

## Use of Engineering Council professional titles

The Engineering Council professional titles, Chartered Engineer (CEng), Incorporated Engineer (IEng), Engineering Technician (EngTech) and Information and Communications Technology Technician (ICTTech), and the associated post-nominal abbreviations, are reserved for use by individuals with a current registration on the Engineering Council Register of Professional Engineers and Technicians.

### Retaining the right to use your professional title

There are two main requirements placed on all registered professional engineers and technicians:

- You must remain in membership of a licensed professional engineering institution (PEI), or in membership of a Professional Affiliate with an appropriate agreement with a PEI, and
- You must pay your annual Engineering Council registration fee through your institution

You may be a member of multiple institutions. If you are in membership of multiple institutions, please note that the Engineering Council registration fee is only paid through one institution for a given year. Changing the institution you pay your registration fees through can cause administrative complications.

### Loss of the right to use your professional title

If you fail to pay the annual registration fee, lapse or resign the institution membership through which you paid your Engineering Council registration fee, and have not transferred payment to another licensed PEI, then you lose the right to use your professional title. This means that you may no longer refer to yourself as, for example, Chartered Engineer; or use the appropriate post-nominal abbreviation, CEng in this case.

### The 3-year Reinstatement Rule

The Engineering Council operates a 3-year reinstatement rule, which allows lapsed registrants to have their registration reinstated through the payment of outstanding fees to their institution. The institution will advise the Engineering Council of the reinstatement and, once the registration record has been reactivated, the right to use of the professional title is regained.

This 3-year rule was introduced in 1979 when the Engineers Registration Board ruled that reinstatement after a lapse of three years was to be treated as a new application and was to be assessed against current standards for academic, initial professional development and professional review interview requirements.

### Final Stage Registrants

Taking account of the increased reliance on the assessment of professional competence, the Engineering Council decided in 2000 that reinstatement would only require a professional review interview (to current standards).

The current rule on reinstatement is:

Reinstatement after a three year lapse (unless the lapse was due to an error on the part of the institution – a declaration to this effect to be provided with the reinstatement form) will require a professional review interview to current standards but will not require a re-examination of academic qualifications or initial professional development. Payment of the relevant entry fee will be required.

For example, if the last paid invoice was for the year 2006, and 2007, 2008 and 2009 were lapsed, payment for the three lapsed years plus the current year can be made in 2010. But from 1 Jan 2011 the lapsed registrant would be required to undertake the professional review to regain their registration.

### Interim Stage Registrants

Suspended interim stage registrants may be reinstated (regardless of duration of suspension) following payment of back fees, which shall be the lesser of:

- three years' fees, or
- the amount owed since the original unpaid invoice.