

15. Engaging in Engineering Business Activities:

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Engaging in engineering business is, as a matter of principle, restricted to engineers enrolled with the Egyptian Engineers Syndicate (EES). To be a member of EES, the general rule is to be an Egyptian national. Nationals of Arab States may, however, be enrolled as EES members subject to reciprocity. In addition, EES may, by way of exception, grant temporary and specific permits to foreign engineers and foreign engineering consultancy offices to practice the profession or carry out particular engineering works, upon the request of the relevant entity and subject to the legally prescribed rules and procedures.	Articles (1), (3), and (7) of Law No. 66 of 1974 on the Egyptian Engineers Syndicate	Article (1): “A syndicate to be called the Egyptian Engineers Syndicate (‘EES’) shall be incorporated and shall have a legal personality. It shall be deemed the representative body of engineers enjoying the nationality of the Arab Republic of Egypt and shall be an advisory body to the State in its field of specialization. Its headquarters shall be situated in Cairo, and it may have branches in the governorates in accordance with the provisions of this Law.” Part (II): Terms and Conditions Related to Membership in EES and Registration at its Rolls Article (3): “Whoever applies for membership in EES shall meet the following terms and conditions: (a) The applicant must hold a Bachelor’s degree in engineering from one of the Egyptian universities, or an academic degree deemed by the Supreme Council of Universities to be equivalent to a Bachelor’s degree in engineering. (b) The applicant must be a national of the Arab Republic of Egypt, provided that EES Board of Directors may admit as members nationals of Arab States who	The Egyptian Engineers Syndicate (EES)

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		satisfy the conditions of membership, subject to reciprocity. (c) The applicant must have legal capacity. (d) The applicant must be of good conduct and repute. (e) The applicant must not have been sentenced to a felony or to a custodial sentence in a crime involving dishonor or breach of trust, unless rehabilitated in both cases. (f) No disciplinary judgments for acts involving dishonor or breach of trust had been issued against the applicant unless at least four years elapsed from the date on which the final judgment was rendered. Universities, colleges, and higher institutes from which holders of the qualifications referred to in paragraph (a) graduate shall notify EES of the names of the graduates, their grades, and their places of residence within no more than sixty days from the date the examination results are announced.” Article (7): “No ministries, government departments, public authorities, public institutions, companies, or individuals may appoint engineers or assign engineering works to any person except the individuals and the engineering consultancy offices registered at EES Roll, and provided that such individuals/consultancy offices have paid the prescribed registration fee and the annual	

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		subscription. In respect of the Egyptians, the certificate of registration at EES shall be deemed to be a hiring document. By way of exception, EES may grant foreign engineers and foreign engineering consultancy offices temporary and specific permits to practice the profession, upon the request of the entities entrusting them with engineering works and after payment of the following fees: (a) In respect of the foreign engineer: 1. A fee of twenty Egyptian pounds; 2. An annual professional practice fee of one hundred Egyptian pounds. (b) In respect of the foreign engineering consultancy office: 1. A fee of five hundred Egyptian pounds; 2. An annual professional practice fee of five hundred Egyptian pounds. The foregoing shall be carried out in accordance with such rules and procedures as laid down under EES Internal Regulations.”	