

Agreement

between

**The Singapore Institute of Engineering
Technologists**

and

The Institution of Engineers, Australia

on

Mutual Exemption

12 July 1996

1 PURPOSE

1.1 The Institution of Engineers, Australia (IEAust) and the Singapore Institute of Engineering Technologists (SIET) have exchanged information on their respective policies, procedures and criteria for dealing with applications:

- to the IEAust, for admission to the grade of Associate, and enrolment as a Member of the Society of Engineering Associates (SEA); and
- to the SIET, for admission as a Corporate Member.

In each case, the applicant must demonstrate that they possess the academic qualifications, experiential formation, and commitment to ethical behaviour and ongoing involvement in professional development which equip them to accept direct responsibility for engineering decisions recognised as requiring the skills of an engineering technologist in Singapore or an engineering associate in Australia.

1.2 The institutions consider that such practitioners have a particular need for certification of their competence, reflecting the extent to which, as members of the engineering team, they are increasingly being required to accept direct responsibility for engineering decisions which fall within their areas of expertise.

1.3 The institutions have agreed upon arrangements for the reciprocal inspection and verification of procedures and criteria for admission to the grades of membership specified above and, subject to such verification, consider that their respective admission standards for those grades are substantially equivalent.

1.4 Subject only to the exclusions set out in this Agreement, the SIET intends by this Agreement to recognise persons who are Associate members of the IEAust, and enrolled as Members of the SEA, as having satisfied the SIET requirements for admission to the grade of Corporate Member, and to admit them directly upon application without further examination or interview.

1.5 Subject only to the exclusions set out in this Agreement, the IEAust intends by this Agreement to recognise persons who are Corporate Members of the SIET as having satisfied the IEAust requirements for admission to the grade of Associate, and enrolment as a Member of the SEA, and to admit and enrol them directly upon application without further examination or interview.

2 RECOGNISED QUALIFICATIONS

For the purposes of this agreement, a recognised qualification will comprise:

- a degree, diploma or other certificate marking the successful completion of a structured course of tertiary education accredited or recognised by the SIET as meeting its academic requirements for admission as a Corporate Member; or
- a degree, diploma or other certificate marking the successful completion of a structured course of tertiary education accredited or recognised by the IEAust as meeting its academic requirements for admission to the grade of Associate.

3 PROCEDURES AND CRITERIA

- 3.1 The parties consider that, in normal circumstances, the first priority of an engineering technologist or engineering associate resident or practising in a particular jurisdiction should be to seek membership at the appropriate grade of the institution that is accepted as being the principal representative body for engineering technologists and/or engineering associates in that jurisdiction.
- 3.2 Each institution will actively encourage its members who are practising in territory where the other institution is the principal representative body to enrol with the other institution and will publicise the agreed arrangements in its journal or other official medium at least annually.
- 3.3 For the purposes of the following clauses, applicants for a relevant grade of membership shall be assumed to have been under the general supervision of the institution concerned if they were, at the material times, in respect of that institution, practising
- under the terms of a training agreement approved by the institution; or
 - under the supervision of a member able to verify their experience; or
 - in the home country of the institution; or
 - while enrolled as a member.
- 3.4 Any person who holds a recognised qualification and has, while under the general supervision of the SIET:
- completed the prescribed period of experience; and
 - been assessed in accordance with its usual procedures and criteria; and
 - been admitted as a Corporate Member by the SIET

and who, at the time of application, remains in good standing will normally, upon application, be admitted by the IEAust as an Associate, and enrolled as a Member of the SEA, directly and without further examination or interview.

- 3.5 Any person who has been admitted by the IEAust under these provisions and who is, at the relevant time, recognised by the Engineering Council of the United Kingdom as being entitled to the status of Chartered Engineer, will be accepted by the IEAust as having sufficient qualifications and experience to make them eligible for immediate professional review under its normal procedures and criteria.

Applicants seeking further recognition in accordance with these provisions will be required to submit a full statement of their experience, together with an engineering practice report in the prescribed format. The accuracy of both documents may be verified by the SIET. Provided that the documents are assessed as meeting normal IEAust requirements, applicants will be given the opportunity to submit themselves for professional interview.

Applicants who satisfy the assessment panel that they are competent to undertake engineering work at the professional level will be admitted as Chartered Members of the IEAust, and, upon application, enrolled as Registered Professional Engineers on the National Professional Engineers Register.

3.6 Any person who holds a recognised qualification and has, while under the general supervision of the IEAust:

- completed the prescribed period of experience; and
- been assessed in accordance with its usual procedures and criteria; and
- been admitted as an Associate member by the IEAust; and
- enrolled as a Member of the SEA

and who, at the time of application, remains in good standing, will normally, upon application, be admitted by the SIET as a Member directly, and without further examination or interview.

3.7 Members of either institution who have been admitted on some basis other than that set out in the preceding clauses may apply to the other institution to be admitted to the corresponding grade of membership. In such circumstances, the institution to which application is made will subject applicants only to such review processes as are reasonably necessary to confirm that their competence to engage in practice is substantially equivalent to the competence of the other persons admitted under the terms of this Agreement.

4 DISCRETIONARY CLAUSE

Each institution will retain full discretion as to the admission of any persons or class of persons to any grade of membership. However, where a member in good standing of one institution who meets the requirements specified in this Agreement has been denied admission to the corresponding grade of membership in the other institution, the reasons for the refusal shall be communicated in full and in confidence to the home institution.

5 FEES AND CHARGES

Each institution will maintain its own fee structure and administrative systems. However, for the purpose of computing entrance fees and related charges, those applicants who enter under the terms of this agreement will be considered to have completed a Professional Review, or its equivalent, prior to application.

6 VERIFICATION, REVIEW AND TERMINATION

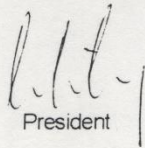
6.1 Each institution will extend an invitation for representatives of the other institution to observe the procedures associated with admission to the grades of membership covered by this Agreement, and to review all the relevant documentation, and will notify the other institution promptly of any changes which might affect the operation of this Agreement.

6.2 Unless previously terminated, this Agreement will remain in force for three years. Prior to the expiry of this period, the institutions will exchange comprehensive documentation on their policies, procedures, and criteria governing admission to the relevant grades of membership, and will provide such further information as may reasonably be required to demonstrate that they have maintained the standards of admission on which this Agreement has been based. The Agreement will then be reviewed, with the intention of renewal for a further three year period if mutually acceptable.

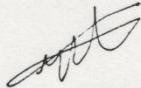
- 6.3** This Agreement may be terminated by either institution six months after having tendered written notice to the other institution at its official business address. No such termination will, of itself, affect the membership status of any persons who have been admitted by the institution under the provisions of the Agreement.

SIGNED FOR, AND ON BEHALF OF

**The Singapore Institute of
Engineering Technologists**

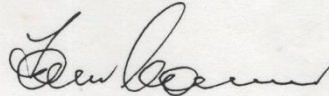


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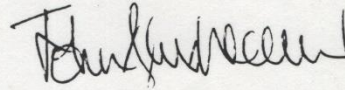


Honorary Secretary

**The Institution of Engineers,
Australia**



President



Chief Executive

Date of Signing : 12 July 1996
Date of Implementation : Upon ratification by the governing bodies