

Engineering Council Examinations

Since 2001 the City & Guilds of London Institute managed the Engineering Council Examinations under Contract. This Contract ended in October 2011.

Although the Engineering Council is primarily a regulatory body, it works to ensure that there is a wide range of ways that professional registration can be achieved. This means that the Engineering Council encourages adoption of options that do not involve a traditional undergraduate engineering degree. The Examinations had been an important means for those unable to access higher education to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding.

However, we have seen a strong decline in the number of individuals seeking to pass the Examinations to meet their goal of registration with the Engineering Council. Hence the Engineering Council decided to withdraw as a direct sponsor of the Engineering Council Examination when the contract with City & Guilds expired in October 2011. In accordance with the Contract, City & Guilds offered one single re-sit opportunity as an examination series, in May 2012. Since then, the examinations have been closed to further registrations. In the light of the withdrawal of the examinations, City & Guilds undertook to advise individuals applying for registration as candidates for the first time, of the limited timeframe for completion.

Past candidates often make enquiries about their achievements some years after they were attained. Following the closure of the existing system, City & Guilds undertook to retain, in an electronic format only, the records of all candidates who have undertaken any part of the Engineering Council Examination since 2001 and to respond to requests for affirmation of achievement for a period of ten years following the termination of the existing Contract, i.e. until 30 September 2021. As previously, such enquires will attract a search fee and the cost of this will be subject to normal City & Guilds pricing reviews during that time.

Persons who wish to seek advice on how this will affect them should address their query to the dedicated e-mail address engineering_HLQ@cityandguilds.lk.

A successor product has been launched by City & Guilds. This suite of higher qualifications (Graduate Diploma and Postgraduate Diploma) does not have the Engineering Council's direct involvement but City & Guilds has liaised with several discipline-specific engineering institutions to establish recognition of the qualifications. Interested individuals should contact City & Guilds for further information.

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