates and high commissions abroad, as well as a news release on the new fact sheet.

### News Release

## ***Engineering Licensing Fact Sheet now available online***

**Toronto -- (January 25, 2002)** – Information about the requirements for being licensed as a professional engineer in Ontario and the licensing process is now available for prospective immigrants to Ontario from the Ontario Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities and Professional Engineers Ontario (PEO), the licensing body for the engineering profession in the province.

As a result of a relatively new PEO initiative, a prospective immigrant can apply to become licensed as a professional engineer in Ontario from outside Canada. Prospective immigrants can now begin their application process with PEO before they finalize their immigration plans, and can continue the process when they arrive in Ontario. The improved process resulted from a review of PEO's admission process and PEO's aim to enhance the dissemination of accurate information about licensing to prospective immigrants.

By starting the P.Eng. licence application process from outside Canada, prospective immigrants will have access to definitive information about the legislated requirements for a professional engineer (P.Eng.) licence in Ontario, the acceptability of their qualifications for P.Eng. licensing, and any additional experience, examination or educational requirements they might need to fulfil to obtain their Ontario P.Eng. licence.

"People were arriving from abroad without a clear understanding of our role, our licensing requirements, or the circumstances under which they would require a licence," said Peter M.A. DeVita, P.Eng., who was PEO President at the time the new procedure was announced. Under the new process, for new immigrants, the time between submitting their application and obtaining their P.Eng. licence should be reduced.

The new procedure is also intended to eliminate any confusion that might result from assessments of an individual's education for immigration purposes and its assessment for licensing purposes in Ontario, which serve very different purposes.

P.Eng. licence application packages may be obtained from the [PEO website in PDF format](#) or by calling the PEO Publications Desk

The *Access to the Engineering Profession for Internationally Trained Workers* fact sheet can be viewed by visiting a special section of PEO's website at [http://www.peo.on.ca/registration/prospective\\_overseas.htm](http://www.peo.on.ca/registration/prospective_overseas.htm).

Under the *Professional Engineers Act*, unlicensed individuals may work in the engineering field as long as a licensed professional engineer takes responsibility for their work. Only a licensed professional engineer may use the titles "professional engineer", "P.Eng." or any similar title that may lead to the belief that the individual is authorized to work as a professional engineer.

Professional Engineers Ontario administers the *Professional Engineers Act* by licensing professional engineers, and setting standards for and regulating engineering in Ontario so that the public interest is served and protected. Rigorously educated, experienced, and committed to a Code of Ethics that puts the public interest first, licensed professional engineers can be identified by the P.Eng. after their names.

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Re: PEO Fact Sheet

Friday, January 25, 2002

Dear Consular Services Officer,

Professional Engineers Ontario (PEO) and the Ontario Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities have released a fact sheet on the engineering profession in Ontario. This fact sheet is available online, and gives detailed information on the requirements and process of professional engineering licensure in Ontario. This information will prove very useful for prospective immigrants who have completed their engineering education outside of Canada.

The URL is: [http://www.equalopportunity.on.ca/english\\_g/apt/engineer.html](http://www.equalopportunity.on.ca/english_g/apt/engineer.html)

PEO has also recently implemented a new process that allows prospective immigrants to apply for their P.Eng. licence from outside of Canada. Information on both the Fact Sheet and the new procedures are attached.

Please ensure that this information is distributed to any interested parties, including prospective immigrants, educational institutions and media.

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Please contact me if you have any questions.

Regards,

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