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### **Foreign-trained and Canadian Engineering Graduates to Benefit from New Licensing Program**

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*Qualified individuals may be eligible to apply for licence at no cost*

Toronto – (May 2, 2007) – Professional Engineers Ontario (PEO), the licensing body for engineers in the province, has introduced a new program to encourage engineering graduates and newcomers to Canada to apply for licensure as a professional engineer by removing any potential economic hurdles.

Under the program, called the Engineering Intern Training Financial Credit Program (FCP), graduates of bachelor of engineering programs accredited by the Canadian Engineering Accreditation Board (CEAB) and international engineering graduates with a bachelor of engineering or a bachelor of applied science degree may be eligible to apply for the professional engineer (P.Eng.) licence at no cost. They may also be registered in the Engineering Intern Training program for the first year at no cost, provided they meet eligibility criteria established by PEO. The program was introduced on May 1, 2007.

“This program further demonstrates our commitment to ensure that all qualified applicants in Ontario are given a fair and equal opportunity to obtain their P.Eng. licence,” said PEO 2006-2007 President Patrick J. Quinn, P.Eng., who championed the program’s introduction.

Graduates of programs accredited by the CEAB are eligible for the FCP if they apply online at [www.peo.on.ca/FCP/FCP1.html](http://www.peo.on.ca/FCP/FCP1.html) within six months of the date their degree was conferred. Within this six-month application window, PEO must also receive:

- ◆ acceptable academic documents;
- ◆ an acceptable proof of age document;
- ◆ acceptable documents proving their status in Canada;
- ◆ a valid email address for all PEO communications with them;
- ◆ and a signed declaration of application as per the online Engineering Intern Training Financial Credit Program form.

Those who graduated between November 1, 2006 and April 30, 2007 will have until October 31, 2007 to apply, so as not to disqualify graduates whose degrees were conferred in the six months immediately prior to the launch of the program.

International engineering graduates are eligible for the program if they have a bachelor of engineering degree or a bachelor of applied science degree acceptable to PEO, and apply online for the program at [www.peo.on.ca/FCP/FCP1.html](http://www.peo.on.ca/FCP/FCP1.html) within six months of their landing in Canada. Within this six-month application window, PEO must also receive:

- ◆ acceptable academic documents;
- ◆ an acceptable proof of age document;
- ◆ acceptable documents proving their status in Canada;
- ◆ a valid email address for all PEO communications with the applicant;
- ◆ a signed declaration of application as per the online Engineering Intern Training Financial Credit Program form;
- ◆ and a work experience summary, if the applicant has obtained at least five years of engineering experience since graduation.

Those who arrived in Canada between November 1, 2006 and April 30, 2007 will have until October 31, 2007 to apply, so as not to disqualify those who arrived in the six months immediately prior to the launch of the program.

PEO's Registrar reserves the right to determine at his sole discretion if an applicant for the Engineering Intern Training Financial Credit Program meets the program requirements.

Professional Engineers Ontario administers the *Professional Engineers Act* by licensing Ontario's 70,000 professional engineers, granting temporary, limited and provisional licences to practise professional engineering, and authorizing businesses to provide engineering services to the public. It sets standards for and regulates engineering in Ontario so that the public interest is served and protected. Rigorously educated, experienced, and committed to a Code of Ethics that puts the public first, licensed professional engineers can be identified by the P.Eng. after their names.

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