

## **Guide for Overseas Qualified Engineers**

To work as an engineer in Australia, you must be registered with the State in which you will be working. While there is no national regulatory body, Engineers Australia offers national registration that all states recognise. Engineers Australia (EA) is a professional body which maintains engineering standards of competency, experience and ethical practice, as well as the accreditation of courses and the assessment of overseas qualifications. To be a member of EA demonstrates that you have the required skills, qualifications and experience to work as an engineer.

### **Steps:**

- ☐ Qualifications recognised under the Washington, Sydney and/ or Dublin Accord.
- ☐ Membership with Engineers Australia (or another Engineering body such as the Association of Professional Engineers Australia (APEA)), via one of the following pathways:
  - ☐ Mutual Recognition
  - ☐ Direct Application with qualification recognition through the International Engineering Alliance
  - ☐ Entry to Practice Competency Assessment
- ☐ Check if you are required to register with the NSW (or other State/ Territory) to work and apply for registration.

### **Required Documents:**

- ☐ Photo identification
- ☐ Evidence of qualifications: testamur/ completion certification, transcripts, in some cases unit outlines
- ☐ Detailed CV
- ☐ Three (3) career episodes and a summary statement demonstrating you meet the elements of competence
- ☐ Membership number and organisation name if you are a member of a mutually recognised organisation
- ☐ Evidence of registration or Chartered status
- ☐ Evidence of good financial standing with your membership organisation
- ☐ A written statement listing evidence of any continuing professional development you are undertaking (optional/ if applicable)

### **Essential Information:**

- EA membership fees: up to AUD900; estimated time 4 weeks
- Competency Assessment: AUD865; estimated time 4 weeks
- Migration Skills Assessment: AUD539; estimated time 15 weeks
- Minimum English language requirements apply: Membership - take the IELTS (both the general and the academic version) test, the TOEFL IBT test, or the Pearson PTE

Academic Test. Migration Skills Assessment - EA will accept minimum test scores from IELTS (both the general and academic version), the TOEFL IBT English language test, the Pearson PTE Academic test, or the Cambridge C1 Advanced Test.

**Links:**

- Engineers Australia: <https://www.engineersaustralia.org.au/>
- Qualification Checker:  
<https://www.internationalengineeringalliance.org/for-engineers/qualification-checker>
- NSW Professional Engineering Registration:  
<https://www.nsw.gov.au/housing-and-construction/compliance-and-regulation/professionals-working-on-regulated-buildings/professional-engineers>