

APEC ENGINEER/ INTERNATIONAL ENGINEER REGISTERS

OBJECTIVE OF THE APEC ENGINEER AND INTERNATIONAL ENGINEER REGISTERS

These Registers are part of the initiatives for trade liberalisation in professional services; reduce barriers and ease the process for engineers to gain access to work and practise in other economies.

Engineers in these Registers shall have their competence recognised by Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) and International member economies. This is of particular benefit to engineering firms that are providing services to these economies or individuals who may wish at some stage to work in the APEC and International member economies.

APEC ENGINEER REGISTER

This is the newly established regional register (a benchmark register) of professional engineers for APEC economies. The Register ensures that professional engineers are of substantial equivalence in competence, and it also recognises that further assessment by the statutory bodies that control the right to practise in each economy may be exempted in whole or in part.

The APEC Engineer Coordinating Committee is the Committee, which coordinates the monitoring Committees of all the economies. Each member economy shall have a monitoring Committee to ensure the professional engineers on their respective register have complied with the requirements of the APEC Engineer Framework. So far, 11 member economies including Malaysia have been approved to operate an APEC Engineer Register. The other economies are Australia, Canada, Hong Kong (China), Indonesia, Japan, Korea, New Zealand, Philippines, Thailand and United States of America.

The recognition to operate a register is given only after the APEC Engineer Coordinating Committee has approved the Assessment Statement of an economy. The approval is based on compliance to the APEC Engineer Framework and subjected to review by member economies.