

## CREDIT FOR REGISTRANTS FROM OTHER JURISDICTIONS

### INTRODUCTION

Engineers from overseas seeking competence-based membership or registration through IPENZ can benefit if they have previously been assessed for membership/registration/licensure in a jurisdiction that is a signatory to one of the international engineering agreements to which IPENZ is also a signatory. The extent of credit given for specified overseas memberships/registrations/licenses is set out below.

In general, admission to IPENZ membership at the equivalent level can be granted without any further assessment or assessment fees. Usually a fee and some form of assessment is required for entry onto one of the competence-based registers, so the benefit given would usually be a reduction in the extent of assessment required and associated fees for assessment.

Engineers who have undergone a competence assessment in another jurisdiction, which is not referenced in the tables below, but which they consider to be substantially equivalent to an IPENZ competence assessment should contact the Registrar for advice on the assessment process to be followed [registrar@ipenz.org.nz](mailto:registrar@ipenz.org.nz)

### A. ENTRY TO IPENZ MEMBERSHIP VIA CREDIT SCHEDULE

#### 1. ENTRY TO IPENZ PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP (MIPENZ)

Engineers who hold any of the following memberships/registrations/licenses from an overseas jurisdiction can gain entry into the class of Professional Member (MIPENZ) without further assessment of their competence. In such cases evidence will be sought to confirm the nature and outcomes of the previous competency assessments undertaken, the currency of professional membership(s) or registrations and the suitability of the candidate's ethical behaviour:

**Table 1**

Jurisdiction	Membership / registration / licence	Abbreviation
Australia	Fellow of Engineers Australia	FIEAust
	Member of Engineers Australia plus CPEng OR MIEAust only if assessed before 2002	MIEAust and CPEng (Aust)
	International Professional Engineer registered through Engineers Australia	IntPE (Aust)
	APEC Engineer registered through Engineers Australia	APEC Engineer (Aust)
	Registered on the National Professional Engineers Register through Engineers Australia	NPER

Jurisdiction	Membership / registration / licence	Abbreviation
Australia	Registered Professional Engineer Queensland	RPEQ
Canada	Professional Engineer licensed by a provincial or territorial association that is a Constituent Member of Engineers Canada	PEng (Canada)
	International Professional Engineer registered through Engineers Canada	IntPE (Canada)
	APEC Engineer registered through Engineers Canada	APEC Engineer (Canada)
Chinese Taipei	International Professional Engineer registered through the Chinese Institute of Engineers	IntPE (Chinese Taipei)
	APEC Engineer registered through the Chinese Institute of Engineers	APEC Engineer (Chinese Taipei)
Hong Kong China	Member of the Hong Kong Institution of Engineers	MHKIE
	International Professional Engineer registered through Hong Kong Institution of Engineers	IntPE (HK)
	APEC Engineer registered through Hong Kong Institution of Engineers	APEC Engineer (HK)
India	International Professional Engineer registered through the Institute of Engineers India	IntPE (India)
Indonesia	APEC Engineer registered through the Institution of Engineers Indonesia	APEC Engineer (Indonesia)
Ireland	Chartered Engineer with the Institution of Engineers Ireland.	CEng (Ire)
	International Professional Engineer registered through Engineers Ireland	IntPE (Ire)
Japan	Professional Engineer registered by the Institution of Professional Engineers Japan	PE (Japan)
	International Professional Engineer registered through Institution of Professional Engineers Japan	IntPE (Japan)

Jurisdiction	Membership / registration / licence	Abbreviation
Japan	APEC Engineer registered through Institution of Professional Engineers Japan	APEC Engineer (Japan)
Korea	International Professional Engineer registered through Korean Professional Engineers Association	IntPE (Korea)
	APEC Engineer registered through Korean Professional Engineers Association	APEC Engineer (Korea)
Malaysia	International Professional Engineer registered through Board of Engineers Malaysia	IntPE (Mal)
	APEC Engineer registered through Board of Engineers Malaysia	APEC Engineer (Mal)
Philippines	APEC Engineer registered through Professional Regulatory Board	APEC Engineer (Phil)
Singapore	International Professional Engineer registered through the Institution of Engineers Singapore	IntPE (Sing)
	APEC Engineer registered through the Institution of Engineers Singapore	APEC Engineer (Sing)
Sri Lanka	International Professional Engineer registered through the Institution of Engineers Sri Lanka	IntPE (SL)
South Africa	Registered Professional Engineer with the Engineering Council of South Africa	Pr Eng (SA)
	International Professional Engineer registered through the Engineering Council of South Africa	IntPE (SA)
Thailand	APEC Engineer registered through the Council of Engineers Thailand	APEC Engineer (Thai)
UK	Chartered Engineer with any of the professional engineering organisations that are licensed members of the Engineering Council (United Kingdom) except Institute of Plumbing, and Institution of Railway Signal Engineers	CEng (UK)

Jurisdiction	Membership / registration / licence	Abbreviation
UK	Professional Member of a professional engineering organisation that is a licensed member of the Engineering Council UK (except Institute of Plumbing, and Institution of Railway Signal Engineers), where the assessment process was equivalent to those currently applied to CEng (UK) registration.	e.g. MIChemE, MIStructE, MICE
	International Professional Engineer registered through the Engineering Council UK	IntPE (UK)
USA	(Normally) Professional Engineer registered through a State or Territorial Licensing Board – Because of variations across States/Territories, evidence of the registration process applied by the particular State or Territorial Board will be required)	PEng (USA)
	International Professional Engineer registered through the United States Council of International Engineering Practice	IntPE (USA)
	APEC Engineer registered through the United States Council of International Engineering Practice	APEC Engineer (USA)

## 2. ENTRY TO IPENZ TECHNICAL MEMBERSHIP (TIPENZ)

Engineers holding any of the following memberships / registrations / licences from another jurisdiction can gain entry into the class of Technical Member (TIPENZ) without further assessment of their competence. In such cases evidence will be sought to confirm the nature and outcomes of the previous competency assessments undertaken, the currency of membership / registration / licensure and the suitability of the candidate's ethical behaviour:

**Table 2**

Jurisdiction	Membership / Registration / Licence	Postnominal
Australia	Engineering Technologist Fellow of Engineers Australia	TFIEAust
	Chartered Engineering Technologist through Engineers Australia	CEngT

Jurisdiction	Membership / Registration / Licence	Postnominal
Australia	National Engineering Technologist registration through Engineers Australia	NETR
Canada	Certified Engineering Technologist or Registered Engineering Technologist licensed by a provincial or territorial association that is a Constituent Member of Canadian Council of Technicians and Technologists (CCTT)	CET or RET
	International Engineering Technologist registered through CCTT	IntET (Canada)
Hong Kong	Associate Member of the Hong Kong Institution of Engineers (HKIE)	AMHKIE
	International Engineering Technologist registered through HKIE	IntET (HK)
Ireland	Associate Engineer registered with Engineers Ireland	AEng AMIEI
	International Engineering Technologist registered through Engineers Ireland	IntET (Ire)
South Africa	Professional Technologist registered through the Engineering Council of South Africa (ECSA)	
	International Engineering Technologist registered through ECSA	IntET (SA)
United Kingdom	Incorporated Engineer registered through the Engineering Council UK	IEng (UK)
	International Engineering Technologist registered through the Engineering Council UK	IntET (UK)

### 3. ENTRY TO IPENZ ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP (AIPENZ)

Engineers holding any of the following memberships / registrations / licences from another jurisdiction can gain entry into the class of Associate Member (AIPENZ) without further assessment of their competence. In such cases evidence will be sought to confirm the nature and outcomes of the previous competency assessments undertaken, the currency of membership / registration / licensure and the suitability of the candidate's ethical behaviour:

Table 3

Jurisdiction	Membership Class	
Australia	Engineering Officer Fellow of Engineers Australia	OFIEAust
	Chartered Engineering Officer through Engineers Australia	CEngO
	National Engineering Officer registration through Engineers Australia	NEAR
Canada	Certified Engineering Technician licensed by a provincial or territorial association that is a Constituent Member of the Canadian Council of Technicians and Technologists (CCTT)	CTech (Canada)
Ireland	Engineering Technician through Engineers Ireland	EngTech IEI
South Africa	Professional Engineering Technician registered through the Engineering Council South Africa	
United Kingdom	Engineering Technician registered through the Engineering Council UK	EngTech (UK)

## B. CREDIT TOWARDS A CURRENT COMPETENCE REGISTER

Professional memberships / registrations / licenses from other jurisdictions that can be used as evidence in support an application for of a current competence register are listed below. The weighting given to this form of evidence will depend on how recently the assessment was performed – the more recent the assessment the stronger the evidence. Such applicants have usually been able to demonstrate that they meet the relevant competence standard through a desktop assessment only, although the assessment panel has the right to require an interactive assessment and controlled written assignment.

- For RPEQs seeking CPEng registration through the Trans Tasman Mutual Recognition Act (TTMRA) – further information is given overleaf for this situation.

Previous Assessment indicated by the following quality Mark	Assessed in last 5 years	Assessed more than 5 years ago	Assessed more the 5 years ago but been subject to formal "CPD audit" within last 5 years
<p>           Holders of a membership / registration / licence listed in table 1 above seeking CPEng or IntPE registration  <b>or</b>            Holders of a membership / registration / licence listed in table 2 above seeking ETPract or IntET registration  <b>or</b>            Holders of a membership / registration / licence listed in table 3 above seeking CertETn Registration.         </p>	<p>           At a minimum, applicants are required to demonstrate competence in New Zealand specific good practice relevant to their practice area (element 2 of the competence standard).            The next assessment taken as (typically) five years from the date of previous assessment.  <b>Documentation required:</b>            CA01, CA03 – addressing element 2 and element 11 (specific to New Zealand jurisdiction) only, names and contact details of two referees.  <b>Fee payable:</b> Standard AFA fee for a previously assessed candidate  <b>or</b>            Applicants may chose to submit for a full AFA to demonstrate current competence across all elements of the relevant competence standard, including competence in the New Zealand specific good practice relevant to their practice area as required by element 2.            Next Assessment would then be taken as (typically) five years from the date of a successful New Zealand assessment.  <b>Documentation required:</b>            Full AFA submission.  <b>Fee payable:</b> Standard AFA fee for a previously assessed candidate         </p>	<p>           Applicants are required to demonstrate current competence across all elements of the relevant competence standard, including element 2 - competence in the New Zealand specific good practice relevant to their practice area.  <b>Documentation required:</b>            Full AFA submission.  <b>Fee payable:</b> Standard AFA fee for a previously assessed candidate.         </p>	<p>           Applicants are required to demonstrate current competence across all elements of the relevant competence standard, including element 2, competence in the New Zealand specific good practice relevant to their practice area.  <b>Documentation required:</b>            Full AFA submission, however, detailed CPD records are only required since the date of the last CPD Audit if submitted with evidence of the outcome of the CPD audit.  <b>Fee payable:</b> Standard AFA fee for a previously assessed candidate         </p>

Previous Assessment indicated by the following quality Mark	Assessed in last 5 years	Assessed more than 5 years ago	Assessed more the 5 years ago but been subject to formal “CPD audit” within last 5 years
RPEQ Queensland	<p>Applicants are required to demonstrate competence in New Zealand specific good practice relevant to their practice area to establish “occupational equivalence” (element 2 of the competence standard).</p> <p>The next assessment will be taken as (typically) five years from the date of RPEQ assessment.</p> <p><b>Documentation required:</b> CA01, CA03 – addressing element 2 and element 11 (specific to New Zealand jurisdiction) only, names only of two referees.</p> <p><b>Fee Payable:</b> Standard AFA fee for a previously assessed candidate</p>	<p>If ‘occupational equivalence’ is established (refer previous column), registration will be granted but the registrant will be required to undertake an immediate Continued Registration Assessment to demonstrate current competence.</p>	<p>If ‘occupational equivalence’ is established, registration will be granted but the registrant will be required to undertake an immediate Continued Registration Assessment to demonstrate current competence.</p>
<p>Professional Members of IPENZ (MIPENZ) seeking CPEng or IntPE registration</p> <p>AND</p> <p>Previously Registered Engineer under the (New Zealand) Engineers Registration Act 1924 seeking CPEng and/or IntPE (NZ)</p>	N/A	<p>Applicants are required to demonstrate current competence across all elements of the relevant competence standard.</p> <p><b>Documentation required:</b> Full AFA submission.</p> <p><b>Fee payable:</b> Standard AFA fee for a previously assessed candidate.</p>	N/A

Previous Assessment indicated by the following quality Mark	Assessed in last 5 years	Assessed more than 5 years ago	Assessed more the 5 years ago but been subject to formal "CPD audit" within last 5 years
Technical Members of IPENZ (TIPENZ) seeking ETPract or IntET registration Associate Members of IPENZ (AIPENZ) seeking CertETn registration	Because of changes to the competence assessment process associated with the introduction of current competence registers for engineering technologists and engineering technicians, applicants are required to demonstrate current competence across all elements of the relevant competence standard. <b>Documentation required:</b> Full AFA submission. <b>Fee payable:</b> Standard AFA fee for a previously assessed candidate	Applicants are required to demonstrate current competence across all elements of the relevant competence standard. <b>Documentation required:</b> Full AFA submission. <b>Fee payable:</b> Standard AFA fee for a previously assessed candidate.	N/A

### **CPENG VIA TRANS TASMAN MUTUAL RECOGNITION AGREEMENT (TTMRA)**

Engineers registered as Registered Professional Engineers of Queensland (RPEQ) who wish to be registered as CPEng can, under provisions of the Trans-Tasman Mutual Recognition Act (TTMRA), notify IPENZ of their wish to gain CPEng registration. The philosophy underpinning the TTMRA is that if there is occupational equivalence in Australia and New Zealand, registration of an occupation in one country should be sufficient to enable automatic registration in the other. To achieve occupational equivalence, RPEQs must do two things:

- (i) they must demonstrate occupational equivalence in their practice area - which means competence in New Zealand-specific engineering practice relevant to their practice area (as in Element 2 of the CPEng competence standard), and
- (ii) they must have demonstrated their current competence by being assessed within the last five years. If assessment undertaken for a RPEQ was more than five years ago, he/she will require assessment of current competence immediately on attaining registration – in the same way that a New Zealand CPEng must undertake assessment at intervals not exceeding five years to remain on the CPEng register.

The test for meeting Element 2 of the CPEng competence standard will depend on the RPEQ's practice area and the extent to which there is New Zealand-specific knowledge of critical importance to competent practice within that field of engineering. The assessment will not need to be as extensive for engineers practising in areas where there is a high level of internationalisation in codes and engineering practice as it would be for those practising in areas where there is a high level of NZ-specific codes etc. Thus someone from a Civil / structural / geotechnical background will be required to provide more New Zealand-specific evidence than someone from say an information / software engineering background.

RPEQs should fill out all of the Competence Assessment forms (CA01, CA03, CA04 and CA05)

IPENZ will respond to notifications from RPEQs in one of three ways:

- (i) Register the RPEQ as CPEng where sufficient evidence has been provided to demonstrate that current competence for New Zealand-specific practice (i.e., Element 2) has been met for occupational equivalence; or
- (ii) Register as CPEng with conditions placed on registration with a requirement that the RPEQ provides additional evidence to achieve current occupational equivalence (for example, RPEQs who were last assessed more than 5 years ago, a condition will be that they undertake a continued registration assessment within a period six months); or
- (iii) Postponement of registration for six months with a requirement that the RPEQ provides additional evidence to achieve occupational equivalence.

### **Entry to the IPENZ Practice College**

Engineers who are eligible for IPENZ Membership as above and who are currently competent according to the definition in the Practice College Rules (demonstrated their competence at a level equivalent to the IPENZ competence standard in the last five years), will be eligible for entry into the IPENZ Practice College.