RESTORING YOUR RPEQ REGISTRATION

RPEQ registration is for a period of no more 12 months, from 1 July – 30 June. All RPEQs are required to renew their registration during the annual renewal period which runs from 1 April – 31 May. RPEQs who do not renew their registration during the renewal period have their registration lapsed. BPEQ endeavours to remind RPEQs about renewing their RPEQ registration by sending notices through post and email*, in BPEQ's e-news and in adverts in various industry publications.

If an engineer's registration has lapsed, they are not legally entitled to carry out professional engineering services in or for Queensland unless they are directly supervised by an RPEQ. It is an offence under the Professional Engineers Act 2002 (**PE Act**) to carry out professional engineering services if you are not a RPEQ or not directly supervised by an RPEQ.

It is also an offence under the PE Act to use the title 'registered professional engineer', 'registered professional engineer of Queensland' or 'RPEQ' if an engineer is not registered at the time that they use that title. Even an inadvertent use of the title (for instance, after forgetting to renew the RPEQ registration) is an offence under the PE Act. BPEQ takes the use of the legally protected title 'RPEQ' (or similar terms) very seriously. It is legally and professionally incumbent on induvial to ensure they are registered whenever they use a protected title.

Engineers whose registration has lapsed need to apply to have their registration restored.

REGISTRATIONS LAPSED WITHIN 2 MONTHS

Download and complete the Application for Restoration of Registration form.

REGISTRATIONS LAPSED OVER 2 MONTHS BUT LESS THAN 12 MONTHS

Applicants for restoration will need to demonstrate their commitment to continuing professional development (CPD) by:

- providing evidence that they are accredited (e.g. CPEng) with an approved assessment entity; or
- providing their CPD logbook evidencing compliance with the relevant assessment entity's requirement for CPD. The logbook should be in a format like that required by the assessment entity.

If BPEQ is satisfied with the CPD logbook then the applicant may be restored. If BPEQ is not satisfied with the CPD logbook, then the applicant will be required to undergo an audit of their CPD by the relevant assessment entity, at the applicants cost.

REGISTRATIONS LAPSED MORE THAN 12 MONTHS BUT LESS THAN 36 MONTHS

Applicants for restoration will need to:

- demonstrate their commitment to CPD as per above; and

- provide a current CV.

REGISTRATIONS LAPSED FOR MORE THAN 36 MONTHS

Applicants for restoration that are more than 36 months overdue will not be accepted and the applicant will be required to undergo a new assessment through one of the approved assessment schemes.

It can take up to three weeks for BPEQ to process compliant applications for restoration. During this processing time the engineer will not be registered and therefore cannot carry out professional engineering services in or for Queensland without direct supervision from an RPEQ. An application for restoration also incurs additional fees.

More information on restoration can be found in BPEQ's Restoration policy. RPEQs can also check their registered status by searching the online register of RPEQs.

Postal correspondence and emails concerning registration and other critical matters are sent to the street address and email address you provide to BPEQ. It is important that these details are up to date and accurate so that you receive all communications from BPEQ. You should also ensure that this address is sufficiently private as it will also be used by BPEQ to correspond with you about private matters (e.g. complaints).

If you are currently registered you can change your address for notices by logging onto your online profile. Your username is your RPEQ number. If you do not have a password, use the 'forgot my password' link. Alternatively contact BPEQ at admin@bpeq.qld.gov.au and ask that your contact details be updated.

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