## Comparison table for EngTech, IEng and CEng Standards

**Professional registration**

Achieving professional registration as an Engineering Technician (EngTech), Incorporated Engineer (IEng), or Chartered Engineer (CEng) demonstrates that an engineer or technician has reached a set standard of knowledge, understanding and occupational competence.

Professional registration sets individual engineers and technicians apart from those who are not registered. Gaining a professional title establishes a person’s proven knowledge, understanding and competence. Registration also demonstrates an individual’s commitment to professional standards and demonstrates their commitment to developing and enhancing competence through Continuing Professional Development (CPD).

These competence statements are taken from the UK Standard for Professional Engineering Competence and Commitment (UK-SPEC), fourth edition. UK-SPEC forms part of the Standard used by the UK engineering profession to assess the competence and commitment of individual engineers and technicians. It was developed collaboratively in consultation with engineers representing the breadth of the profession, from industry, academia and many different disciplines and specialisms.

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### Engineering Technician (EngTech)

- Engineering Technicians apply proven techniques and procedures to the solution of practical engineering problems.

  Engineering Technicians shall demonstrate:
  - Engineering knowledge and understanding to apply technical and practical skills
  - Evidence of their contribution to either the design, development, manufacture, commissioning, decommissioning, operation or maintenance of products, equipment, processes or services
  - Supervisory or technical responsibility
  - Effective interpersonal skills in communicating technical matters
  - The ability to operate in accordance with safe systems of work and to demonstrate appropriate understanding of the principles of sustainability
  - Commitment to professional engineering values.

### Incorporated Engineer (IEng)

- Incorporated Engineers maintain and manage applications of current and developing technology, and may undertake engineering design, development, manufacture, construction and operation.

  Incorporated Engineers shall demonstrate:
  - The theoretical knowledge to solve problems in developed technologies using well proven analytical techniques
  - Successful application of their knowledge to deliver engineering projects or services using established technologies and methods
  - Contribution to the financial and planning aspects of projects or tasks and to leading and developing other professional staff
  - Effective interpersonal skills in communicating technical matters
  - The ability to specify and operate to safe systems of work and to demonstrate appropriate consideration of the principles of sustainability
  - Commitment to professional engineering values.

### Chartered Engineer (CEng)

- Chartered Engineers develop solutions to complex engineering problems using new or existing technologies, and through innovation, creativity and technical analysis.

  Chartered Engineers shall demonstrate:
  - The theoretical knowledge to solve problems in new and established technologies and to develop new analytical techniques
  - Successful application of the knowledge to deliver innovative products and services and/or taking technical responsibility for complex engineering systems
  - Responsibility for the financial and planning aspects of projects, sub-projects or tasks
  - Leadership and development of other professional staff through management, mentoring or coaching
  - Effective interpersonal skills in communicating technical matters
  - Understanding of the safety and sustainability implications of their work, seeking to improve aspects where feasible
  - Commitment to professional engineering values.

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<td>• Recognising a difficulty and then identifying an approach to resolve it</td>
<td>• Taking steps to develop and extend personal knowledge of appropriate technology, both current and emerging</td>
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<td>• Identifying an improvement in a technique, procedure, process or method</td>
<td>• Applying newly gained knowledge successfully in a task or project</td>
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<td>• Reviewing current procedures and processes and recommended improvements or changes to reflect best practice</td>
<td>• Developing a broader and deeper knowledge base through research and experimentation</td>
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<td><strong>2. Use appropriate scientific, technical or engineering principles.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>2. Are developing technological solutions to unusual or challenging problems, using their knowledge and understanding and/or dealing with complex technical issues or situations with significant levels of risk.</strong></td>
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<td>• Drawing on your technical knowledge to complete a task</td>
<td>• Applying knowledge and experience to investigate and solve problems arising during engineering tasks and implementing corrective action</td>
<td>• Carrying out technical research and development</td>
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<td>• Performing calculations using standard formulae</td>
<td>• Identifying opportunities for improvements and how these have been (or could be) implemented</td>
<td>• Developing new designs, processes or systems based on new or evolving technology</td>
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<td>• Analysing performance or test data or comparing performance information with published material</td>
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### Engineering Technician (EngTech)

**B. Design, development and solving engineering problems**

Engineering Technicians shall contribute to the design, development, manufacture, construction, commissioning, decommissioning, operation or maintenance of products, equipment, processes, systems or services.

The applicant shall demonstrate that they:

1. **Identify problems and apply appropriate methods to identify causes and achieve satisfactory solutions**
   - Using knowledge to identify a problem or an opportunity for improvement
   - Investigating a problem to identify the underlying cause
   - Identifying a solution to a problem or improvement opportunity
   - Contributing to the design of an item or process

2. **Identify, organise and use resources effectively to complete tasks, with consideration for cost, quality, safety, security and environmental impact.**
   - Balancing these factors in selecting appropriate materials
   - Identifying precautions as a result of evaluating risks and other factors
   - Considering how waste can be minimised, recycled or disposed of safely if recycling is not possible
   - Contributing to best practice methods of continuous improvement
   - Improving the quality of an operation or process

### Incorporated Engineer (IEng)

**B. Design, development and solving engineering problems**

Incorporated Engineers shall apply appropriate theoretical and practical methods to design, develop, manufacture, construct, commission, operate, maintain, decommission and recycle engineering processes, systems, services and products.

The applicant shall demonstrate that they:

1. **Identify problems and apply appropriate methods to identify causes and achieve satisfactory solutions**
   - Establishing the engineering steps needed to carry out a task efficiently
   - Identifying the available products or processes needed to undertake an engineering task and establishing a means of identifying the most suitable solution
   - Preparing technical specifications
   - Reviewing and comparing responses to the technical aspects of tender invitations
   - Establishing user requirements for improvements

2. **Contribute to the design and development of engineering solutions**
   - Contributing to the identification and specification of design and development requirements for engineering products, processes, systems and services
   - Identifying operational risks and evaluating possible engineering solutions, taking account of cost, quality, safety, reliability, accessibility, appearance, fitness for purpose, security (including cyber security), intellectual property constraints and opportunities, and environmental impact
   - Collecting and analysing results
   - Carrying out necessary tests

### Chartered Engineer (CEng)

**B. Design, development and solving engineering problems**

Chartered Engineers shall apply appropriate theoretical and practical methods to the analysis and solution of engineering problems.

The applicant shall demonstrate that they:

1. **Take an active role in the identification and definition of project requirements, problems and opportunities**
   - Identifying projects or technical improvements to products, processes or systems
   - Preparing specifications, taking account of functional and other requirements
   - Establishing user requirements
   - Reviewing specifications and tenders to identify technical issues and potential improvements
   - Carrying out technical risk analysis and identifying mitigation measures
   - Considering and implementing new and emerging technologies

2. **Can identify the appropriate investigations and research needed to undertake the design, development and analysis required to complete an engineering task and conduct these activities effectively**
   - Identifying and agreeing appropriate research methodologies
   - Investigating a technical issue, identifying potential solutions and determining the factors needed to compare them
   - Identifying and carrying out physical tests or trials and analysing and evaluating the results
   - Carrying out technical simulations or analysis
   - Preparing, presenting and agreeing design recommendations, with appropriate analysis of risk, and taking account of cost, quality, safety, reliability, accessibility, appearance, fitness for purpose, security (including cyber security), intellectual property constraints and opportunities, and environmental impact

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**Implementing design solutions, taking account of critical constraints, including due concern for safety, sustainability and disposal or decommissioning**  
**Identifying and implementing lessons learned**  
**Evaluating existing designs or processes and identifying faults or potential improvements including risk, safety and life cycle considerations**  
**Actively learning from feedback on results to improve future design solutions and build best practice** |

- Identifying the resources required for implementation  
- Implementing design solutions, taking account of critical constraints, including due concern for safety and sustainability  
- Identifying problems during implementation and taking corrective action  
- Contributing to recommendations for improvement and actively learning from feedback on results
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<td>1. Work reliably and effectively without close supervision, to the appropriate codes of practice</td>
<td>• Completing challenging tasks successfully within your area of work</td>
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<td>• Identifying issues which fall outside of your current knowledge and seeking advice</td>
<td>• Carrying out holistic and systematic risk identification, assessment and management</td>
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<td>• Identifying standards and codes of practice relevant to a new task</td>
<td>• Securing the necessary resources and confirming roles in a project team</td>
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<td>2. Accept responsibility for the work of themselves or others</td>
<td>• Inspecting work carried out by others</td>
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<td>• Fully understanding drawings, permits to work, instructions or other similar documents after appropriate checking, and identifying issues</td>
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<td>2. Manage (organise, direct and control), programme or schedule, budget and resource elements of engineering tasks or projects</td>
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<td>2. Plan the work and resources needed to enable effective implementation of engineering tasks and projects</td>
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<td>• Agreeing objectives and work plans with teams and individuals</td>
<td>• Ensuring the application of quality management principles by team members and colleagues</td>
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<td>• Reinforcing team commitment to professional standards</td>
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• Preparing communications, documents and reports on technical matters  
• Exchanging information and providing advice to technical and non-technical colleagues |
| 2. Work effectively with colleagues, clients, suppliers or the public | • Contributing constructively as part of a team  
• Successfully resolving issues in discussions with team members, suppliers, clients and/or others  
• Persuading others to accept suggestions or recommendations  
• Identifying, agreeing and working towards collective goals |
| 3. Demonstrate personal and social skills and awareness of diversity and inclusion issues. | • Knowing and managing own emotions, strengths and weaknesses  
• Being confident and flexible in dealing with new and changing interpersonal situations  
• Creating, maintaining and enhancing productive working relationships, and resolving conflicts  
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• Preparing communications, documents and reports on technical matters  
• Exchanging information and providing advice to technical and non-technical colleagues  
• Engaging or interacting with professional networks |
| 2. Clearly present and discuss proposals, justifications and conclusions | • Preparing and delivering appropriate presentations  
• Managing debates with audiences  
• Feeding the results back to improve the proposals  
• Contributing to the awareness of risk |
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• Leading, chairing, contributing to and recording meetings and discussions  
• Exchanging information and providing advice to technical and non-technical colleagues  
• Engaging or interacting with professional networks |
| 2. Clearly present and discuss proposals, justifications and conclusions | • Contributing to scientific papers or articles as an author  
• Preparing and delivering presentations on strategic matters  
• Preparing bids, proposals or studies  
• Identifying, agreeing and leading work towards collective goals |
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- Working within all relevant legislative and regulatory frameworks, including social and employment legislation |
| 2. Understand the safety implications of their role and apply safe systems of work | - Providing evidence of applying current safety requirements, such as risk assessment and other examples of good practice you adopt in your work  
- A sound knowledge of health and safety legislation, for example: HASAW 1974, CDM regulations, ISO 45001 and company safety policies |

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- Managing work within all relevant legislative and regulatory frameworks, including social and employment legislation |
| 2. Understand the safety implications of their role and manage, apply and improve safe systems of work | - Identifying and taking responsibility for your own obligations for health, safety and welfare issues  
- Managing systems that satisfy health, safety and welfare requirements  
- Developing and implementing appropriate hazard identification and risk management systems and culture  
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- Leading work within relevant legislation and regulatory frameworks, including social and employment legislation |
| 2. Understand the safety implications of their role and manage, apply and improve safe systems of work | - Identifying and taking responsibility for your own obligations and ensuring that others assume similar responsibility for health, safety and welfare issues  
- Ensuring that systems satisfy health, safety and welfare requirements  
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### E. Personal and professional commitment (continued)

#### Engineering Technician (EngTech) (continued)

3. Understand the principles of sustainable development and apply them in their work

- Recognising how sustainability principles, as described in the Guidance on Sustainability (www.engc.org.uk/sustainability) can be applied in your day-to-day work
- Identifying actions that you can and have taken to improve sustainability

4. Carry out and record the Continuing Professional Development (CPD) necessary to maintain and enhance competence in their own area of practice

- Undertaking reviews of your own development needs
- Planning how to meet personal and organisational objectives
- Carrying out and recording planned and unplanned CPD activities
- Maintaining evidence of competence development
- Evaluating CPD outcomes against any plans made
- Assisting others with their own CPD

5. Understand the ethical issues that may arise in their role and carry out their responsibilities in an ethical manner.

- Understanding the ethical issues that you may encounter in your role
- Giving an example of where you have applied ethical principles as described in the Statement of Ethical Principles (www.engc.org.uk/ethics)
- Giving an example of where you have applied or upheld ethical principles as defined by your organisation or company

#### Incorporated Engineer (IEng) (continued)

3. Understand the principles of sustainable development and apply them in their work

- Operating and acting responsibly, taking account of the need to progress environmental, social and economic outcomes simultaneously
- Recognising how sustainability principles, as described in the Guidance on Sustainability (www.engc.org.uk/sustainability) can be applied in your day-to-day work
- Providing products and services which maintain and enhance the quality of the environment and community, and meet financial objectives
- Understanding and encouraging stakeholder involvement in sustainable development
- Using resources efficiently and effectively
- Taking action to minimise environmental impact in your area of responsibility

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- Planning how to meet personal and organisational objectives
- Carrying out and recording planned and unplanned CPD activities
- Maintaining evidence of competence development
- Evaluating CPD outcomes against any plans made
- Assisting others with their own CPD

5. Understand the ethical issues that may arise in their role and carry out their responsibilities in an ethical manner.

- Understanding the ethical issues that you may encounter in your role
- Giving an example of where you have applied ethical principles as described in the Statement of Ethical Principles (www.engc.org.uk/ethics)
- Giving an example of where you have applied or upheld ethical principles as defined by your organisation or company