

NER DIRECT ASSESSMENT

5 steps to Registration

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- Do you want to be recognised as being competent to practise independently?
- Do you want recognition for your achievements?
- Do you want to get a head start towards Chartered?
- Do you need state registration?*

THEN A NER DIRECT ASSESSMENT IS FOR YOU.



* Visit <https://engaus.org/StateRegistration> for state requirements.
State registration only applies to professional engineers.



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Who can register?

NER Direct assessment is open to members of Engineers Australia and non-members.

START YOUR APPLICATION

NER DIRECT ASSESSMENT

SUCCESSFUL NER DIRECT OUTCOME

ELIGIBLE FOR STATE
REGISTRATION

ELIGIBLE TO REGISTER ON THE
NATIONAL ENGINEERING REGISTER

The National Engineering Register (NER) caters for a wide variety of Areas of Engineering*. If you wish to be registered on the NER you can as an Engineering Associate, Engineering Technologist, Professional Engineer or non-member.

*Visit <https://engaus.org/NERAreasOfEngineering> for Areas of Engineering.

NER Direct

Prove that you can practise independently.

You will need to demonstrate the following NER Direct competencies*:

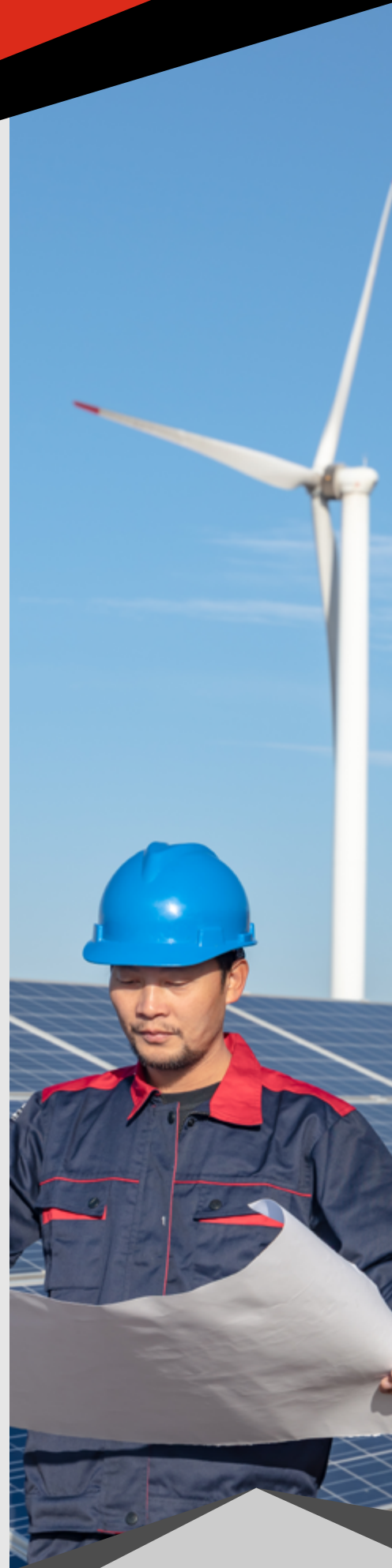
DEAL WITH ETHICAL ISSUES

PRACTISE COMPETENTLY**

DEVELOP SAFE AND SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS

IDENTIFY, ASSESS AND MANAGE RISK

USE LOCAL ENGINEERING KNOWLEDGE



*NER Direct competencies are part of the Stage 2 competencies which are available [here](#).

**A log of your continuing professional development activities will assist demonstrating this competency.

See the standard you've reached.

Are you ready to take the NER Direct 5 steps towards registration?

Choose your Area of Engineering

Have you got five or more years of relevant full time equivalent work experience in the last 10 years with at least four years of full time equivalent post graduation experience?

Have you got two referees who can vouch for the work you've done?

Do you have the right qualification?

- **Engineering Associate** – a two-year Advanced Diploma of Engineering or Associate Degree in Engineering or equivalent*
- **Engineering Technologist** – a three-year Bachelor of Technology or Bachelor of Engineering Science or equivalent*
- **Professional Engineer** – a four-year Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) or a five-year Master of Engineering or equivalent*

Check if you have an accredited qualification here

<https://engaus.org/AccEngProgramDirectory>

*Or equivalent could be an:

- Engineers Australia Eligibility for Membership (Stage 1 competency assessment) outcome letter; or

- Engineers Australia Migration Skills Assessment (MSA) outcome letter.

If you are unsure whether you have the right qualification, contact Member Services on MemberServices@engineersaustralia.org.au



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Step 1

**Rate yourself against the NER
Direct competencies.**

For this step, reflect on your career and identify instances of past work that demonstrate your competency in each of the NER Direct competencies.

You will need to complete the self assessment relevant to your occupational category, professional engineer, engineering technologist or engineering associate; as part of your online application.

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Step 2

Apply for NER Direct online.

If you are a *member*:

1. Complete your self assessment online
2. Upload an expanded CV detailing projects you have undertaken and been responsible for and key achievements. This should include:
 - Situations, problems and opportunities you have faced
 - Specialist skills or knowledge you have used
 - Outcomes you have achieved
 - The actions you took to address a situation, including innovation and creativity

If you are a *non-member* complete items 1 and 2
PLUS upload:

3. Photo identification
4. Proof of your recognised qualification:
 - Engineers Australia accredited qualification testamur or transcripts; or
 - Engineers Australia Eligibility for Membership (Stage 1 competency assessment) outcome letter; or
 - Engineers Australia Migration Skills Assessment (MSA) outcome letter

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Step 3

See if your peers agree that you are ready to be registered.

You will need two referees who can attest to your recent work experience.

- Preferably be Chartered members of Engineers Australia, registered on the NER, or engineers with more than five years of post-graduate engineering experience
- Be someone you have had a recent professional relationship with
- Have recent knowledge of your work and the experience you are using to support your self assessment
- Preferably be in the same Area(s) of Engineering you are seeking registration in

Your assessor will contact each referee for a discussion about you and your work experience.

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Step 4 Interview.

The NER Direct interview is the final stage of the NER Direct assessment. It confirms the competencies have been demonstrated by the supporting evidence you have provided.

This is the chance to showcase yourself and your ability to practise independently.

The interview is conducted by a qualified Engineers Australia Assessor and will typically be held online via video.

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Congratulations!

**You are now eligible to
become registered.**

The National Engineering Register

You can now elect to be put on Engineers Australia's NER.

State Registration

If you need state registration, provide the registering body with your eligibility letter as proof you have demonstrated the necessary competency for registration. Check with each state for their specific requirements. Note, state registration only applies to professional engineers.

For more information on state registration go to
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Join the NER today:

[EngAus.org/JoinNER](https://engaus.org/joinner)

For enquiries, please contact
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Linda Deng MIEAust NER

“I chose Engineers Australia’s NER assessment because Engineers Australia is well recognised in the industry. Overall, the whole process was easier than what I thought. The help that I got along the way from Engineers Australia and my NER assessor made it a smooth process for me to obtain my NER.”