The P.Eng./P.Geo. is the seal of professional quality. By seeking this professional designation you demonstrate that you value the highest standards.

Becoming a professional engineer or geoscientist is important because:

- It allows you to accept responsibility and credit for your work;
- It offers tangible benefits as you progress through your career;
- It demonstrates your professionalism by showing prospective employers and clients that you have met a professional standard;
- It is internationally recognized around the world as a standard of professionalism and dedication to these professions; and,
- It opens up broader job prospects.

By pursuing a P.Eng. or P.Geo. licence after you graduate and maintaining it during your career, you will be eligible for the broader range of jobs across Canada and around the world that require licensure.

The Professions
Engineering and Geoscience are regulated professions in Newfoundland and Labrador because of their impact on the public’s well-being and quality of life, and only licensed professionals are allowed by law to practice these professions.

Professional Engineers and Geoscientists, Newfoundland and Labrador (PEG) - formerly the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Newfoundland (APEGN) - is an organization whose mandate is regulating these professions in the public interest, as promulgated in The Engineers and Geoscientists Act of Newfoundland and Labrador.

The professional organization protects the public by:
- Setting high standards of competence and ethics for licensure and admittance into the profession;
- Ensuring only licensed professionals practice engineering or geoscience, or call themselves engineers or geoscientists; and,
- Investigating and disciplining professional members who fail to uphold professional and ethical standards.

PEG has about 2,500 members and is accountable to the public through the provincial Department of Government Services.

For further information, please view the website:
www.pegnl.ca

Or call the PEG office: (709) 753-7714.

If you want to be a professional, step right this way
Becoming a Professional

The situation
You have your degree and, in some cases, a ring. But these are only steps along the way to becoming a licensed professional who values and recognizes professional responsibility and accountability.

You have a choice to make now—to become a professional or not.

With the following steps, you will give your career an important head start, and earn the right to call yourself a professional.

Step 1
Registration
You may register in PEG’s internship program if:
1. You are a graduate of an accredited engineering program or of a geoscience honors program in Canada, or an engineering or geoscience program in another country which is recognized to be equivalent to an accredited Canadian program;
2. You are a Canadian citizen or have permanent resident status; and
3. You are of good character.

Step 2
Internship
Once you have registered, you are known as an Engineer-in-Training (EIT) or Geoscientist-in-Training (GIT) and you are on your way to getting the on-the-job experience you will need to become a Professional Engineer or Professional Geoscientist. Typically, you will require four years to:
- Apply the theory and hands-on skills that you learned in school;
- Gain and document practical experience;
- Improve your communication skills; and
- Work under a P.Eng. or PGeo. supervisor and mentor.

Step 3
The Exam
Now, you are ready to learn about the law and ethics to which professionals must adhere, and to write the professional practice exam.

Step 4
Professional licensure
Once all the previous steps are completed, you may apply for your license to practise and professional seal.

Upon registration, you will become a Professional Engineer or Professional Geoscientist and you will have earned the right to use the P.Eng. or PGeo. which can make all the difference in your career.

In today’s increasingly competitive job market, these letters can set you apart from the crowd. They tell employers that you have the right education, the right experience and the right skills, that you are a true professional in your chosen field.

Engineering and geoscience are careers that have a primary impact on the economy and the public’s health and safety.