



GLP INFO

GLP Notes 12.0 – Explanation of PEO Licences, Certificates, and Designations

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Professional Engineer (P.Eng.)

The P.Eng. licence is the “full” licence with no restrictions on the scope or length of practice. To obtain a P.Eng. licence, an applicant must be at least 18 years of age and of good character, and:

- Possess an undergraduate degree from an accredited Canadian engineering program, or have their international degree verified by PEO as equivalent to a Canadian one;
- Pass the Professional Practice Exam (PPE), an exam on ethics, professional practice, engineering law and professional liability; and
- Obtain 48 months of qualified, verifiable engineering work experience, 12 months of which must be in a Canadian jurisdiction, under the supervision of a P.Eng.

Limited Licence

Limited licences are issued to technology or science graduates who have developed competence in a particular area of professional engineering due to lengthy (at least 13 years), specialized experience in that area. The limited licence allows them to be responsible for work within the scope of practice specified by their limited licence.

Provisional Licence

A provisional licence is available for those who have met all the requirements for the P.Eng. licence, except the requirement of 12 months of Canadian experience.

Internationally trained engineering graduates with at least 36 months of experience may find it beneficial in acquiring the Canadian experience for a P.Eng. licence to hold a provisional licence. A P.Eng. must take responsibility for the work of someone with a provisional licence.

Certificates of Authorization

A certificate of authorization (C of A) allows an entity to engage in the business of offering and providing engineering services to the public. It can be held by sole practitioners operating under their own names or business entities, incorporated or unincorporated. It is

held by the entity offering services, rather than the engineers employed by that entity,

Consulting Engineer Designation

The consulting engineer designation allows individuals to call themselves “consulting engineers” and advertise their services as such. Applicants must hold a P.Eng., have at least five years of consulting experience beyond the 48 months required for licensure. They must also earn 50 per cent of their income or spend 50 per cent of their work hours in consulting. Applicants must be a P.Eng. who assumes responsibility for, and supervises, the firm's professional engineering services.

Please see www.peo.on.ca for more detailed information on the various licences.

Key Points:

- The P.Eng. licence is the “full” licence with no restriction on length or scope of practice.
- Limited licence – for science or technology graduates with lengthy, specialized experience. They may practice only within the scope specified on their limited licence.
- Provisional licence – for those working toward the P.Eng. licence who meet all the requirements except the required 12 months of Canadian experience.
- Certificate of Authorization (C of A) allows an entity (sole practitioner or larger business) to engage in the business of offering and providing engineering services to the public.
- A C of A is held by the entity except in the case of sole practitioners operating under their own names.
- Individuals cannot use the “consulting engineer” title unless they have been designated by PEO as consulting engineers.

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