



RULES REVIEW 2018

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

A guide to this year's review of Engineering New Zealand's Rules

1. WHAT IS HAPPENING?

Engineering New Zealand is consulting its members to find out what's working in our Rules, and what isn't. We think a review is long overdue – there is a lot in our current Rules that doesn't reflect how our membership works today, and we want to bring the Rules into line with reality.

2. WE ALREADY HAVE RULES, WHY DO THEY NEED CHANGING?

Our Rules have been around a long time and contain a lot of detail, including about how our technical groups and branches operate, which has become out of step with reality. This is an opportunity to remove unnecessary detail and make sure the Rules are working for us (and for you). We also want to modernise and streamline the Rules, and to make them more usable by turning them into plain English, developing a clear and logical layout.

3. WHAT IS GOING TO CHANGE?

That's up to you. We have some ideas, but we're starting this process with a blank slate: we invite members to share their feedback on any aspect of the Rules.

4. HOW CAN I BE INVOLVED?

Input from our branches, groups and membership will be essential to the review. An initial round of consultation was held in February in March. Right now, we're going out to our branches, technical groups and other groups to seek their feedback. We welcome ideas from all members, so if there's something you'd like to see changed, tell us!

We will be holding two more rounds of consultation during the year, when you will be able to comment on proposed changes and draft revisions to the Rules.

5. WHO GETS TO DECIDE WHAT THE NEW RULES WILL BE?

You do. From the feedback we receive in the first round of consultation, we are developing a range of proposed high-level options. The second round of consultation will seek feedback from our membership on those options. Using that feedback, we will develop a draft of the proposed changes to the Rules.

The third round of consultation will seek feedback on the draft amended Rules. After this final round of consultation, the Rules will be put before the Board. The final proposal will then be presented to the membership for resolution at the 2019 AGM.

6. WHO DECIDES WHICH FEEDBACK GETS INCLUDED?

We recognise we can't please everyone. There might be some submissions we can't adopt, for example changes that conflict with the legislation that governs us, or changes that are inconsistent with Engineering New Zealand's objectives. And it's possible we will receive submissions that directly conflict with each other.

The feedback we receive through consultation will be presented to the Board, who will consider all points of view. The content of the draft rules will be informed by the key themes arising out of consultation, taking into account the legal and practical implications. These draft rules are what the membership will vote on at the 2019 AGM. A summary of the submissions received will also be made available – we want to ensure our process is as transparent as possible.

The Rules Review process has been reviewed by external lawyers to ensure it is fair and robust. The draft amended Rules will also be subject to an external review before it is put to the membership for resolution.

7. HOW CAN I MAKE A SUBMISSION?

You can make a submission by emailing hello@engineeringnz.org with the subject "Rules consultation"

You can find our current Rules on our website: <https://www.engineeringnz.org/resources/rules-and-regulations/>

The current round of consultation is open until 31 March 2018. If you're a member of a branch or technical group, you could also speak to your Chair about making submissions as a group.

We'll give you plenty of notice before the second and third rounds of consultation happen later this year.