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## Guide—Do I need a licence?

### Are you practising professional engineering?

Under the *Professional Engineers Act*, the “practice of professional engineering” means “any act of planning, designing, composing, evaluating, advising, reporting, directing or supervising that requires the application of engineering principles and concerns the safeguarding of life, health, property, economic interests, the public welfare or the environment, or the managing of any such act”. To determine whether you are practising professional engineering, ask yourself three questions:

- (a) Are you planning, designing, composing, evaluating, advising, reporting, directing or supervising, or managing any of these acts?
- (b) Are engineering principles required to carry out the act?
- (c) Does the act concern the safeguarding of life, health, property, economic interests, the public welfare or the environment?

If you can answer yes to all three questions, you are practising professional engineering.

### What is PEO’s Enforcement Policy?

PEO’s policy is to seek compliance with the *Professional Engineers Act*. If compliance is not achieved, or the circumstances represent a more serious violation, PEO will initiate court proceedings. If you have concerns about either the work of an engineer, or suspect that a person or a company is practising engineering and may not be licensed, you can contact PEO’s Enforcement hotline at: 416-224-9528 ext.1444 or 1-800-339-3716 ext. 1444 or [enforcement@peo.on.ca](mailto:enforcement@peo.on.ca).