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Fair Access to Regulated Professions and Compulsory Trades Act (FARPACTA)?

An interesting topic that I had no idea about until this election. Another example where Chapters were not informed to discuss this Act and assess outcomes that will affect PEO operations and responsibilities.

PEO will be implementing significant changes to the P.Eng. application process and licensing system to comply with requirements imposed by this Act which includes the removal of Canadian experience.

On the surface, it sounds good and fair, though our profession has impacts on public safety which will require more resources to evaluate applicants on tight timelines.

Here is the big change in outreach to future members. The EIT program will be suspended to new applicants who apply. This change will come into effect on July 1, 2023 – another new piece of information! Since the required work experience under the FARPACTA-compliant licensing process must be acquired **prior to applying**, the EIT program, which is designed to assist applicants as they acquire the 48 months of acceptable engineering work experience will no longer exist.

PEO has until December 2023 to comply unless it demonstrates that an exemption is necessary for the purposes of public health and safety. We need to start now.

So far in this series of eblasts, I've covered the CPD issue – a major impact on members that requires Chapter initiatives to support members via free programs and Finance, where substantial savings over the last few years were banked and not used to make topics such of Anti-racism and Women in engineering as Core activities in Chapter Business Plans.

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