



June 1, 2022

Dear Class of 2022 Engineering Graduate,

On behalf of Professional Engineers Ontario (PEO), congratulations on your graduation and best wishes as you embark on the next stage of your career.

Should your path include the need or desire to become licensed as a professional engineer (P.Eng.) in Ontario, I encourage you to visit our website at www.peo.on.ca to learn more about the requirements and how to apply. You'll also find information on our Financial Credit Program and the potential benefits of applying for your licence immediately following graduation, as well as our engineering intern (EIT) program, which provides valuable assistance to engineering graduates as they acquire the 48 months of required acceptable engineering work experience.

As you know, with graduation from a Canadian engineering program, comes a unique and memorable event: The Iron Ring ceremony. A tradition since 1925, the ring is worn on the little finger of the working hand to symbolize the pride engineering graduates have in the profession and to remind them of their obligation to live by a high standard of professional conduct. Although the ring represents an enormous achievement, it does not make the wearer an engineer. Graduation is just the first step to obtaining the licence and becoming a professional engineer.

In Canada, the P.Eng. designation represents the highest standards of engineering knowledge, experience and professionalism in the country. To take responsibility for professional engineering work in Ontario, an individual must be licensed by PEO. Under the *Professional Engineers Act*, PEO regulates and advances the practice of engineering to protect the public interest, in part by establishing the educational, experience and other requirements for licensing.

Engineers in our province are part of a community of more than 87,500 professionals committed to enhancing people's quality of life, health, safety and well-being, and dedicated to protecting the environment.

If you have any questions about our Financial Credit or EIT programs, or the requirements for licensure in Ontario, please feel free to contact us at eit@peo.on.ca.

Again, congratulations on your achievement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Johnny Zuccon P. Eng." with a stylized flourish.

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CEO/Registrar