



2023 PEO REGULATORY STATS

PEO REGISTER

As of December 31, 2023, PEO's official register included:

| | 2023 | men | women | non-binary | 2022 | men | women | non-binary |
|---|------------|--------|--------|------------|--------|--------|--------|------------|
| Total P.Eng. licences | 86,966 | 75,116 | 11,843 | 7 | 86,109 | 74,844 | 11,261 | 4 |
| Provisional licences | 0 Note 1 | | | | 15 | 14 | 1 | 0 |
| Consulting engineer designations | 840 | 796 | 44 | 0 | 878 | 836 | 42 | 0 |
| Engineering interns | 13,766 | 10,770 | 2,986 | 10 | 14,731 | 11,574 | 3,151 | 6 |
| Limited licences | 353 | 303 | 50 | 0 | 341 | 289 | 52 | 0 |
| Temporary licences | 66 | 61 | 5 | 0 | 66 | 61 | 5 | 0 |
| Building design specialist | 160 Note 2 | 148 | 12 | 0 | 182 | 168 | 14 | 0 |
| Certificates of authorization | 6009 | | | | 6,003 | | | |
| Temporary certificates of authorization | 17 | | | | 18 | | | |

2023 LICENSING STATS

| | 2023 Total | men | women | non-binary | 2022 Total | men | women |
|---|------------|------|-------|------------|------------|-----|-------|
| Total P.Eng. applications ¹ | 8481 | 6938 | 1537 | 6 | 7995 | 81% | 18%* |
| Total applications for P.Eng. licence received from CEAB candidates | 3160 | 2469 | 686 | 5 | 3968 | 79% | 21% |
| Total applications for P.Eng. licence received from non-CEAB candidates | 5321 | 4469 | 851 | 1 | 4027 | 84% | 16% |

| | 2023 Total | men | women | non- binary | 2022 Total | men | women |
|--|---------------|------|-------|----------------|---------------|-----|-------|
| Total number of P.Eng. applications processed and approved | 4397 | 3587 | 810 | 0 | 4758 | 82% | 18% |
| New P.Eng. licences approved for CEAB graduates | 2773 | 2193 | 580 | 0 | 3238 | 81% | 19% |
| New P.Eng. licences approved for non-CEAB graduates | 1624 | 1394 | 230 | 0 | 1520 | 83% | 17% |
| | | | | | | | |
| P.Eng. licences approved for transfers | 927 | | | | 1131 | | |
| P.Eng. licences approved for reinstatements | 102 | | | | 158 | | |
| New limited licences issued | 25 | | | | 5 | | |
| New provisional licences issued | 0*1 | | | | 6 | | |
| New temporary licences issued | 18 | | | | 27 | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| New certificates of authorization issued | 500 | | | | 486 | | |
| New temporary certificates of authorization issued | 5 | | | | 7 | | |
| New consulting engineering designations issued | 36 | | | | 35 | | |
| New Permissions to Use Consulting Engineers in business name | 9 | | | | 20 | | |
| Consulting engineer redesignations approved | 115 | | | | 123 | | |

* The 1 per cent discrepancy in numbers is due to a small number of applicants not providing gender information in 2022.

Note 1: Provisional licences were discontinued in 2022; all active registrations were closed in 2023 when the associated applicants were approved for licensure.

Note 2: There are 23 Active BDS registrations for Lapsed or Resigned licensees that should be closed; these are removed from the count for 2023.

2023 TRIBUNALS STATS

PEO has four bodies that deal with disputes resolution and hearings, ranging from hearing allegations of professional misconduct to mediating fee disputes between licence holders and clients.

The **Discipline Committee (DIC)** hears and determines allegations of professional misconduct or incompetence against licence holders.

2023 DIC STATS

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|--------------------------------|------|------|
| Matters Referred to Discipline | 9 | 13 |
| Pre-Hearing Conferences Held | 6 | 17 |
| Matters Pending (Caseload) | 10 | 12 |
| Written Final Decisions Issued | 9 | 6 |

The **Registration Committee (REC)** conducts formal hearings between the Registrar and applicants for licensure.

2023 REC STATS

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|------------------------------|------|------|
| Requests for Hearings | 23 | 5 |
| Pre-Hearing Conferences Held | 9 | 7 |
| Matters Pending (Caseload) | 22 | 5 |
| Hearings Completed | 2 | 1 |
| Written Decisions Issued | 2 | 1 |

A complainant may apply to the **Complaints Review Councilor (CRC)** for a review of the treatment of the complaint after a decision has been made by the Complaints Committee.

2023 CRC STATS

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|--|------|------|
| Applications for Review | 8 | 5 |
| Notices to Conduct a Review | 2 | 1 |
| Dismissals without a Review (Dismissal Report) | 5 | 3 |
| CRC Review Reports Issued | 1 | 0 |
| Caseload | 3 | 2 |
| Examinations under section 26(1) | 0 | 0 |

The **Fees Mediation Committee (FMC)** deals with fee disputes between PEO licence and certificate of authorization holders and their clients. There were no mediations or arbitrations conducted or applications for mediations/arbitrations received in 2023.

REGULATORY COMPLIANCE

PEO protects and serves the public by disciplining professional engineers found guilty of professional misconduct and by taking enforcement action against unlicensed individuals who illegally describe themselves as engineers. Similarly, the regulator can prosecute companies or entities who illegally provide engineering services to the public.

COMPLAINTS

To protect the public, PEO investigates complaints against licence holders for failure to meet their professional and ethical obligations as set out in the *Professional Engineers Act*. Its complaints process is intended to manage the incompetence or professional misconduct of engineering practitioners related to the practice of professional engineering to ensure the public interest is served and protected.

2023 COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE STATS

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|--|------|------|
| Complaints filed | 90 | 96 |
| Complaints disposed of by the Committee | 50 | 81 |
| Referred to Discipline Committee | 11 | 13 |
| Not referred to Discipline Committee and no other action taken | 30 | 35 |
| Not referred to Discipline Committee and other action taken | 9 | 33 |

UNLICENSED PRACTICE

Unlicensed practice enforcement is action PEO takes against individuals or entities who practise engineering without a licence or lead others to believe they are qualified to do so, or who offer engineering services without holding a certificate of authorization (C of A). With few exceptions, only PEO licence holders can practise professional engineering, and only individuals or entities holding Cs of A issued by PEO can offer or provide professional engineering services to the public.

2023 UNLICENSED PRACTICE STATS:

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|-------------------------------------|------|------|
| File carry-over from previous year | 430 | 435 |
| Files opened | 366 | 326 |
| Files closed | 489 | 322 |
| Files to carry over at December 31 | 307 | 439 |
| Enforcement Prosecutions | 2023 | 2022 |
| Matters from previous year | 5 | 1 |
| Charges or applications filed | 5 | 2 |
| Matters withdrawn | 0 | 0 |
| Court prosecution | 5 | 1 |
| Matters resolved by undertaking | 0 | 0 |
| Matters carried over at December 31 | 6 | 1 |

| Violation Type % | 2023 | 2022 |
|----------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Practice | 4.9% | 5.2% |
| Title | 91.8% | 90.2% |
| Both title & practice | 3.3% | 4.6% |
| Source Of Inquiry % | | |
| Public | 53% | 51% |