



A message from the

Construction Occupations Registrar



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Commencement of the Professional Engineers Registration Scheme

Starting from 6 March 2025, engineers must be registered under the ACT's Professional Engineers Registration Scheme. This requirement established by the [Professional Engineers Act 2023](#) ensures professional engineering services are provided by qualified individuals, thereby protecting the public and maintaining confidence in the engineering standards in the ACT.

From this date, individuals providing professional engineering services (developing or overseeing the development of engineering designs) in the prescribed areas of engineering must be registered if the services are:

- provided in the ACT, or from outside the ACT for projects within the ACT
- not carried out under the [direction and oversight](#) of a registered professional engineer
- not provided in accordance with a [prescriptive standard](#)

Does design work need to be completed by a registered professional engineer?

Whether a registered professional engineer is required for design work depends on the specific nature of the work and the technical knowledge needed for decision-making. It is recommended to assess each situation against the following guidelines:

- [Ministerial guideline](#) on the scope of engineering services within each prescribed area of engineering

- guidance on when professional engineering services are provided under [direction and oversight](#)
- guidance on when services are provided in accordance with a [prescriptive standard](#).

You can also seek advice from an approved assessment entity or an engineering industry peak body. The ACT Government advises engaging a registered professional engineer for services in a prescribed area of engineering.

Public register

The registration status of professional engineers can be checked via the [List of Professional Engineers](#). Engineers registered in another state or territory may also work in the ACT under the Automatic Mutual Recognition scheme, and their registration can be verified through the [Automatic Mutual Recognition Public Register](#). When verifying registrations against the above mentioned registers, it is important to also review the engineer's conditions to confirm they can work in the building and construction industry.

Further information

For more details on the scheme and the obligations of professional engineers, visit the Planning website under the [professional engineers registration scheme](#) page.

Construction notes have been developed to raise awareness and educate the building and construction industry about common issues identified on building sites by Access Canberra building inspectors, and best practice approaches to address them. The issues outlined in these notes have been identified through compliance assessment by Access Canberra or following a complaint from owners. Importantly, we welcome your input – if you have come across an issue that needs clarification or, to provide feedback, **email us: cat@act.gov.au**

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