

Registration of Professional Engineers in Victoria

Frequently Asked Questions

1) Who needs to be registered?

You must be registered as a Professional Engineer to provide:

- professional engineering services,
- those services in a prescribed area of engineering, and
- those services 'in or for Victoria'.

2) What is a Professional Engineering Service?

An engineering service that requires, or is based on, the application of engineering principles and data to a:

- design relating to engineering, or
- construction, production, operation, or maintenance activity relating to engineering – other than an engineering service that is provided only in accordance with a prescriptive standard.

3) What are the prescribed areas of engineering?

The five prescribed areas of engineering under the Act are:

- fire safety engineering,
- civil engineering,
- structural engineering,
- electrical engineering, and
- mechanical engineering.

4) How do the prescribed areas of engineering apply to the mining industry?

Each prescribed area of engineering has a specific definition and at this stage only some professional engineering services within the mining industry have been defined under the **civil engineering** category in the Victorian governments implementation of the *Professional Engineers Registration Act 2019*, these are:

- geotechnical engineering, and
- environmental engineering.

5) When do I need to be registered by?

For engineers providing professional engineering services in the civil engineering prescribed area of engineering, registration became mandatory as of:

- 1 October 2022

6) How can I become registered as a Professional Engineer (Victoria)?

AusIMM has been approved by the Victorian Government to conduct an assessment scheme for Professional Engineers in the following areas of focus within the civil engineering prescribed area of engineering:

- Environmental Engineering (Mining), and
- Geotechnical Engineering (Mining).

Full details of the Assessment Scheme along with application criteria can be found on the Chartered Professional webpage of the AusIMM website or by using the links below:

- [Chartered Professional Program](#)
- [Assessment Scheme for Registration of Engineers, Victoria](#)

7) Who is exempt from registration?

You are exempt from being registered if you provide professional engineering services:

- under the direct supervision of a registered professional engineer, or
- only in accordance with a prescriptive standard.

8) What is direct supervision?

Direct supervision means that the registered professional engineer:

- has direct contact with the person they are supervising,
- directs that person to carry out professional engineering services, and
- oversees and evaluates their carrying out of those services.

9) What is a prescriptive standard?

A prescriptive standard is a procedural document that provides a well-described and comprehensive approach and criteria to complete an engineering service. It usually applies to a repetitive engineering activity that is:

- routine,
- involves little or no choice or judgement,
- has manageable risk,
- has minimal scope for misinterpretation, and
- requires no scientifically based calculations.

10) How can I find out more information?

You can find additional information on the registration of Professional Engineers in Victoria here:

- [Chartered Professional Program](#)
- [Consumer Affairs Victoria](#)