



International Engineering Graduates

L I C E N S I N G

The Canadian Council of Professional Engineers (CCPE) and its members have been working to facilitate the timely licensure and employment of international engineering graduates (IEGs) – those immigrants who obtained their engineering education in a country other than Canada – with a project called *From Consideration to Integration* (FC2I).

Becoming Licensed as a Professional Engineer in Canada

- Licensure in Canada is done at the provincial/territorial level by engineering regulatory bodies. A list of these bodies is available at www.ccpe.ca/e/ccpe_members.cfm
- The licence is called a P.Eng. (English) or ing. (French)*
- To obtain an engineering licence in Canada, regardless of the province or territory, applicants must have the following:
 - accredited university engineering degree or equivalent;
 - three or four years of experience, including one year in a Canadian environment;
 - successful completion of the Professional Practice Examination (PPE) on law and ethics;
 - English and/or French language competency; and
 - good character.

The Licensing recommendations

- Launched in January 2003, *From Consideration to Integration* is a three-phase project.
- A diverse and widely-representative Steering Committee, after consulting with more than 200 people and dozens

of different stakeholders, presented 17 recommendations to the CCPE Board of Directors at their Annual General Meeting in May 2004; all were passed.

- The licensing recommendations are:
 - develop and set a language standard to ensure IEGs have the appropriate level of English or French proficiency to navigate through the licensing process;
 - permit IEGs to prepare for and write the Professional Practice Exam at any time during the licensing process;
 - establish an accurate, current database of recognized engineering degrees and institutions that will be used in a consistent manner in the licensing system;
 - study the feasibility of alternative systems of evaluating an applicant's professional competency for licensure in comparison with the current Canadian system;
 - determine and implement the elements of the licensing process that can be done pre-immigration; and
 - implement an interim approval mechanism at the regulatory body level that will indicate to employers that the applicant has met all requirements for licensure except the one year of Canadian experience (e.g. provisional licensure).

The CCPE and its members have just completed a consultation process with immigrant serving agencies as well as the provincial/territorial regulatory bodies to determine the lead on each recommendation. Implementation will begin in 2005.



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