## Professional Engineers Registration Scheme

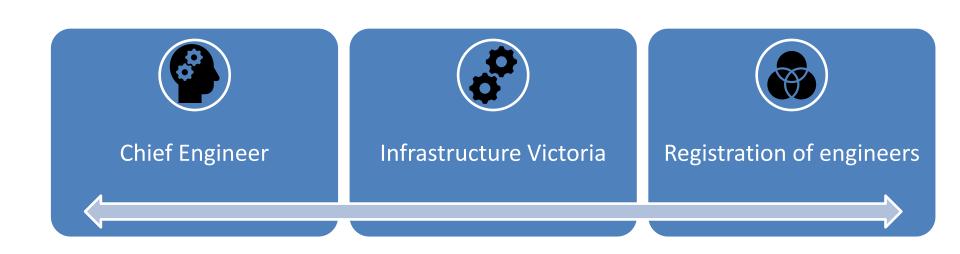
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## **Background**

Infrastructure is a priority for the Victorian Government.



### Background

- Department of Justice and Community Safety (DJCS) is responsible for the *Professional Engineers Registration Act* 2019 to be implemented by Consumer Affairs Victoria (CAV).
- Commencement date for the scheme is 1 July 2021 and with all five identified areas of engineering rolled out over three years.
- At the end of this cycle there will be a review and consideration given to additional areas of engineering.

## **Background**



It is estimated that the Business Licensing Authority (BLA) will register approximately 28,000+ Victorian engineers over the first three years.

#### Scheme

#### Co-regulatory scheme:

- includes assessment entities approved by the BLA.
  - assessment entities are professional bodies that will check the qualifications and experience of applicants.
- BLA is responsible for registration including probity and fit and proper person checks.
- Consumer Affairs Victoria (CAV) and the Victorian Building Authority (VBA) will support the BLA.

#### **Scheme**

#### Sets minimum entry requirements to:

- Practise engineering
- Require continuing professional development
- Compliance with a code of conduct
- Incorporate disciplinary mechanisms

### **Co-regulation**

CAV – end to end registration

BLA approved assessment entities

VBA – building engineers endorsement

BLA is responsible for approving registrations and the public register

VCAT – disciplinary & appeals

#### Registration

#### Two-step process

#### **Assessment entities**

- Approved by the Business Licensing Authority (BLA)
- Entities apply to become accredited assessment bodies
- Assess an engineer's eligibility

#### **Business Licensing Authority**

- Register engineers
- Manage the register with assistance from CAV and VBA

#### Registration

- Registration applies for three years.
- Staged registering will initially register five categories of engineers:
  - o civil
  - structural
  - o mechanical
  - electrical
  - fire-safety
- The scheme may be extended over time to incorporate other areas of engineering.

## Regulations and Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS)

Draft new regulations and RIS

**Assess Act** 

Develop new regulations

**Assess regulations** 

**Draft RIS** 

Consult internally/externally

Prepare and approval

Revise draft regulations

Settle RIS

Settle regulations with Office of the Chief Parliamentary Counsel (OCPC)

**OCPC** certificate

Ministerial approval

#### Consultation



#### Overview

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The Professional Engineers Registration Act 2019 (the Act) was passed in the Victorian Parliament in August 2019.

The Act introduces a co-regulatory scheme where, initially, five categories of engineers will be registered:

- civil
- structural
- mechanical
- electrical
- fire safety.

#### Registration will commence from 1 July 2021.

The scheme has been designed to be extended to other areas over time.

Public consultation on the Regulations and supporting Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) will commence in the

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#### Consultation

#### **Timeline**

Oct 2019

Stakeholder engagement commences

Nov 2019

Preliminary information regarding the scope of the regulations

First half 2020

- Draft regulations consultation
- Regulatory Impact Statement consultation

2020

• Business process design, mapping and ICT development

1 July 2021

Professional Engineers Registration Scheme commences

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- Scheme continues to be rolled out
- Continue refining regulations
- Ongoing communication and engagement

# Thank you

